

From the Old Testament:

1. **Psalms 139:13-16**

13 For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and skillfully formed in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance; and in Your book were written all the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.

2. **Jeremiah 1:4-5**

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

3. **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

20 by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding close to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, so that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

4. **Job 31:13-15, 21-23**

13 If I have rejected the claim of my male or female slaves when they filed a complaint against me,

14 What then could I do when God arises? And when He calls me to account, how am I to answer Him?

15 Did He who made me in the womb not make him, and the same one create us in the womb?

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan, because I saw I had support in the gate,

22 May my shoulder fall from its socket, and my arm be broken off at the elbow.

23 For disaster from God is a terror to me, and because of His majesty I can do nothing.

5. **2 Kings 21:2-3, 6, 16**

2 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, in accordance with the abominations of the nations whom the Lord dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For he rebuilt the high places which his father Hezekiah had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, just as Ahab king of Israel had done, and he worshiped all the heavenly lights and served them.

6 He made his son pass through the fire, practiced divination, and used mediums and spiritists. He did great evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger.

16 Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin into which he misled Judah, in doing evil in the sight of the Lord.

6. **Psalm 106:35-38**

35 They got involved with the nations and learned their practices,
36 And served their idols, which became a snare to them.
37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,
38 And shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with the blood.

7. **2 Kings 23:6-7, 10, 13-14, 21-22, 25-26**

6 He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the Lord and burned it. He ground it to powder.
7 He tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes.
10 He desecrated Topheth so no one could use it to sacrifice a son or daughter in the fire to Molech.
13 The king desecrated the high places of Ashtoreth, the vile goddess of the Sidonians.
14 Josiah smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles and covered the sites with human bones.
21 The king commanded the people, "Celebrate the Passover to the Lord your God as it is written in this Book of the Covenant."
22 Truly such a Passover had not been celebrated since the days of the judges, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and Judah.
25 Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart, soul, and might, in conformity to the Law of Moses.
26 Nevertheless, the Lord did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath.

8. **Jeremiah 29:1, 5-7, 10-11**

1 These are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile.
5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce.
6 Take wives and father sons and daughters, so that you may grow in numbers there and do not decrease.
7 Seek the prosperity of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord in its behalf; for in its prosperity will be your prosperity.
10 When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.
11 For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

9. **Proverbs 24:11-12**

11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to the slaughter, oh hold them back!
12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," does He who weighs the hearts not consider it? And will He not repay a person according to his work?

10. **Isaiah 54:5, 7-8**

5 Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the earth.
7 For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you.
8 In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting favor I will have compassion on you.

11. Malachi 4:4-6

4 Remember the Law of Moses My servant, the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him for all Israel.

5 Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

From the New Testament:

1. Luke 1:13-17

13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,

15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

17 and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

2. Luke 1:24-25

24 After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,

25 "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

3. Luke 1:26-37

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

30 And 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 call His name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

4. Luke 1:39-44

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,

40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

5. Luke 1:56-57

56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

6. Luke 1:59

59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father,

7. Luke 1:64

64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

8. Luke 1:66-68

66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people."

9. Philippians 2:6-7

6 [Christ Jesus], though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

7 But He emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.