

“The Promise Of God”

The Sunrise of God!

- I. Luke’s preface and the introduction of John and Jesus (1.1—2.52)
 - A. Preface: Luke carefully builds on precedent (1.1-4)
 - B. Infancy narrative: forerunner and fulfillment (1:5–2:40)
 1. Announcement to Zechariah (1:5–25)
 2. Announcement to Mary (1:26–38)
 3. Meeting of Mary and Elizabeth (1:39–45)
 4. Mary’s praise: the Magnificat (1:46–56)
 5. Birth of John (1:57–66)
 6. Zechariah’s praise: the Benedictus (1:67–80)
 7. Birth of Jesus (2:1–7)
 8. Reaction to the birth (2:8–21)
 9. Witness of the man and woman at the temple (2:22–40)

- Purification Offering — Lev 12.2-4, 6
- Presentation of the first-born — Ex 13.2, 12, 15; 34.19; Num 18.15-16
- Presentation to the Lord — 1Sam 1—2

Luke 2.29 — The first two words in Luk 2.29 in Latin are *Nunc Dimittis*, which is often noted as the liturgical citation for this text. This statement of “releasing” is frequently used in various ceremonies.

Light — Isa 9:2; 42:6; 49:6, 9; 51:4; 60:1–3; Acts 26.22-23

Just a note for this passage’s connection with the birth account in Matthew, Luke “telescopes” much of Jesus’ life and many of the events recorded in Matthew are not included. Matthew’s and Luke’s accounts are not attempting to be chronologically linked, and, we don’t have enough information to definitively put their two chronologies together. We’ll let them stand as they are written.

Principle . . . from the lives of Simeon, Anna, Joseph, and Mary . . .

Principle . . . from the life of Jesus . . .

Principle . . . from the Light of Jesus . . .

Principle . . . from Joseph and Mary . . .