

Luke—Handout #4

Luke 1:26-38

How do we know we have a new narrative/literary unit here?

Where does the next narrative unit begin?

v. 26—Nazareth (Oxford Bible Atlas)

Geography

Significance

Structure

26—angel (comes; cf. v. 28, εἰσερχομαι)

27—Mary

31a—“and behold . . . conceive”

31b—son

33—kingdom with no end (“forever”)

35—Son

36—“and behold . . . conceive”

38a—Mary

38b—angel (departs, ἀπερχομαι)

Characterization: John the Baptist compared to Jesus the Christ

Parallel

Angel announcing (11, 26)

One parent “troubled” (12, 29)

“fear not” (13, 30)

Holy Spirit agency (15, 35)

God’s purpose revealed (15, 32)

Non-Parallel

“great in sight of Lord”; “great” absolutely

“goes before (forerunner) Lord”; Lord *in se*

son of creatures; Son of no creature(s)

John/Johanen (God gracious); Jesus (?)

; throne of David

; reign house of Jacob

; kingdom with no end

v. 28—“Hail”

v. 31—“you will call his name Jesus” (καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν)

“you will call his name Emmanuel” (καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Εμμανουηλ, Is. 7:14, LXX)

Jesus (_____) = Emmanuel (_____)

Salvific (_____) Deity-ic (_____)

Series of concatenated characteristics echoing 2 Sam. 7:13-16:

He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.

- a. v. 32—Shall be great (cf. 2 Sam. 7:9, NASB) (Majestic)
- b. and Son of the Most High (cf. v. 35) (Ontic)
- c. and Lord God will give him throne of his father David (Messianic)
- d. v. 33—and reign over the house of Jacob forever (Patriarchal)
- e. and his kingdom shall have no end (Eternal)