

# BEYOND SUNDAY

PROPHET & HERALD

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## RECAP

As we continue in this Advent season, we are looking at the ways in which God worked in and through His people in history, fulfilling his promises. Immediately after they sinned, God promised that one of their descendants would save humanity by crushing Satan and rescuing us from bondage and slavery to sin. God renewed that promise through Abraham saying that he would bless everyone through him.

At just the right time, God fulfilled his promise by bringing a new prophet and herald to prepare the way for the messiah. John, miracle son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, was born to prepare the way for Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he called people to repent (like prophets of old) and he heralded the coming of the saviour of the world!

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## READINGS

This week, spend time in God's Word by studying Zechariah's song of praise! The chart below links Old Testament passages to the words Zechariah spoke in praise after his son's birth. This chart is from the *Baker New Testament Commentary: Luke* by William Hendriksen.

### *Zechariah's Song Compared with Old Testament Passages*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Zechariah's Song (Luke 1)</i>	<i>The Old Testament</i>
Monday	<a href="#">68a</a> "Blessed (be) the Lord, the God of Israel."	<a href="#">Ps. 41:13; 72:18; 106:48</a> = the conclusion of Books I, II, and IV of the Hebrew Psalter.
Monday	<a href="#">68b</a> "Because he has ... brought about redemption for his people."	<a href="#">Exod. 4:31; Ps. 111:9</a>
Tuesday	<a href="#">69</a> "And has raised up a horn," etc.	<a href="#">Ps. 18:2; 132:17</a>
Tuesday	<a href="#">70</a> "As he spoke by the mouth of," etc.	<a href="#">Ezra 1:1; Jer. 1:9; Zech. 8:9</a>
Wednesday	<a href="#">71</a> "Salvation from our enemies," etc.	<a href="#">Ps. 106:10</a>
Wednesday	<a href="#">72a</a> "To deal mercifully with our fathers"	<a href="#">Ps. 25:6; 98:3; 136:1-26</a> (the second half of each verse of Psalm 136)

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Thursday	<a href="#">72b, 73</a> “And to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to Abraham,” etc.	<a href="#">Gen. 12:2, 3; 17:7; 22:15–18; Exod. 2:24; 2 Sam. 22:51; Ps. 105:6–10; Mic. 7:20</a>
Thursday	<a href="#">74, 75</a> “To grant us that we ... Should serve him,” etc.	<a href="#">Exod. 19:6; Jer. 30:9, 10</a>
Friday	<a href="#">76</a> “and you ... will go before,” etc. See also Luke 1:17.	<a href="#">Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1</a>
Saturday	<a href="#">77</a> “In order to impart to his people the knowledge of salvation Through the forgiveness of their sins.”	<a href="#">Ps. 103:11, 12; Isa. 1:18; 43:25; 53:5, 8, 10, 12; Jer. 31:34b; Mic. 7:19</a>
Sunday	<a href="#">78, 79</a> “Because of the tender compassion of our God, Whereby the Rising Sun will visit us ... To shine on those who sit in darkness,” etc.	<a href="#">Ps. 107:10; Isa. 9:1; 42:7; 60:1–3; Mal. 4:2</a>