

SON OF THE MOST HIGH

“Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the **name above every name.**” (Phil.2:7)

During December, we will study the following names associated with the birth of Jesus Christ.

- On Dec.2 & 9, we will study His prophetic name, Immanuel
- On Dec.16, we will study His crucifixion name, Jesus.
- **On Dec.23, we will study His divine family name, Son of the Most High.**
- On Dec.30, we will study His genetic name, Only Begotten.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, Gabriel was sent by God to Mary at Nazareth with a special messianic message: “Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.” (Luke 1:26-27)

The specifics of the messianic message that we will examine in today’s lesson are recorded in Luke 1:31-33. There is a YOU part; given about Mary in Luke 1:31 and a HE part in Luke 1:32-33 about Jesus.

Our third name comes from the HE part: “He will be great, and will be called the **Son (huios) of the Most High (hupsistos)**; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:32-33)

[Note the five wills of the Davidic covenant of 2 Sam.7]

This lesson will study four aspects of the Jesus’ divine family name, Son of the Most High.
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1. Son of Most High emphasizes the undiminished deity side of hupostatic union of Jesus Christ.

“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.” (Luke 1:32)

“And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the **Most High** will over shadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the **Son of God**.’” (Luke 1:35)

2. Most High God was a title to show the sovereignty of God over the kingdoms of men. In Hebrew, it is El Elyon.

It was used with Melchizedek in Gen.14:18-20:

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of **God Most High** (El Elyon or Theos hupsistos).” (Gen.14:18; Heb.7:1)

It was used in the 4th oracle of Balaam in a messianic passage (Num.24:15-19):

“The oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the **Most High.**” (Num.24:16).

This is the passage that prophesied the star of Jacob that brought the wise men to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel.” (Num.24:17)

It was used with prophetic dream of Nebuchadnezzar:

“That the **Most High** is ruler over the realm of mankind.” (Dan.4:17b, 24-25, 28-37)

“Until you recognize that the **Most High** is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes.” (Dan.4:32b)

“At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.” (Dan.4:36-37)

3. Satan’s rebellion in eternity past involved wanting the title of Most High God (Isa.14:12-15).

It was part of the five-fold attack (I will) upon the plan of God (Isa. 14:13-14).

It was the fifth or final attack – “I will make myself like the **Most High**.” (Isa. 14:14)

Fallen angels or demons understood that this title was to be given to Jesus Christ.

“And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, ‘What do I have to do with You, Jesus, **Son of the Most High**? I beg You, do torment me.’” (Luke 8:28; Matt.25:41)

“And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortunetelling. Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, ‘these men are bondservants of the **Most High God**, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.’” (Acts 16:16-17)

4. The miraculous conception of Mary by the Holy Spirit is by way of the power of the Most High.

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It was determined at the eternal life conference that Jesus Christ would be the human manifestation of God.

- He would be the visible member of the Godhead (Col.2:9; Heb.1:3).
- He would be the representation of the divine family on earth as the Son of the Most High.

“And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘**Glory to God in the highest**, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.’” (Luke 2:13-14; Acts 7:48-50)

Isaiah made this prophecy referring to the human manifestation of the Mighty God with the first advent of Christ.

“And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isa.9:6-7)