Signs and Songs of His Coming

"Zechariah's Song"

Luke 1:57-79

And how does God give it?

Where do we try to find joy?

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will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord.
- Luke 1:13-15

"But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for

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involves relinquishing plans and control involves relinquishing public conformity

- Proverbs 13:12

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is

a tree of life."

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"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has

spoken to us by his Son..."

- Hebrews 1:1-2

"Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look." - 1 Peter 1:10-12

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I will never leave you or forsake – Heb 13:14 (Matt 28:20)
I will send you another Comforter – John 14:16
I will intercede for you – Romans 8:34
I will go and prepare a place for you – John 14:3
I am making all things new .. I am coming soon – Rev 21:5; 22:7
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"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." - Malachi 4:5-6

"For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come."

- Matthew 11:13-14

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involves renewal of preparation involves renewal of peace

shines brilliant light?

What joy reaches the into the darkness and