


Previews of Messianic Salvation

Luke 2:21-38


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
- **Luke 2:21**

And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.




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- **Leviticus 12:1-8**
- The Law of Moses concerning the birth of a male child.

 **Jesus is Presented to the Lord**


- **Luke 2:22 -24**

And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."


 **Simeon is a Reliable Witness:
Devout, Has the Holy Spirit, and Is
Associated with the Temple**

- **Luke 2:25**

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.


 **The Consolation of Israel**

- Genesis 49:10
- Isaiah 25:9
- Isaiah 40:1, 2
- Isaiah 49:13




Simeon Sees Messiah

- **Luke 2:26**
And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- **Psalm 2:2** (The Lord's Christ)
The kings of the earth take their stand,
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and against His Anointed




The Law and the Spirit Bring This Group Together

- **Luke 2:27, 28**
And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,



Simeon Asks to be "Dismissed" Because His Role is Completed


- **Luke 2:29, 30**
Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



Messiah, the Glory of Israel, Brings Saving Light to the Gentiles

■ **Luke 2:31, 32**


Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.



Allusions to Isaiah in Luke 2

■ **Isaiah 49:5, 6**

And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him . . . , He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."



Allusions to Isaiah in Luke 2

■ **Isaiah 52:9, 10**

Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared His holy arm In the sight of all the nations, That all the ends of the earth may see The salvation of our God.

Amazement is a Common Response in Luke/Acts to Something Supernatural

- **Luke 2:33**

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Rejection, Judgment, and Sorrow Will Also Come


- **Luke 2:34, 35**

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed and a sword will pierce even your own soul to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."


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- **Isaiah 8:14, 15**


"Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. "And many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught."

 **Another Credible Witness**


- **Luke 2:36, 37**
And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

 **By God's Providence Anna Sees and Recognized the Christ**

- **Luke 2:38**
At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.


 **Applications**

- The Holy Spirit works through faithful and obedient believers.
- God's salvation comes on His terms, is announced by His messengers, and is often rejected by religious leaders.




The Holy Spirit Works Through Faithful and Obedient Believers

- **Luke 11:13**
“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”
- **Acts 2:38**
And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”




God’s Salvation: His Terms, His Messengers, Often Rejected

- **Romans 9:31, 32**
but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,



Come to God on His Terms


- **Romans 9:33**
just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”



Salvation is By Faith In Christ

- **Romans 10: 11, 12**

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;



The Terms of Salvation are Announced by God's Messengers

- **Romans 10:13, 14**

"Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?