

The Gift



The Gift of Eternal Life Will the Bride Respond Like the Mother?

The Father was very careful about whom He selected to become the **Mother** of His Son.

Will He not be just as careful in selecting His **Bride**?

Will those of us chosen respond in **humility** and **faith** as Mary did?

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The Moon is a TYPE of the Bride of Christ



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNWoz_Rg8g8

The above “[Celtic Moon Luna](#)” Youtube video displaying our beautiful Moon accompanied with classic harp songs, can truly inspire us as we prepare for the beginning of God’s next sacred astronomical calendar year that starts on Saturday, March 21, 2015, beginning at sunset of previous day.

Read **Ps 19:1-5** and notice the **sun** is a type for the **Bridegroom**.

Read **Song of Solomon 6:10** in connection with **Rev 12:1; 19:7-9** to see the **moon** as a type for the **Bride**.

[Holyday 1](#) was literally fulfilled on Abib 14, 30 A.D. when a carpenter from Nazareth, the Son of God, died as our **Passover**.

[Holyday 2](#) will just as literally be fulfilled in this generation, on what I believe will be Abib 49, a Sabbath (Saturday), the day before Abib 50, Holyday 3, Pentecost, as typed by the 7th Day of Unleavened Bread Holyday ($7 \times 7 = 49$).

Marriage is the theme of [Holyday 3](#) – Pentecost – dealing not only with the marriage of God to Israel in the OT at Mt Sinai on Pentecost, but also with the marriage of Christ to the Church/Bride in the NT “in Jacob” (Ps 99:4; Isa 55:5; Mic 4:6-10; Rev 19:7), for which Mt Sinai was its TYPE, which will occur in the very near future, on Pentecost.

The **Full Moon** that shines on the night after Passover Night **proclaims our deliverance** from sin by the fulfillment of Holyday 1 on the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread – Passover – which is fully realized on Holyday 2 as typed by Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea on the 7th Day of Unleavened Bread.

March 21 is Abib 1 – the first day of God's sacred astronomical calendar in the heavens.

See the Annual Holydays for 2015 at:

<http://pentecostnation.org/docs/holydays.pdf>

Perhaps the theme of our preparation for this next Passover on Abib 14, Friday, April 3, beginning at sunset of previous day, should be our preparation as the Bride of Christ to marry Him on Pentecost in the very near future.

So, seeing this connection of the Moon to the Woman/Bride/Church, may we learn to **shine the light of our Savior and Husband** just as much as this next Full Moon will shine on the night of Abib 15, Saturday April 4, beginning at sunset of previous day.

Now, whenever we look at the Moon, we should see and **realize our role as the Bride of Christ** – it is indeed a **Gift** beyond comprehension, and will last **FOR AN ETERNITY!**

Will the Bride Respond Like the Mother?

The Apostle Luke's account in Luke 1 of the events describing the very beginning of the fulfillment of **Holyday #1**, namely, the selection and response of Mary as the **Mother** of the God's Son, have profound implications for us today who are being called to become the **Bride** of God's Son in fulfillment of **Holydays #2 and #3** – the **Spring Harvest Phase** of the Kingdom of God on earth.

This episode will cover three main aspects about this account so that we can "**Catch the Vision**" of exactly what God Our Father has in store for our generation in this last era of the Church Age. These three aspects are:

- 1) the Selection of Mary,
- 2) the Response of Mary, and
- 3) the Implications for The Bride today.

As a lead-in to these points, you may want to view “[The Nativity Story](#)“. I just happened to run across this on TV one night while “channel surfing” and it really inspired me to do further research into this aspect of the events involving the fulfillment of **Holyday #1** – Passover. This is a dramatic and moving account of how Mary and Joseph must have felt when given this special “**Gift**“. You may also want to read several good articles about this by John MacArthur: [Mary’s Magnificat](#), [Mary: An Angelic Announcement](#), and [Mary: Who She Was \(and Wasn’t\)](#).

