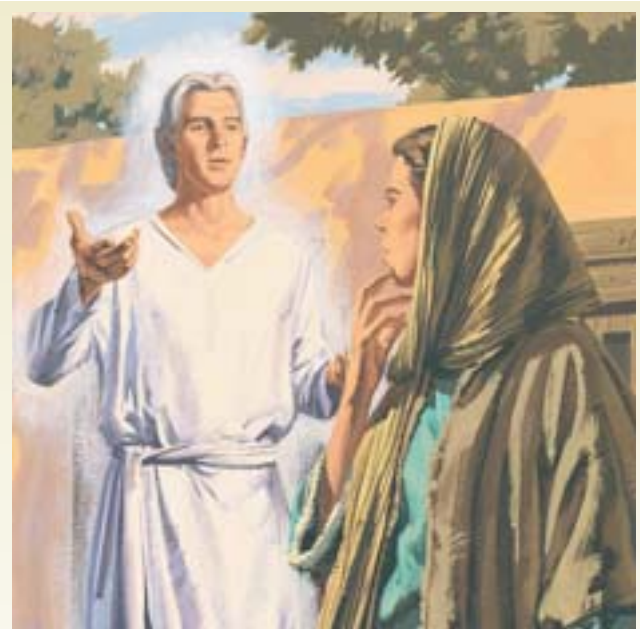




CHAPTER 3

John the Baptist Is Born



The angel Gabriel told Mary that Elisabeth was also going to have a baby boy. Mary and Elisabeth were relatives.

Luke 1:36-37



Mary went to visit Elisabeth. The Holy Ghost told Elisabeth that Mary would be the mother of Jesus Christ. Mary and Elisabeth thanked God for

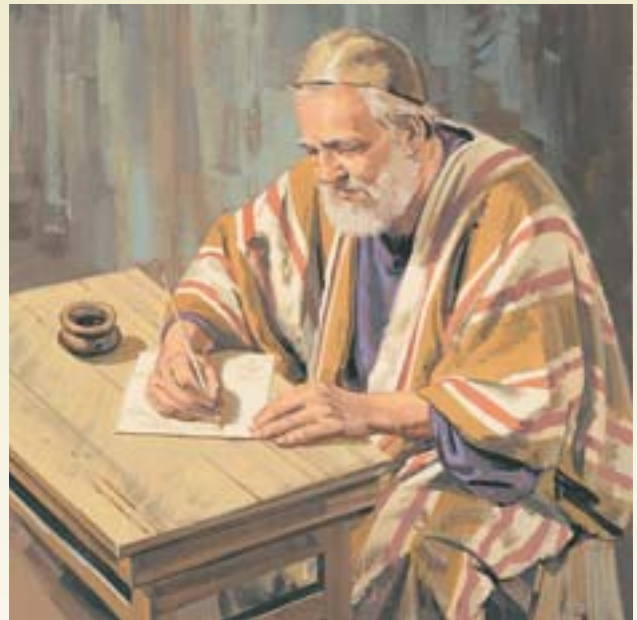
blessing them. Mary stayed with Elisabeth for about three months. Then Mary went home to Nazareth.

Luke 1:39-56



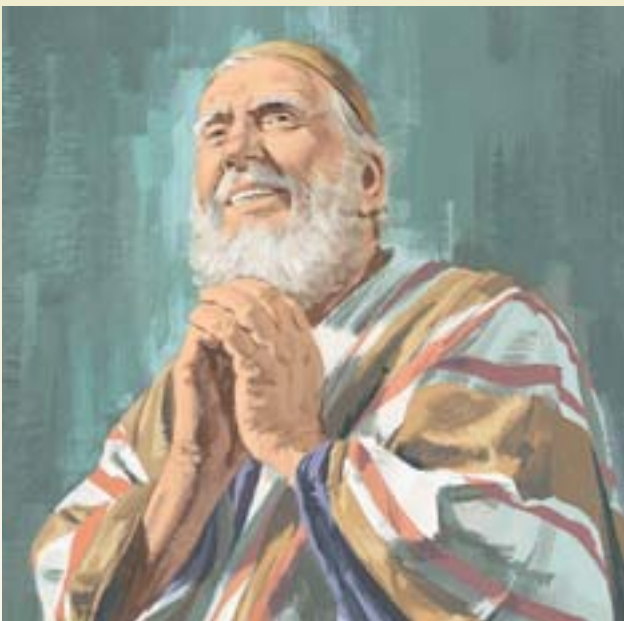
Elisabeth's son was born. Her friends and family were happy. They thought that the baby should have the same name as his father, Zacharias. But Elisabeth said that his name should be John. Everyone was surprised.

Luke 1:57-61



The people asked Zacharias what the baby's name should be. Zacharias still could not talk, so he wrote, "His name is John."

Luke 1:62-63



Then Zacharias was able to speak again. He was filled with the Holy Ghost. He told the people that Jesus Christ would soon be born and that John would prepare the people for Him.

Luke 1:64, 67-69, 76



John grew up to become a great prophet. He taught people about Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:67, 76-80