## ~ELIZABETH (63)

(E-liz'a-beth) [Greek, *E-lei-sa'bet*, from Hebrew, *'E-li-she'va'*, meaning My God Is Plenty, God of Plenty]

- The God-fearing wife of the priest Zechariah and the mother of John the Baptizer. Elizabeth herself was of the priestly family of Aaron the Levite. Both she and her husband were well along in years when the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the Holy of the temple and announced that Elizabeth would give birth to a son who was to be called John.
- Upon becoming pregnant, Elizabeth kept herself secluded for five months. In the sixth month of her pregnancy she was visited by her relative Mary. On that occasion the unborn John leaped in his mother's womb, and Elizabeth, filled with Holy Spirit, blessed Mary and the fruit of her womb, calling her the mother of my Lord.
- In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there happened to be a certain priest named Zechariah of the division of Abijah, and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. (Luke 1:5)
- They both were righteous before God because of walking blamelessly in accord with all the commandments and legal requirements of Yehowah. (Luke 1:6)
- But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were well along in years. (Luke 1:7)
- To him Yehowah's angel appeared, standing at the right side of the incense altar. (Luke 1:11)
- But Zechariah became troubled at the sight, and fear fell upon him. (Luke 1:12)
- However, the angel said to him; Have no fear, Zechariah, because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will become mother to a son to you, and you are to call his name John. (Luke 1:13)
- But after these days **Elizabeth** his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself secluded for five months, saying; (Luke 1:24)

- So Mary rose in these days and went into the mountainous country with haste, to a city of Judah. (Luke 1:39)
- And she entered into the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Luke 1:40)
- Well, as Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the infant in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:41)
- And she called out with a loud cry and said; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (Luke 1:42)
- So how is it that this privilege is mine, to have the mother of my Lord come to me? (Luke 1:43)