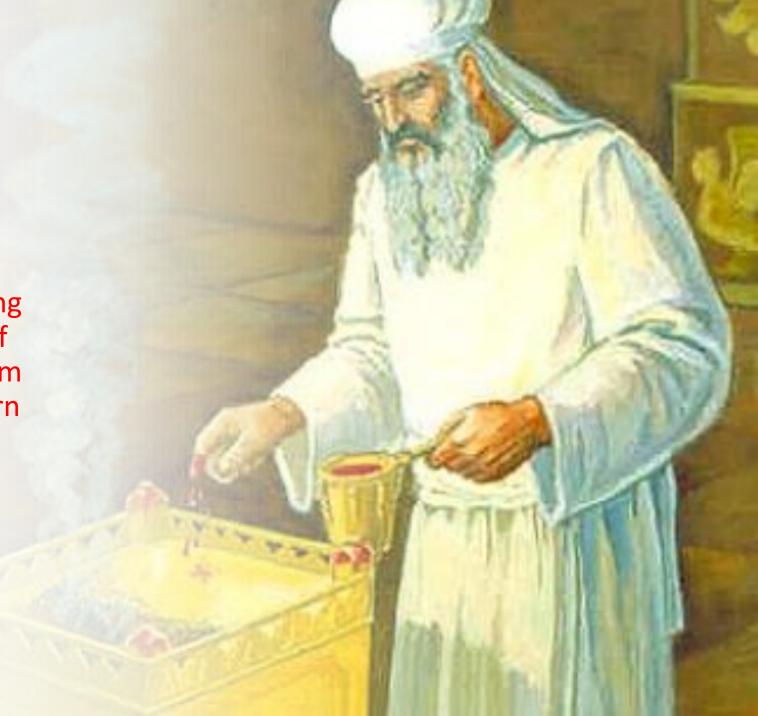


What kind of child will this be?

Wonder of his annunciation

 "So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord." (Lk. 1:8-10)

 He was praying for the salvation of the people



Wonder of his annunciation

- "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." (Lk. 1:13)
- "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord... He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." (Lk. 1:15)
- Do I have a role in the requests that I make of God in prayer?





Wonder of his name

- "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." (Lk. 1:13)
- For certain saints, God chooses their name
- EX: Jacob
 - "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." (Gen. 32:28)



Wonder of his name

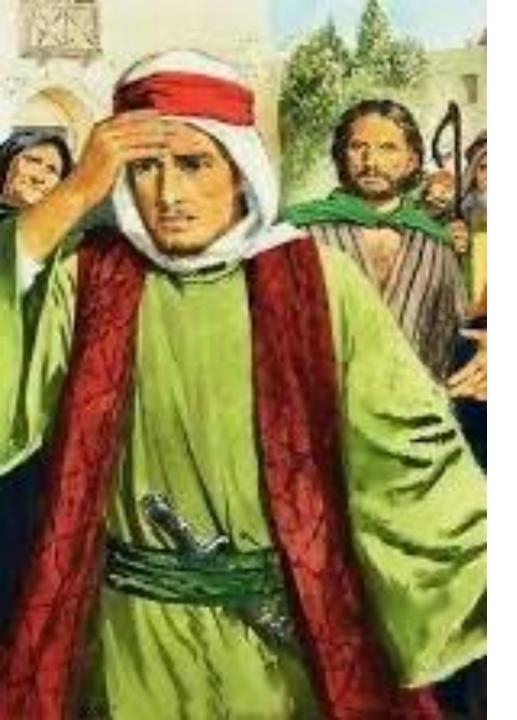
- EX: Josiah
- "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD:

 Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you."
 (1 King 13:2)

Wonder at his birth

- "...he spoke, praising God." (Lk.1:64)
- "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." (Lk. 1:76-79)





Wonder of his upbringing

- "So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel." (Lk. 1:80)
 - Who fed him? Protected him?
- Our responsibility is to WILL
- How do we show the desire of our will?
 - EX: Rich Young Ruler

Wonder of his ministry

- In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt. 3:1)
- Christian baptism
- "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:3-4)