

## **Elizabeth—the Barren One**

Luke 1:5-17, 39-45

Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah the Priest,  
Descendant of Aaron, Moses' brother.  
Cousin to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.  
Mother of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ.

In the life of Elizabeth, we see first,

### **1. B**

***But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.*** —Luke 1:7

Other famous barren women of scripture:

Sarai—Sarah, wife of Abraham, Genesis 15ff.

Rachel—wife of Isaac, Genesis 30

Manoah's wife—Samson's mother, Judges 13

Hannah—Samuel's mother, 1 Samuel

### **2. Barren T**

***In the time of Herod king of Judea*** (vs. 5)

**Civil war between Syrian, Hasmonean dynasty and Roman Occupation**

**Reign of Herod the Great**

**400 Years with no word from the Lord.**

Last verses of the Old Testament, Malachi 4:5, “***See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.***”

3. Righteous Y

*Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children.*

—Luke 1:6-7a

**We don't serve God for pay,  
but continual unanswered pain causes us to doubt.**

4. God's P.

*"Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."* —Luke 1:13

Elizabeth means God promises.

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**La** = el God,

**[bf** = sheba or shebah meaning seven,  
= verb shawba, swear, adjure, make an oath

**Message of the Promised Savior to Elizabeth**  
*Do not be afraid; believe the promises of God.*

**FEAR = false evidence appearing real**

**F** false

**E** evidence

**A** appearing

**R** real (The Purpose of Christmas, Rick Warren, p. 25)

Memory Verse:

***“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”***

—Luke 1:45