



Luke 2:21-35

“When the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. Then it was time for their purification...so (Mary and Joseph) took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord... they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord...Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

## 1. *Wonder* Of The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

“Joseph and Mary were amazed at what was being said about Jesus.” (2:33)

“All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished” (Luke 2:18)

“The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (Luke 2:20)

“When (the wise men) saw the star, they were filled with joy! They... saw the Child... and they bowed down and worshiped him.” (Matt. 2:10-11)

## 2. *Wonder* Of The Father's \_\_\_\_\_

“Simeon...was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.” (2:25)

“The Holy Spirit...revealed to (Simeon) that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple” (2:26,27)

## 3. *Wonder* Of The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

“Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation,” (29,30) [Listen to “Virgin Birth: Myth or Truth” 12-14-14]

### Birth \_\_\_\_\_

“But you, Bethlehem out of you will come...one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are...from ancient times” (Micah 5:2)

### Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Abraham (Gen. 22:15,18)	Isaac (Gen. 21:12)	Jacob (Num. 24:17)
Judah (Gen. 49:10)	Jesse (Isa. 11:1-3)	David (Jer. 23:5)

### Birth \_\_\_\_\_

“The virgin will...give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel which means, ‘God with us’”(Isaiah 7:14) “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...he will be ...Mighty God, Everlasting Father” (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:32,35)

### Other Predictions

- Herod’s slaughter of the children (Jer.31:15; Matt. 2:16-18)
- Joseph & Mary’s escape to Egypt (Hosea 11:1; Matt. 2:13-15)
- Prior birth of John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3; Matt. 3:1-3)

“I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people.” (2:30,31)

“it’s now out in the open for everyone to see” (MSG)

## 4. *Wonder* Of The Child's \_\_\_\_\_

“This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.” (2:34)

(Jesus): “For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me ...it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life.” (John 6:38, 40)

## 5. *Wonder* of The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

“I have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations” (2:30-32)

(Jesus): “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

## To Rekindle The *Wonder* of Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

(Simeon) took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “I have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people.” (2:30-32)