

12-27-2023 – Anna & Simeon meet Jesus

I like movies where everything comes together in the end. It's related. It makes sense. We like things to make sense.

Gen. 17:12 – since time of Abraham, every male is circumcised 8 days old.

Abram's name is changed to signify he will be "father of many nations;"

- Kings will come from you. Est. my covenant w/ you & descendants
- I will give you Canaan, and I will be your God.

Matt. 1 – genealogy: Abraham, father of Isaac, ... Jacob... Joseph, husband of Mary.

Interesting: mother of **Boaz** was **Rahab**. Prostitute, Jericho. Gentile.

Boaz has Obed, whose mother is **Ruth**. A Moabite. Gentile.

Boaz becomes Ruth's redeemer.

Redeemer buys back property lost in time of need so it stays in the family. . . buy back one sold in slavery, so person regains freedom. **Naomi** married to **Elimelek**.

Ruth Boaz have Obed – Jesse – King David.

Kings came from Abraham ... no King greater than Jesus.

Jesus @ 8 days old, circumcised. Purification.

Leviticus 12 – mother deemed “unclean” for 7 days. 8th day, circumcised.
Woman must wait 33 days to be “purified.” Can’t go to sanctuary 40 days.
(14 days for daughter; 66 days to be purified).

Luke 2:21 – on 8th day, Jesus is named & circumcised.

Luke 2:22 – “When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord . . .”

Vs. 25 – meet Simeon, lived in Jerusalem. 5 mi. from Bethlehem.

- Holy Spirit was on him.
- Holy Spirit revealed – would see Messiah before dying.
- Holy Spirit moved him – he went to the temple.
 - God speaks to us thru H.S. He is with us. Not alone.
 - God reveals we have a reason for living. Promises.
 - God moves us... gets us to right place, right time.

Simeon's prayer:

“29 “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised. 30 I have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared for all people.
32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations,
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

- Peace is at the end ... we've fulfilled our mission.
 - Until then... continue on. Fight the good fight.
 - Run your race... finish your course. Don't quit.
 - “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” **1 Tim. 4:7**. Crown awaits us, but not until we have fulfilled our purpose.
- God doesn't exclude anyone... salvation is for all people.
 - Luke was a gentile... emphasis on “all.” Gentile, Jew.
- From genealogy to grace ... we can all be part of God's family.

Anna – a prophet – very old. Never left the temple.

She also saw Jesus. Gave thanks, & spoke about the child to all.

Recognition of Jesus. And spoke of her faith. **Maturity has insight**

Both Anna & Simeon reached end of their lives, nothing they can do.

In reaching the end of ourselves is when Jesus shows up.

Accepting powerlessness of situation allows us to see God's hand in it

Song of the week: Simeon's Song