

“When the Deaf-Mute Spoke!”

Luke 1:57-80

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Introduction

- G.D. Gearino’s novel, *“What the Deaf-Mute Heard”*
- Zechariah as a “deaf-mute”
 - How it happened?
 - Result of God’s disciplinary hand—Prov. 3; Heb.12

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A. Breaking the Silence-- 1:57-66

1. Silent at the birth-- vv. 57-58
2. Circumcision and the Naming of the child-- vv. 59-63
 - a. Significance of circumcision—Gen. 17:12
 - b. Naming of the Child
 - 1) Relatives and Friends-- Zechariah Jr.
 - 2) Elizabeth-- John
 - 3) Zechariah-- John
 - 4) Reaction of the crowd
 - 5) Faith and obedience of Zechariah
3. The Deaf-Mute Speaks-- v. 64
4. The Question: *“What kind of child will this be?”*

B. Breaking the News-- 1:67-79

1. **Proclamation:** The Provision of a Redeemer-- 1:68-75
 - a. Provision Stated-- 1:68-69
 - 1) God has ‘visited’ his people
 - 2) For the purpose of ‘redeeming’ them
 - 3) By raising up a “horn of salvation”
 - b. Provision Supported-- v. 70 “The ancient prophets”
 - c. Redemption Explained-- v. 71-- “Political”
 - d. Redemption Refined-- vv. 72-75 -- “Spiritual”
 - 1) Based on the covenant with Abraham-- Gen 12
 - 2) Refined in the New Covenant—Jer. 31; Ezek. 36
 - e. Bottom Line: The Messiah provides **TOTAL REDEMPTION!**
2. **Predictions:** The Role of His Son and God’s Son-- 1:76-79
 - a. Role of John in Preparation for the Messiah-- 1:76-77
 - b. Role of Jesus as the “Dayspring” -- 1:78-79