

THE TEMPLE AT THE TEMPLE

MARY AND JOSEPH (VV.21-24)

v. 21

eight days were fulfilled so that *they* could circumcise Him
His name was called Jesus
the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb

v.22

And when the days for their cleansing according to the Law of Moses were fulfilled
they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

v.23

as it is written in the Law of the Lord,
Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord

v. 24

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 (VV.25-35)

v.25

there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon
righteous and devout,
waiting for the comfort of Israel
the Holy Spirit was upon him.

v.26

it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

v.27

And he came in the Spirit into the temple,
when the parents brought in the child Jesus to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

v.28

then he took Him into his arms and blessed God,

v.29

Now Master, You are releasing Your slave in peace,
According to Your word.

v.30

For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

v.31

Which You prepared in the presence of all peoples,

v.32

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

v.33

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

v.34

And Simeon blessed them [Mary and Joseph]
Mary His mother
Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel
and for a sign to be opposed

v.35

and a sword will pierce through your own soul
that the thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.

ANNA (VV.36-38)

v.36

and there was a prophetess
Anna the daughter of Phanuel
the tribe of Asher.
She was advanced in years
lived with *her* husband seven years from *when she was* a virgin,

v.37

a widow to the age of eighty-four
She never left the temple
serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

v.38

And at that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God
continued to speak of Him to all those who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

JESUS RETURNS NAZARETH (VV.39-40)

v.39

And when they had finished everything according to the Law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

v.40

Now the Child continued to grow and become strong
being filled with wisdom
and the grace of God was upon Him.