

## Simeon—the Aged

Luke 2:21-35

Simeon like Simon, from the Hebrew word

שָׁמַע      *shama`*      shaw-mah' (see Deut. 6:4)

Means: hear, hearken (hear and obey), obey, understand,

Nunc dimittis (Luke 2:39-32) Latin for “Now dismiss your servant in peace.”

### 1. Historical Promises

*He [Simeon] was waiting for the consolation of Israel...*      —Luke 2:25

**Of the 300 Old Testament prophecies about the Christ,  
Jesus could not have fabricated the prophecies about his own birth.**

**A. Savior born to the woman.** Genesis 3:15, (Gal 4:4, Matthew 1:20, Luke 2:22-23)

**B. Born of a virgin.** Isaiah 7:14, (Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 1:18, 24, 25)

**C. Son of God.** Psalm 2:7, 1 Chronicles 17:13, 2 Samuel 7:13-14,  
(Matt. 3:17, 16:16, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35, 22:70, Acts 13:30-33, John 1:34, 49)

#### **D. Descendant of—**

<b>Abraham</b>	Genesis 22:18, (Matthew 1:1)
<b>Isaac</b>	Genesis 21:1, (Luke 3:23, 34, Matthew 1:2)
<b>Jacob</b>	Numbers 24:17, (Luke 3:23, 34, Matthew 1:2)
<b>Judah</b>	Genesis 49:10, Micah 5:2, (Luke 3:23, 33, Matthew 1:2)
<b>Jesse</b>	Isaiah 11:1ff, (Luke 3:23, 32, Matthew 1:6)
<b>David</b>	Psalm 132:11-12, Jeremiah 23:5, 2 Samuel 7:12-16, (Luke 3:23, 31, Matthew 1:1)

**E. Born at Bethlehem.** Micah 5:2, (Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-7, John 7:42)

**F. Presented with gifts.** Psalms 72:10, Isaiah 60:6, Ezek. 27:22, (Matthew 2:1, 11)

**G. Death of the Innocents.** Jeremiah 31:15, (Matthew 2:16)

2. **Personal**, specific Promises.

*It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.* —Luke 2:26

**The Holy Spirit is mentioned 3 times in connection with Simeon.**

- A. Simeon was Spirit filled, (vs. 25)
- B. Holy Spirit revealed he would see Messiah before his death. (vs. 26)
- C. Holy Spirit moved him to go to the temple courts, recognized Jesus. (vs. 27)

**Holy Spirit took what the scripture said, made it specific for Simeon.**

**Holy Spirit will not work opposite to God's character. (John 16:13ff)**

3. Promises received by **response**.

*Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.* —Luke 2:27

**All God's Promises are Yes and Amen in Jesus.**

**It is up to us. YES? Or NO?**

Memory Verse:

***For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*** —2 Corinthians 1:20