1. The Selection of Mary

[Luke 1:26-38](#) relates the selection of Mary as the mother of God’s Son. Here is the account:

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, **favored one!** The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found **favor** with God. 31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin ?” 35 The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason

the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. 37 “For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Now, I will assume you have read what is in John MacArthur’s articles above, so I will not repeat that here. Besides that material, I want you to notice the references to “**The Gift**” in these verses. In Lk 1:28, it uses “**avored one**” (Strong’s 5487 – [charitoo](#) – grace, from 5485), and in Lk 1:30, it uses “**favor**” (Strong’s 5485 – [charis](#) – gift). Both of these verses use words that derive their root meaning from the word “**gift**”.

So, then, we notice that it was by **grace, gift, favor**, that Mary was selected. While she certainly had some qualities that the Father granted to her that He wanted in the mother of His Son, yet she did not deserve to be selected. From Lk 1:47. we can see that she knew that she was a sinner, and needed saving, by her saying “**MySavior**”. And yet we can see that she was also filled with knowledge from the Scriptures, by the phrases she spontaneously exclaimed in her final reaction to “**The Gift**” in Lk 1:46-55, after getting that inspired greeting as confirmation from her cousin/aunt Elizabeth as recorded in Lk 1:41.

From [Episode #26](#), we learned that the Father uses the TYPE/ANTITYPE methodology in teaching His children about the [Two-Harvest Plan](#) He has for establishing His Divine-Family-Kingdom on earth. Surely then, what the Father performed in Mary’s life must have **profound implications** for us today, especially in how Mary responded to “**The Gift**”.

2. The Response of Mary

Mary’s response to “The Gift” of the indwelling Eternal Life of the Son of God is commonly referred to as “**The Magnificat**”. Mary “magnified” and exalted the Lord, spontaneously declaring her scripturally-held beliefs with real confidence and

conviction, completely trusting that God would provide for her in accepting this awesome Gift and role in God's plan of salvation for all of mankind.

Notice that Mary did not ask for "proof", as Zechariah in Lk 1:18 did when he got the "good news" from the same angel Gabriel about having a son from God to be named "John" who would be the one "... in the spirit and power of Elijah... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" – the coming Messiah – as John testified of himself in Lk 3:16. Mary, however, did ask how this could happen since she was a virgin. This was a valid question, asked in humility, not in doubt, and the angel Gabriel answered her question that it would be a miracle, through the Holy Spirit and the power of God, that she would not have to "know" any man in order to accomplish this, and that is why He would be called the "Son of God".

Then, in order to give more credibility to this possibility, Gabriel added the news about how even her relative Elizabeth was pregnant despite her old age and being barren all her life.

As a result of this information, Mary responded, again in humility, and accepted this awesome Gift and Mission, giving consent by saying "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; **be it done to me according to your word**".

Then, perhaps because Gabriel had added the news about Elizabeth, Mary took this as a hint, to visit Elizabeth to confide in the only one who would be in a state of mind that could accept the news of such a Gift being given to her.

This visit, as it turned out, provided further inspired confirmation of what Gabriel told Mary. Elizabeth, upon just hearing Mary's initial greeting, said her "baby leaped in her womb", and then God inspired Elizabeth to say to Mary **exactly what she needed to hear**, and in such a way that Mary would realize that it could only have come by the inspiration of the God with whom Mary had developed a very personal and reflective relationship with through her study of the Scriptures, and through her petitioning for help from Him with her own intimate spiritual problems.

This incident with Elizabeth, her baby's reaction to Mary's greeting, and then Elizabeth's inspired testimony, must have come upon Mary like a tsunami of spiritual power because it caused Mary to respond intently from her innermost being with a heartfelt exclamation of praise and confidence and joy, declaring the awesomely profound inspired words we refer to as "**The Magnificat**". Here is the response of the Mother of the Son of God (NAS):

46 And Mary said , My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. 51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away . 54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

The above verses are explained and expounded upon very well by John MacArthur in the articles cited previously, and also by Spiros Zodhiates, Th.D., the author of the New American Standard version of the Scriptures, who has a very insightful book entitled "The Song of the Virgin". Please obtain a copy of this material and study it intently, because **the attitude that Mary had**, as revealed by every word in her response, **is the same attitude that will be expected in each one of us** who are called and chosen by the Father to become the **Bride and Wife** of His Son – **FOR ETERNITY** – when we are given the same "Gift" of the indwelling of the Son of God and His Holy Spirit – the Gift of Eternal Life!

