

Simeon's Prophecy: Jesus' Life and Fate Foretold

Luke 02: 21-35

<p>1 <i>The unusual naming of the child: Named by God Himself</i></p>	<p>21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.</p>
<p>2 <i>The unexpected observance of the legal ceremonies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Circumcision b. Purification after childbirth c. Dedication to the Lord 	<p>22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord</p> <p>23 (As it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),</p>
<p>3 <i>The deliberate choice of God to have a poor family bear His Son</i></p>	<p>24 And to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."</p>
<p>4 <i>Simeon, a man who walked close to God</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A man who was righteous and devout b. A man who looked for the Messiah c. A man who was led by the Holy Spirit d. A man who was given an unusual promise e. A man who saw and held the Messiah 	<p>25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.</p> <p>26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.</p> <p>27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,</p>
<p>5 <i>The child was God's salvation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The source of peace b. The One appointed to be God's salvation c. The One prepared for all people 	<p>28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:</p> <p>29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.</p> <p>30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,</p> <p>31 Which you have prepared in the sight of all people,</p>

<p>d. The light to unbelievers</p> <p>e. The glory to believers</p> <p>f. The parents marvelled at the predictions</p> <p>6 <i>The child was to cause the rise and fall of many</i></p> <p>7 <i>The child's fate was sealed</i></p> <p>a. His fate: To be opposed and put to death</p> <p>b. His purpose: To reveal the inner thoughts of man's heart</p>	<p>32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”</p> <p>33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him.</p> <p>34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,</p> <p>35 So that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”</p>
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