



FIRST
SONGS OF
CHRISTMAS





On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. When the time came for purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, to that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed

And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

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“Holy Spirit was on him” v 25

“Had things revealed to him” v26

“Moved by the Holy Spirit v27

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”

Isaiah 9:6

The Courage to Act

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Luke 2:27-28

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Seeing Jesus in Life and Death

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace”

Luke 2: 26, 29

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

2 Corinthians 5:17

Redemption for ALL Nations

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all
nations: a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and the glory of your people
Israel.”

Luke 2:30-32

Rise, Fall, and Redemptive Pain

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, to that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed

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Luke 2:34-35

Make me *Watchful*

Make me *Watchful*

Give me *Courage*

Make me *Watchful*

Give me *Courage*

Open my *Doors*

