

# **Christmas Allsorts**



**Luke 2: 21 - 40**

**Note:-**

**The age range in the story  
The work of the Holy Spirit  
How these two are linked**

# Naming Ceremony in Bethlehem

Luke 2:21



for a Jewish boy





Luke 2:22

In an observant  
Jewish family

The Torah  
A guide  
for living



# Up to Jerusalem after 33 days

Luke 2:22 – 23    Lev 12:3....



# An offering of pair of doves - for the poor

Luke 2:24





ORDINARY

PEOPLE

# Simeon – an old man

Luke 2:25



1, righteous and devout

2, waiting for “the Consolation of Israel”

3, The Holy Spirit was upon him

# **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in people close to Jesus**

Luke 2:26 - 27



- 1, revealing
- 2, promising
- 3, motivating
- 4, guiding



Luke 2:27

# Coincidence or Providence



# **A perfect stranger takes hold of your baby !**

Luke 2:27 - 28



# Simeon's response

Luke 2:28 - 32

1, thanks to God

2, prophetic prayer

a, light to Gentiles

b, glory for Israel





# Parents !

Luke 2:33



**How did he see so much about the child's future?**



**Progressive Revelation in the Bible**

# The light and the dark sides of his prophecy

Luke 2:34 - 35



1, decision time

2, for or against him

3, revealing hearts

4, personal warning



# Anna – an old woman

Luke 2: 36 - 38

- 1, her ancestry - note no lost tribes!
- 2, her history - long time widow - lonely?
- 3, devout worshipper of the true God  
God spoke to her  
thankful for God's grace to her  
shared what God gave her  
to those "waiting for  
the Redemption of Israel"



Luke 2: 39



# **A happy childhood**

Luke 2 : 40





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