Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance



Luke 2:21-38

Lesson 4- Part II

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Luke 2:21

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

References

Lev 12:3 And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Luk 1:59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father...

Mat 1:25 And he called his name Jesus.



Luke 2:22-23 (Firstborn/Jesus)

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord")

References

the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

Num 18:16 And their redemption price (at a month old you shall redeem them) you shall fix at five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.



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Luke 2:24 (Purification/Mary)

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."



References

Lev 12:8 And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a purification offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean."



Luke 2:25-26 Simeon

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

References

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"



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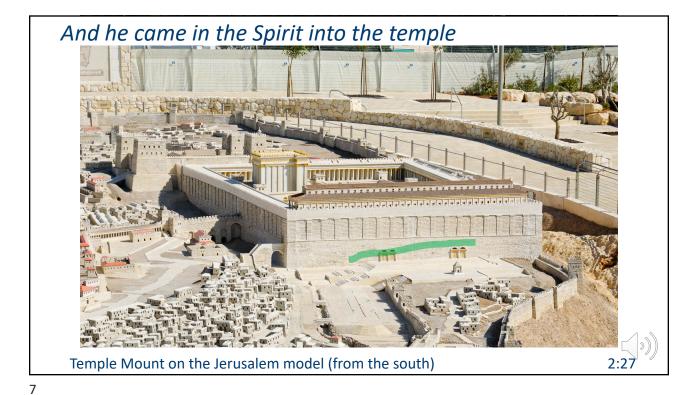
Luke 2:27-28

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

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Southern Temple Mount steps



That they might **do for him** according to the custom of the Law



The Torah Scroll at the Western Wall

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Luke 2:29-33 Nunc Dimittis

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

References

me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive."

sa 98:2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations (Gentiles).

Isa 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory."

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Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples



Scripture in many languages at Yardenit baptismal site

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Luke 2:34-35 Mary's Sword

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

References

Num 6:24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

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Luke 2:36-38 - Hannah

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

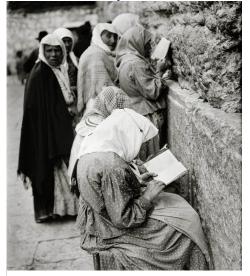
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Act 5:42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Messiah is Jesus.

Isa 52:9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusann.

And there was Anna, a prophetess . . . She did not depart

from the temple



Devout Jewish women at the Western Wall

Acts 1:6-9 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

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She . . . spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem



Jerusalem's redemption predicted in Isaiah 52:9 on the Great Isaiah Scroll

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