Will the Bride respond like the Mother?

We will discuss the answer to that question in the next section.

3. Implications for The Bride today

Implication #1: Both the Mother & Bride Receive The Gift of Eternal Life

Mary received The Gift of Eternal Life literally inside her womb in the person of Jesus Christ. Is this not a perfect TYPE for what literally happens to us today, upon repentance and baptism, when we also receive the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) from the Father (Rom 8:11; 1 Jn 4:13), and Eternal Life (1 Jn 5:13)? And does not Christ literally dwell in us, and is our hope of future glory as a literal immortal Son of God (Col 1:27; Jn 14:20; 1 Jn 3:2; 1 Cor 15:53)?

And just as Mary eventually **knew** that she was pregnant, likewise the Apostle John says that we shall **know** that we have eternal life in us (1 Jn 5:13), by the indwelling of the Divine Holy Spirit (1 Jn 4:13) that the Father has personally imparted from His very own being to impregnate and join with the “spirit in man” (Job 32:8) in order for each of us to be begotten again (Jn 3:3) as a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17). In fact, “knowing” God is Eternal Life (Jn 17:3). Notice that Mary explained to Gabriel that “I **know** no man” (KJV Lk 1:34), meaning that she was a virgin. Knowing and being “one” with God (Jn 17:21) is likened to a man cleaving to his wife as “one flesh” (Eph 5:31) and is a TYPE of the relationship between Christ and the church (Eph 5:32). It is a very intimate and personal relationship that one is certainly very aware and conscious of.

David was very aware of the presence of God’s Holy Spirit in him, and feared losing it because of his deliberate sin against God (Ps 51:4,11).

However this awareness grows gradually, just like the gestation period which is used as its type (Jn 3:3-6). We must grow in grace and knowledge of the Eternal Life and Spirit of the Father and Son within us (2 Pet 3:18). We are becoming a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17) and will slowly become more self-aware of that new life in us, and will eventually cry out “Abba! Father!” when that Holy Spirit witnesses with our own spirit that we are the children of God (Rom 8:15-16).

We need to accept, nurture and cherish this Gift of Eternal Life just as Mary did. She did it as the Mother. We shall do it as the Bride. We did nothing to deserve this Gift. But we can respond as Mary did, and believe that God, by the same grace, will make

that Gift grow within us so that we can eventually “give birth” (be born) to become the Bride, the Firstfruits, that will marry His Son, the Messiah, and be His Wife, FOREVER.

But when will this marriage occur? Will we be given any advance notice (Mt 25:6) so we can prepare and make ourselves ready (Rev 19:7)? Is “The Magnificat” also a **prophecy** that will alert us to the “**season**” (Acts 1:7) when this wedding will take place? These questions will be covered in this next section.

Implication #2: Both the Second & Third Holydays are Depicted in The Magnificat

Notice that The Magnificat can be split logically into two sections of **7** verses and **3** verses. Is it just a coincidence that Holyday #2 is fulfilled on the **7th** day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread which itself lasts **7** days? And that Holyday #3 has **3** verses in this inspired testimony of Mary? And that the number 3 is often associated with the Church as the 3rd party in the Father-Son-Bride Divine Family Unit? And is it just a coincidence that this 7-3 split is in the exact same order that the corresponding two Holydays occur? Something to ponder about... as Mary often did about her situations.

First, let us read these verses below as they are split into these two logical selections. Then, following that, let us read other scriptures that show some important connections that support this logical split.

Holyday #2 application:

46 And Mary said , My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. 51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

Holyday #3 application:

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. 54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Let us now cover the other scriptures that support this split of The Magnificat into two sections that coincide to the very next TWO BIG EVENTS that will occur on earth according to the Creator's [TWO-HARVEST HOLYDAY PLAN](#).

