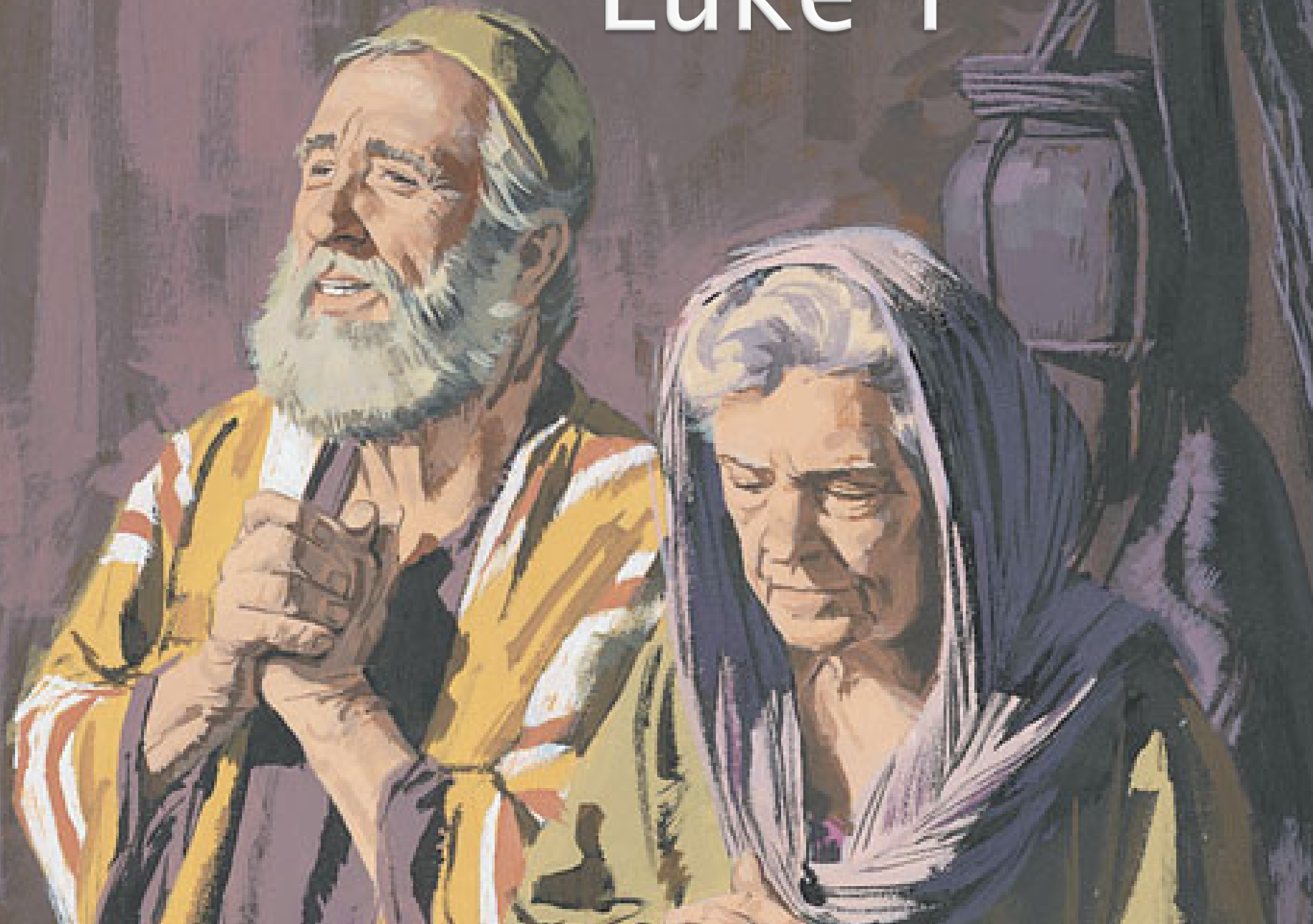
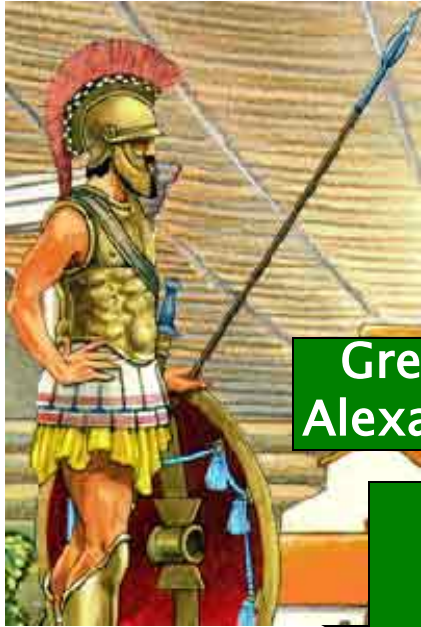


Luke 1



A Little History



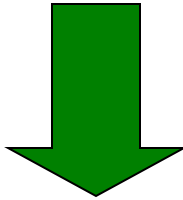
323 BC

Greeks
Alexander



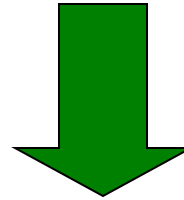
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Ptolemy
(Egypt)



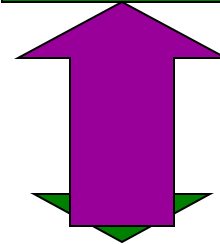
198 BC

Antiochus



167 BC

Antiochus
IV



Babylon



Strict Reading of the Law
Oral Tradition (The Mishna)

