

### Luke 2:25-39

**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 on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **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, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**29** "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
    you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
**30** For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
**31** which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
**32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
    and the glory of your people Israel."

**33** The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. **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, **35** so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

**36** There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. **38** Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

**39** When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

### VV. 25-28

- The revelation of the Holy Spirit (Waiting, Revealed, Moved...)
- Consolation "Comforting" of Israel?
  - Isaiah 40:1
  - The Book of the Consolation of Israel (Isaiah 40-66)

### VV. 29-32 a poem

- Let us parse the poem
- Observations

### Vv. 33-35

- The warning about pain for Mary (34)

### Vv. 36-38

- Anna the Prophet - not a surprise
  - Of Penuel of the Tribe of Asher (36)
  - Looking for the Redemption (38)

## Advent Series

### Why did Christ have to be born?

- Week 1: Hope – In the Hebrew Bible, the words most often used for hope—*qavah* and *yakhal*—are also translated as “wait.” To hope in God means to wait with patient expectation, trusting that he will fulfill his promise.
  - Readings Isaiah 8:5-17, Psalm 130:1-8, Matt 1-2
  - Preaching Passage: To be the Free Gift from God (Romans 5:12-21)
- **Week 2: Peace - As Jesus continues his work of bringing real, lasting peace throughout the Earth, we can participate in that work by living as peacemakers.**
  - Isaiah 9:1-7, Col 1:13-23, Mark 1
  - Preaching Passage: To bring Salvation (Luke 2: 25-39)
- Week 3: Joy - This kind of joy is about being united with the God who walks with us and trusting that he will one day wipe away every tear. It looks to the future...[and] invites us to experience joy not because everything is perfect but because God is with us and his joy is already breaking into the world.
  - Isaiah 51:1-11, 2 Cor 6:1-10, Luke 1
  - Preaching Passage: To bring us a King for the Nations (Isaiah 7:14 and 9:2-7)
- Week 4: Love - The Advent season leads us to reflect on the future God is bringing, where every interaction will be shaped and compelled by love. Even more, it invites us to live into that coming world right now by loving others the way Jesus does.
  - Deut 6:4-8, 1 Cor 1, John 1
  - Preaching Passage: The birth of the Messiah (Luke 2: 1-20)

Resources	Bible Studies	Events
Advent Family Bible Readings  	<p>Wed. (Dec. 10, 17): 7-8:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Virtual Bible Study</li> <li>- In-person (Bro. David volunteered for Dec.)</li> <li>- We all start virtual for first 10 min)</li> <li>- All welcome</li> </ul> <p>Sat (Dec. 13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's Fellowship</li> </ul> <p>Sat (Dec. 20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men's Fellowship</li> </ul> <p>Sun (Dec. 28)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preaching series covering the Book of James Begins</li> </ul> <p>Stay up on Studies and Resources <a href="https://www.redemption-church.net/">https://www.redemption-church.net/</a></p>	<p>Alpha Bible Study (In-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dec. 13, 20, 27</li> <li>- Saturdays 5-7:00 pm</li> </ul> <p>Register for Alpha scan:  </p> <p>Christmas Caroling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday Dec. 19 @ 7pm</li> <li>- Meet in front of Church</li> </ul>
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