

Christmas Stories
The Stories of Simeon and Anna: A Redeemer Is Proclaimed!
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Key Thought of the Day

At Jesus' birth God was declaring that the _____ had finally arrived!

Key Verse of the Day

"The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins," says the Lord. Isaiah 59:20 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NLT

Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. Isaiah 59:1-2 NLT

Simeon's Story

"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, and many others to rise. 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." Luke 2:29-35 NLT

Revelations of a Redeemer

- **Simeon**: The Redeemer has come to the _____.

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!" Luke 2:30-32 NLT

Revelations of a Redeemer

- **Simeon**: The Redeemer will reveal the _____ of people.

"He is a light to reveal God..." Luke 2:32a NLT

"This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. 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." Luke 2:34-35 NLT

Anna's Story

Revelations of a Redeemer

- **Anna:** The Redeemer had arrived to _____ people.

She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. Luke 2:38b NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23 NLT

Joseph and Mary's Story

Eight days later, 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 offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Luke 2:21-24 NLT

When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. Luke 2:39-40 NLT

Revelations of a Redeemer

- **Joseph and Mary:** The Redeemer had come to _____.

When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. Luke 2:39 NLT

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." Matthew 5:17-18 NIV

The Challenge

Do you know the Redeemer?

"The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins," says the Lord. Isaiah 59:20 NLT