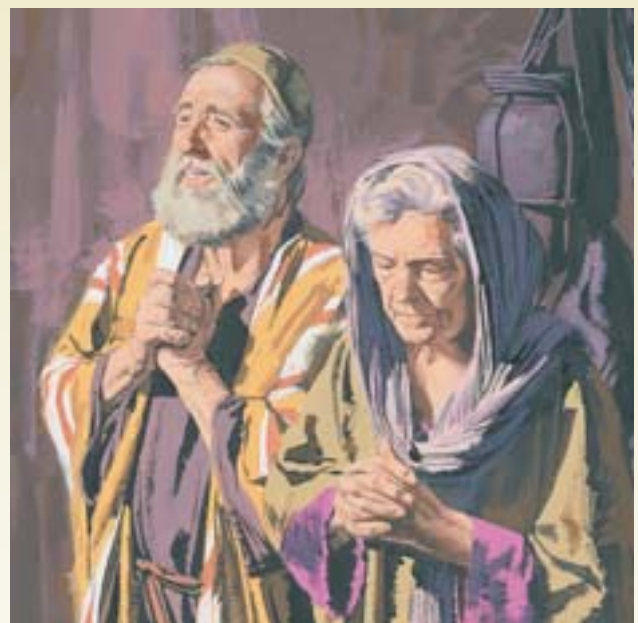




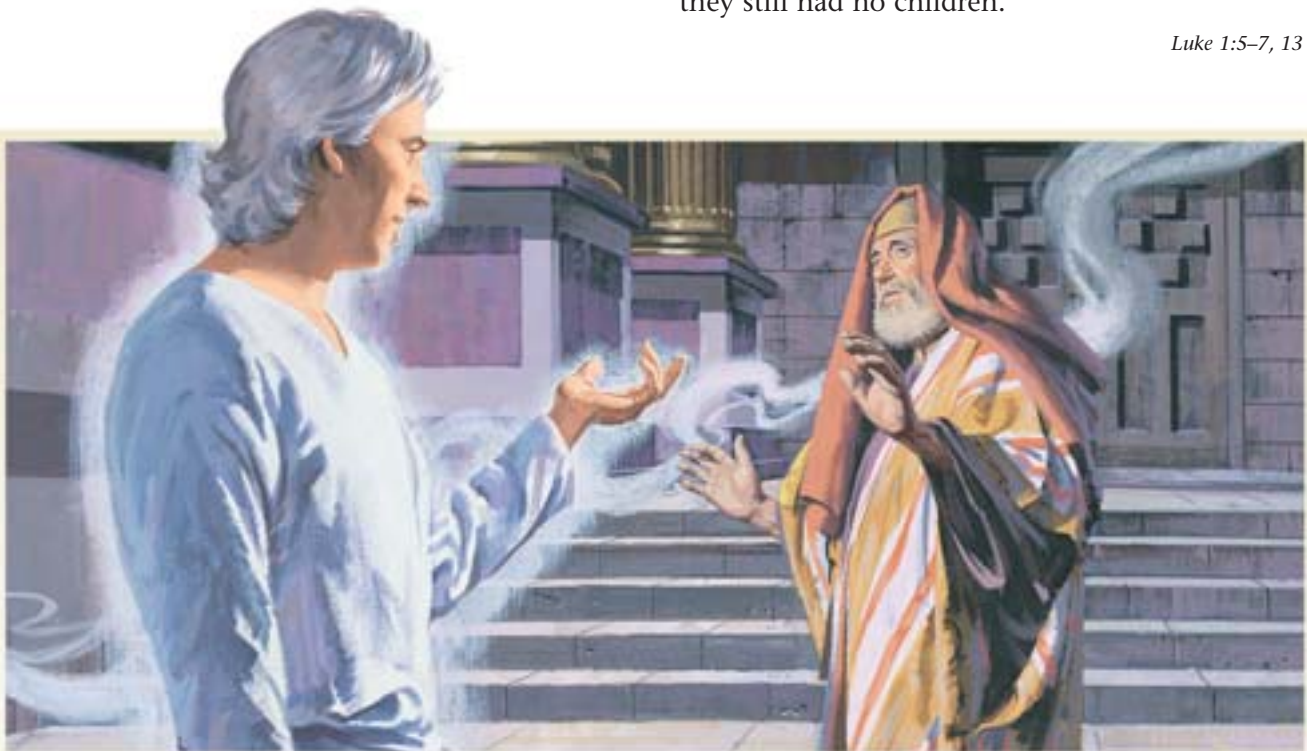
CHAPTER 1

Elisabeth and Zacharias



Zacharias and his wife, Elisabeth, were Jews who lived near Jerusalem. They obeyed God's commandments. For many years they prayed to have a baby. When they were old, they still had no children.

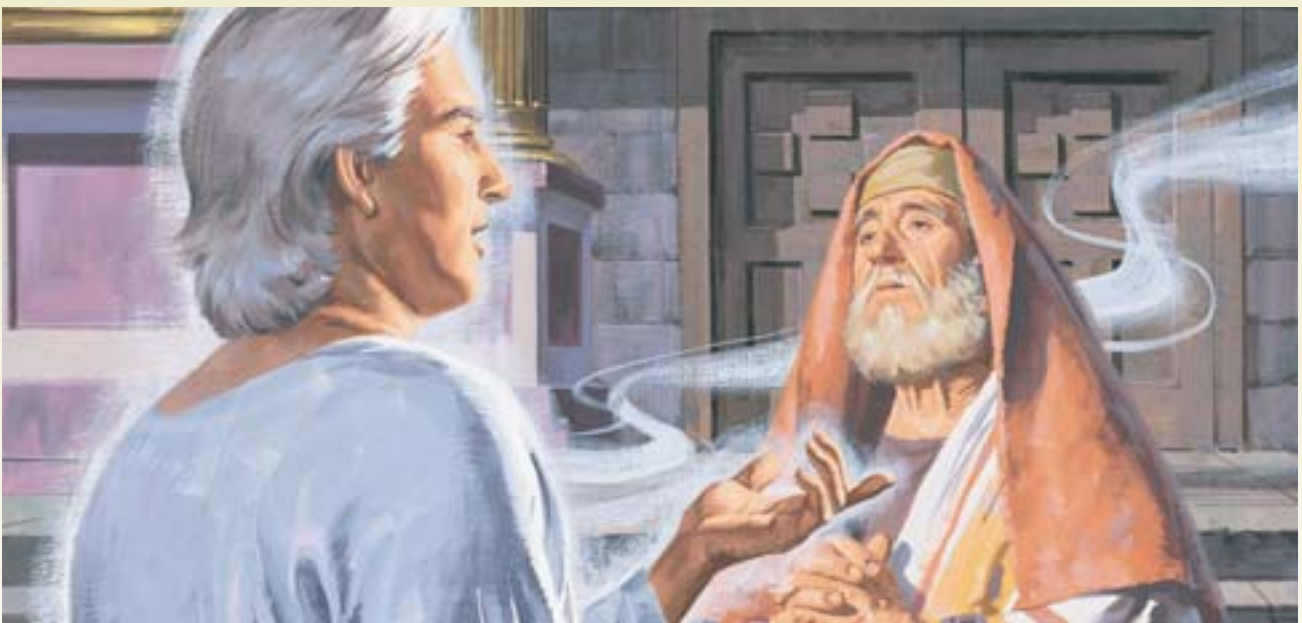
Luke 1:5-7, 13



Zacharias was a priest in the temple. One day an angel named Gabriel came to him. Gabriel said that God would answer Zacharias and Elisabeth's

prayers. They would have a baby. Gabriel said they should name the baby John.

Luke 1:8-13, 19



Gabriel said that John would be a righteous prophet of God. He would teach people about Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:15-17



Zacharias did not believe the angel. Elisabeth was too old to have a baby. Gabriel said that because he did not believe what God had promised,

Zacharias would not be able to talk until John was born.

Luke 1:18-20