

# Old and New

## STEPPING INTO CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:20 (NLT) *The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.*

Luke 2:21 (NIV) *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.*

Genesis 17:1-14 (NLT) *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. <sup>2</sup>I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants."*

<sup>3</sup>*At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! <sup>5</sup>What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!*

<sup>7</sup>*"I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup>And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God."*

<sup>9</sup>*Then God said to Abraham, "Your responsibility is to obey the terms of the covenant. You and all your descendants have this continual responsibility. <sup>10</sup>This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among you must be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup>From generation to generation, every male child must be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. This applies not only to members of your family but also to the servants born in your household and the foreign-born servants whom you have purchased. <sup>13</sup>All must be circumcised. Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant."*

## Jesus was a child of \_\_\_\_\_ and a child of \_\_\_\_\_.

Leviticus 12:1-3 (NLT) *The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. If a woman becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son, she will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her menstrual period. <sup>3</sup>On the eighth day the boy's foreskin must be circumcised.*

## Jesus was a law-\_\_\_\_\_, not a law-\_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 2:22 (NLT) *Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child...*

Leviticus 12:4, 6 (NLT) *After waiting thirty-three days, she will be purified from the bleeding of childbirth. During this time of purification, she must not touch anything that is set apart as holy. And she must not enter the sanctuary until her time of purification is over. <sup>6</sup>"When the time of purification is completed...the woman must bring a one-year-old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or turtledove for a purification offering. She must bring her offerings to the priest at the entrance of the Tabernacle.*

Luke 2:22 (NLT) *Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child, so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." <sup>24</sup>So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord— "either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."*

Leviticus 12:8 (NLT) *If a woman cannot afford to bring a lamb, she must bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

Luke 2:25-28 (NLT) *At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly*

waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup>and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, <sup>28</sup>Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God...

Luke 2:29-39 (NLT) "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup>I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup>He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

<sup>33</sup>Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup>As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

<sup>36</sup>Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. <sup>37</sup>Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. <sup>38</sup>She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home...

Luke 1:6-7 (NLT) Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. <sup>7</sup> They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old.

The best \_\_\_\_\_ saints are most \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ work.

The new didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the old, the new \_\_\_\_\_ the old.

Luke 16:16 (NLT) Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses and the messages of the prophets were your guides. But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached...

Matthew 5:17 (NLT) Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

Luke 2:30-35 (NLT) I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup>He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" ...<sup>34</sup>"This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup>As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed..."

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Jesus is always the \_\_\_\_\_ of true faith.