Holyday #2 connections:

46 – *And Mary said , My soul doth magnify the Lord* – The first words Mary uttered in reaction to the “good news” from Gabriel that introduced the literal fulfillment of the Creator’s very first Holyday (Passover) by the birth of that Passover Lamb, to be named “Jesus”, were words of **exaltation of the Lord**. Likewise, we see this same reaction of **exaltation** of “The Lord God Almighty” from the heavenly host in Rev 4:8-11, in connection to some miraculous event of creation that absolutely confirms His being **the Creator of all things**. The miraculous transformation of **the desert** cited in Isa 55:13, and described in many other scriptures, would certainly fit the description of such a miraculous event, and also fit the fulfillment of the TYPE of deliverance that was set on Holyday 2, the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, when the ancient Israelites were miraculously delivered by the Creator who **created a path** to cross the Red Sea on **dry land**. Notice the same theme of exaltation in Ex 15:1, 21 with the Lord being “highly exalted”. This witness of exaltation is provided to show what our reaction should be when we witness this same event, and that we should follow the example of Mary, and be in the same spirit of **exaltation of the Lord**, Our Father in heaven. In fact, this is the same attitude and reaction we should be having NOW to this “Good News” being given to us today through this website that is announcing this truly **good news** of the soon literal fulfillment of Holyday #2.

47 – *And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.* – Notice that the emphasis here is on God as **Savior**. Now consider how this is also the main theme of the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, Holyday #2, on which the ancient Israelites were **saved** from Pharaoh and his army at the Red Sea, when the Lord created a dry land path through the waters in order to deliver His People from certain destruction (Ex 14:16-22). Is not

this incident also a TYPE for the FULFILLMENT described in many scriptures about a dry land being used to save His Firstfruits from this world when He miraculously converts a desert wilderness into a Garden of Eden oasis for His Holy Nation to serve Him as a model for all mankind of His Way of Life (Isa 55:13)?

48 – *For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.* – Notice that this is the same attitude that the Lord had for His People who were suffering as slaves in the land of Egypt (Ex 3:7-8), saying “I have surely seen the affliction of My people”.

49 – *For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.* – The Lord also did great things for His people in Egypt, in sending the ten miraculous plagues to punish the Egyptians (Ex 6:6; 7:4).

50 – *And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.* – The Lord spared His people from experiencing the last seven of the ten plagues (Ex 8:22).

51 – *He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* – The Lord humbled the Egyptians by the ten plagues, and by the miracle at the Red sea (Ex 14:17-18).

52 – *He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.* – The mighty Egyptian army was completely destroyed at the Red Sea on Holyday 2, and their slaves were exalted and free (Ex 14:26-31).

Holyday #3 connections:

53 – *He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.* – This is a direct quote from Ps 107:9 which states “And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good”. Notice that Ps 107:1-7 are scriptures that describe the redeemed being gathered from all over the world, and wandering “in the wilderness in a desert region”. They were hungry and thirsty, and then God delivered them. This same gathering and deliverance in the desert is also described in Isa 55:1-13, when everyone in the world are invited to join His Holy Nation that is called to gather in the transformed desert and be fed “without money and without cost”.

54 – *He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy* – This same account of divine help and deliverance in a desert region is further described in Isa 41:14-20. Notice that “his servant”, in light of Ps 107:1-3, now includes all peoples of the world, and comprise a spiritual “Israel” (Rev 5:9-10).

55 – *As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed (descendants) for ever.* – This promise of divine supernatural help for those who are descended from Abraham, by race and by grace, was being fulfilled as Holyday #1 initially by the miraculous begetting of its coming King, the Messiah, in Mary’s womb. As surely as this event has occurred for its King, the same will occur for its people, the descendants of Abraham by faith who will be called to gather as a Holy Nation (Isa 55:5) in order to fulfill Holyday #3, and receive the mercy and abundant pardon promised to all in Isa 55:6-7.

So from the scriptures above, we can see that the split of The Magnificat into two sections that coincide with the NEXT TWO HOLYDAYS has a logical scriptural basis.

The question now is – WHY?

Why did the Father inspire Mary to say **these exact words**?

