

**Intro:** Remember encyclopedia salesmen? Me neither. *Worldbook*.  
Picture OT books behind every detail of Jesus's life.

1. **The fulfillment of the Law (Lk. 2:21-24)**

a. **Gal. 4:4-5**

b. Four\* laws fulfilled in Jesus's first two months:

- i. Jesus's circumcision **21: Lev. 12:3**
- ii. Mary's purification days **22: Lev. 12:4**
- iii. Mary's purification offering **24: Lev. 12:6-8**
- iv. Jesus's consecration **23: Ex. 13:2, 12**
  1. 10<sup>th</sup> plague sign: **Ex. 13:14-16**
  2. Levites replace 1<sup>st</sup>-born: **Num. 8:15-18**
  3. 1<sup>st</sup>-born redeemed\*: **Num. 18:14-16**

c. **Rom. 10:4** "Christ is the culmination of the law..."

2. **The fall and rise of many – Simeon's prophecy (Lk. 2:25-35)**

a. Sings the 4<sup>th</sup> song in Jesus's infancy narrative

- i. Mary (**1:46**); Zechariah (**1:67**); angels (**2:13**)
- ii. Praise 4 Jesus: peace, salvation, light, glory
- iii. Mary treasured & pondered shepherds' words
- iv. She & Joseph marvel at Simeon's words

b. Blesses Mary & Joseph, & then addresses Mary

- i. Child is destined to cause falling & rising
- ii. Stone: stumble, or cornerstone? **Ps. 118:22**
- iii. **John 3:18** "Whoever believes in him is not

condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

c. The sword that reveals everyone's heart

- i. Broadsword of God's Word (Goliath)

**Heb. 4:12-13** **12**For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **13**Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- ii. "spoken against" = *refused*, contradicted, opposed, resisted, *rejected*
- iii. Not only †, but all opposition -> Mary's soul

- B4 Simeon's ominous word darkens Mary's wonder...
- B4 Joseph has time to ponder his own fate (*why not me?*)...
- A wonderful, elderly woman approaches. Her name is Anna.

3. **The Redeemer is the ransom – Anna's balm (Lk. 2:36-38)**

a. Luke gives us her background, age\*

- i. "Never left" "night & day" = **Ps. 1:2**
- ii. Worship: fasting & praying – *feeding on God*

b. She was a prophet:

- i. Carried along by Holy Spirit
- ii. **1 Cor. 14:1-3** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. **2**For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. **3**But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

c. The Redeemer *is* the Ransom. **Mk. 10:45**