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, εισερχομαι)

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, απερχομαι)

Characterization: John the Baptist compared to Jesus the Christ

Parallel Non-Parallel

Angel announcing (11, 26) “great in sight of Lord”; “great” absolutely

One parent “troubled” (12, 29) “goes before (forerunner) Lord”; Lord in se

“fear not” (13, 30) son of creatures; Son of no creature(s)

Holy Spirit agency (15, 35) John/Johanan (God gracious); Jesus (?)

God’s purpose revealed (15, 32) ; 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 Ἐμμανουὴλ, 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)