27—41. ST. LUKE. 297   
   
 power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also   
 that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called   
 ithe Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy \* cousin Elisabeth, ! ¥stt-ziv,3   
 she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is -axvi, 04,   
 the sixth month with her, who " was called barren. 87 For Mark i...   
 38-And Mary x John |.   
 ¥ with God Vzothing shall be impossible. vill. AC   
 said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me Jer, 1.4   
 according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. Zech. viil.   
 39 And Mary arose in W those days, and went into the hill   
   
 country with haste, into a city of Juda; # and entered 'sh,=1.s,   
 into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And   
   
 t render, kinswoman. ° vender, is called.   
 V render, DO word. W render, these.   
   
 As Christ was made of the substance of will, but (see ver. 45), in humility and   
 the Virgin, 0 He was not made of the faith, a fellow-worker the purpose of   
 substance of the Holy Ghost, Whose es- the Father; and therefore her own unity   
 sence cannot at all made. And because with that purpose was required, and 1s   
 the Holy Ghost did not beget Him by an here recorded. 39—56.] VistTaTION   
 communication of His essence, A or ExisaBETH BY Mary. 39.) The   
 is not the of Him, though He were situation of Elisabeth not before this   
 conceived by Him.” (Pearson on the known to Mary; and on the intelligence’   
 Creed, p. 166.) overshadow of it from the angel, she arose and went   
 thee] The figure is perhaps a bird to congratulate her But   
 (as tius: see Ps. xci. 4), or from a before this the events related Matt. i.   
 cloud : see ix. 7. holy thing 18—25 had happened. Mary -being   
 Some render, that shall be born (0! betrothed to Joseph, had no communica-   
 thee) shall called holy, Son of God. tions with him, except the brides-   
 But it is simple to take it as V., maids ; who, on the first of her   
 that holy thing, &c. - 86. thy kins- pregnancy, represented it him. This   
 woman] What relation, appears would not take longer time than the ex-   
 in Scripture and traditions not worth pression might include—possibly three or   
 recounting. But we must take the word four weeks. Then happened Matt. i. 19,   
 in the narrower senge, not in the wider 20; and immediately Joseph took her   
 reference of Rom. ix. Elisabeth was of home. As a betrothed virgin she could   
 the tribe Levi : but need not hinder not travel: but now immediately, and   
 connexion by marriage with other tribes. perhaps for the very reason of the   
 Aaron himself married into Judah, Exod. cumstances under which Joseph had taken   
 vi. 23. We find in xvii. 7 young her home, she visits — remaining   
 man of the family of Judah who was a with her about three months, ver. So   
 Levite. Philo says, “‘ ordered the that we have, five months, during which   
 high priest to marry not only a virgin, Elisabeth hid herself, together with the   
 but one of priestly descent... but the sixth month, during which takes place   
 other priests permitted to marry other the Annunciation, the discovery of   
 than the daughters of 38. pregnancy, her taking home by Joseph,   
 Her own faithful and humble assent here together with three months visit Mary,   
 iven to the divine announcement which making up together nine months, nearly   
 been made to her. I believe that her her full time: see 57. The words   
 conception of the is to be dated rendered @ city of Juda may possibly   
 ‘the utterance of these words. So Eu- mean “the city of Juttah,” which (Josh.   
 thymius, and similarly Tertullian, xxi. 16) given, together Hebron |   
 Athanasius, Maldonatus, Grotius. Light- (in the hill ed Judea : ib. 11),   
 foot, Lolding a different says, “I and other neighbouring cities, to the   
 own, that it is the general opinion, children of Aaron the priest. But it   
 the Virgin conceived at Nazareth, in the may also mean ‘acity of Juda;’ and   
 instant when the Angel spoke with her.” this is perhaps more likely, no place of   
 She was no unconscious vessel the divine residence is mentioned for Zacharias in