Jerusalem

Mattathias
Maccabees

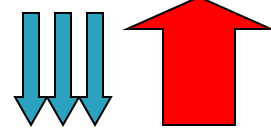
Hasmonians

Pro-Hellenized groups
Sadducees

Anti-Hellenized groups
-Pharisees'
-Essenes



Hanukkah

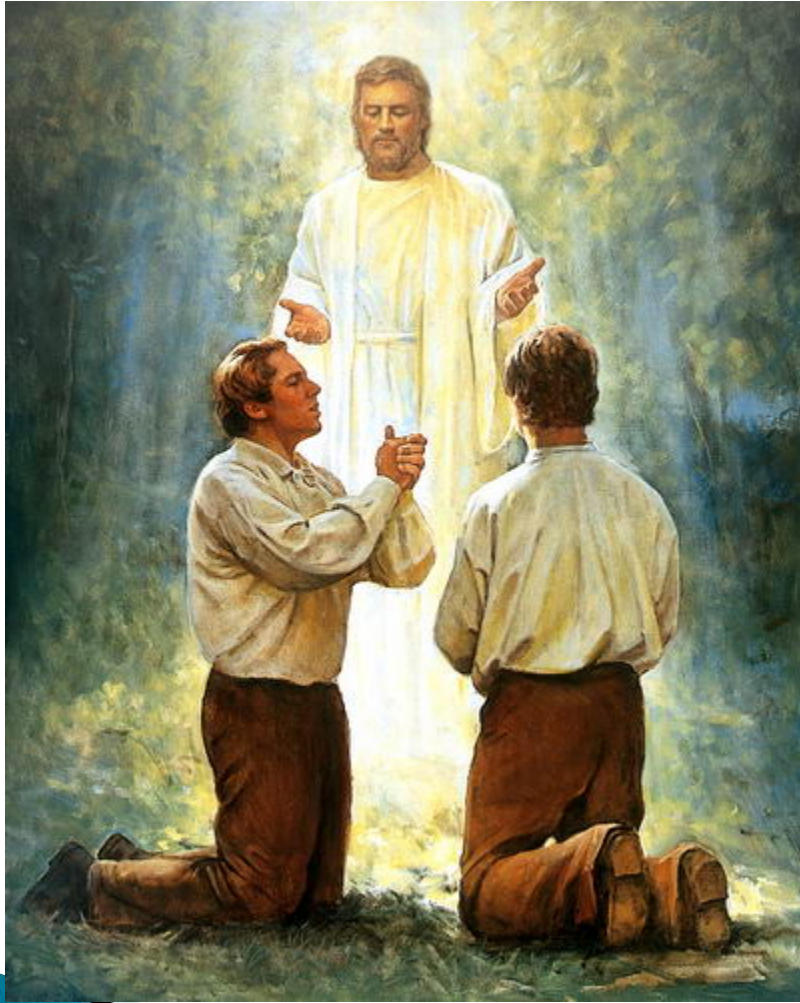


Roman
Empire

Herod
the Great

63 BC

Joseph Smith



The spirit of Elias is first, Elijah second, and Messiah last.

Elias is a forerunner to prepare the way, and the spirit and power of Elijah is to come after, holding the keys of power, building the Temple to the capstone, placing the seals of the Melchizedek Priesthood upon the house of Israel, and making all things ready; then Messiah comes to His Temple, which is last of all

Forerunners

Prepare the Way (Make Strait)

Gabriel (Noah)

Aaronic Priesthood

Leads people to make sacred covenants

Baptism/Sacrament

Seal the covenants

Seal on earth/seal in heaven

Baptize with fire

Turn Hearts

Salvation of Families

Melchizedek Priesthood

Spirit of Elias

Spirit of Elijah

Reverse Order...

Luke 1:63-68

Luke 1:1-4





Miryam

Luke

1:26

Chieko N. Okazaki

- ▶ We are so used to thinking of the annunciation as the beginning of the joyous celebration of Christmas that we focus on Mary's joy, which I'm sure she felt, and on the great gladness of the Savior's birth.
- ▶ We are not used to thinking of this season as a time of loss for Mary. But it was a loss. She was a righteous young woman, but she was bound to lose her reputation among her family and friends and those who knew her in Nazareth. What else could they think, when they saw her pregnant, but that she had been unchaste? The last line in the annunciation is, 'And the angel departed from her' (v. 38).
- ▶ In other words, the angel didn't take the rabbi aside for a quiet chat about this very special young woman he had in town. He didn't whisper to the chief merchants that Mary was going to be remembered till the end of time, while their names would barely survive their own generation.
- ▶ The angel was not there at the well when Mary went for water, after she came back from visiting Elisabeth, her body already rounded with a sixth-month pregnancy. He didn't explain to the other women, shocked and scandalized and whispering to each other behind their hands, that Mary was the chosen vessel of the Lord. Nobody explained to the girls younger than Mary that she was the living embodiment of faith.
- ▶ "Furthermore, *Mary* didn't explain it either. She obviously didn't explain it even to Joseph, because Joseph was the one person to whom the angel did come, to tell him that his faith in Mary was not misplaced. So, yes, I think we have to admit that despite the joy this was also a season of loss and mourning." (*Disciples* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1998], 165 - 166.)