

GABRIEL'S MISSIONS / *Luke 1:19*

Gabriel appeared in the Old Testament to Daniel and brought announcements regarding the end times. Compare Daniel's experience with that of Zechariah in the chart below:

Daniel

I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sins of my people, pleading with the LORD my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. *Daniel 9:20-21*

As Gabriel approached the place where I was standing, I became so terrified that I fell to the ground. "Son of man," he said, "you must understand that the events you have seen in your vision relate to the time of the end." *Daniel 8:17*

I, Daniel, am the only one who saw this vision. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. *Daniel 10:7*

In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. It concerned events certain to happen in the future—times of war and great hardship—and Daniel understood what the vision meant. *Daniel 10:1*

While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word. *Daniel 10:15*

Zechariah

While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying. *Luke 1:10*

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! For God has heard your prayer, and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son! And you are to name him John." *Luke 1:13*

Zechariah was overwhelmed with fear. *Luke 1:12*

When he finally did come out, he couldn't speak to them. Then they realized from his gestures that he must have seen a vision in the Temple sanctuary. *Luke 1:22*

"And now, since you didn't believe what I said, you won't be able to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly come true at the proper time." *Luke 1:20*