

Echoes and Songs of the Incarnation in the Old Testament

I. Echoes of the Incarnation in the life of Abraham

II. Echoes of the Incarnation in the life of Samson

	Angelic message	Miraculous birth	Birth of Deliverer	Pela - "wondrous"
Birth of Isaac - Genesis 18	Genesis 18:2	Genesis 18:10	Genesis 18:10	Genesis 18:14
Birth of Samson - Judges 13	Judges 13:3	Judges 13:3	Judges 13:5	Judges 13:18

III. Echoes of the Incarnation in the life of Samuel

IV. Echoes of the Incarnation in the hope of Isaiah

	Angelic/divine message	Miraculous birth	Birth of Deliverer	Pela - "wondrous"
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Birth of Samson - Judges 13	Judges 13:3	Judges 13:3	Judges 13:5	Judges 13:18
Birth of David's "son" - Isaiah 7-9	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 7:14	<u>Matthew 1:18-23</u>	<u>Isaiah 9:6</u>

V. What should we hear in the echoes of the Old Testament?

- A. We should hear God's faithfulness!
- B. We should hear that deliverance often comes in unexpectedly "weak" forms!
- C. We should hear that God's intentions for us are not run-of-the-mill. They are wondrous!

Study Questions for December 13

1. Read Luke 1:5-56.
2. Read Luke 1:5-7. How do the details about Elizabeth and Zechariah reflect the same storylines in Genesis 18, Judges 13 and 1 Samuel 1 from the December 6 sermon?
3. Read Luke 1:26-38. How does this encounter between Mary and the angel reflect Genesis 18, Judges 13 and Isaiah 7,9 from the December 6 sermon?
4. Compare Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 and Hannah's song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. What are some of the common themes? What does this say about the birth of Jesus and its impact?