Could it be that these words have been “encoded” for a special **purpose, time and generation**?

Could these words also be a **prophecy**?

Could **now** be the time for them to be “decoded” (understood)?

Could we be **the generation** (Lk 21:32; Mt 14:24) that understands this prophecy because it literally is **BEING REVEALED IN THE VERY WORDS YOU ARE READING NOW**?

Now consider this as **THE HIGH PURPOSE**:

Has it has been given to us, in this last era of Church known as Laodicea, to know the “**times and the seasons**” (Acts 1:7) in order for us to prepare to marry the

Messiah, whereas it was hidden from the Apostles and the other previous Church eras **because it was not their calling to marry the Messiah on Holyday #3?**

Have we today been granted this knowledge today because we do have that calling, **because that time will occur in this generation?**

This is something to ponder very seriously...

Implication #3: Both the Mother & Bride have a Mission to Give Birth

Mary as the Mother, gave birth to the King of the Holy Nation, the Kingdom of God.

We, as the Bride, will give birth to the “Holy Nation” (Isa 55:5), the Kingdom of the Daughter of Jerusalem (Mic 4:8-13), the Kingdom of Priests (Rev 5:9-10).

Implication #4: Both the Mother and Bride have a Special Honor Lasting An Eternity

Mary will be honored as the Mother of Christ – FOREVER (Lk 1:48)!

The Firstfruits of the Spring Harvest will be honored as the Bride and Wife of Christ – FOREVER (Rev 14:1-5; 19:7-9; 21:9; 22:17)!

CONCLUSION:

So, given the **special selection** of Mary, her **humble response**, and these four **profound implications** connected with that response concerning **The Gift of Eternal Life** granted to be in her womb, will we TODAY, who are being called to become the Bride of Christ by being granted the indwelling of the same Holy Spirit of Eternal Life, which is “**Christ in you, the hope of glory**” (Col 1:27), have this same attitude of praise and humility?

Will the Bride fully realize the awesome incomprehensible GIFT being offered TODAY – the opportunity not only of an Eternal Life, but of an eternal life of being in a very special relationship FOREVER with the Son of God? A **special** Eternal Life described

in the Scriptures as the “**Bride**” and “**Wife**” of the Messiah – the ones who will have the special position in the New Jerusalem Headquarters (Rev 21:2) as the Firstfruits who will be the special partners with the Messiah in raising children with Him during the Millennium and the Last Great Day holyday periods, and then on into eternity in the new heavens and new earth, with new exciting creative activity that is beyond our imagination.

Will the Bride respond like the Mother?

How will YOU react when a LITERAL SUPERNATURAL MIRACLE OF CREATION occurs to fulfill Holyday #2?

How will YOU react when a call goes out to gather in a desert oasis to become a HOLY NATION to fulfill Holyday #3?

Will YOU realize that your reaction to these TWO BIG EVENTS will have direct personal consequences that will determine YOUR PERSONAL ETERNITY?

When will YOU realize that this GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE **AS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST** requires a response like Mary had in order to receive that GIFT?

Remember Christ’s warning to the Laodicean church (Rev 3:15-16), and His parable about the 10 virgins (Mt 25:10-12).

This incomprehensibly awesome opportunity and GIFT is something that we cannot be LUKEWARM about!

So let us learn NOW to have the same attitude as Mary, and become part of the Bride that “has made herself READY” for the Wedding (Rev 19.7)!

The time to learn this is short. Rev 1:1 refers to “the things which must shortly take place”. Twice the Messiah says “I am coming quickly.” (Rev 22:7, 20).

If YOU are recognizing that this “Good News” of the Mt 24:14 Gospel is being revealed by this web site in accord with the promise in Isa 41:27, then you now KNOW that this

is the time that the Messiah was referring to in Revelation.

OUR time is short – those of us who truly understand this message of the GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE as the BRIDE OF CHRIST – FOREVER!

May we sincerely say, in all HUMILITY and EXALTATION, along with the Apostle John, “Amen. Come Lord Jesus.” (Rev 22:20), and show that we mean it by [**Signing this Petition**](#) to speed His Return!