

10 The Circumcision and Presentation in the Temple Lk. 2:21-38

After a week, just as the law advised
For covenant, the boy was circumcised,
And when the baby was forty days old,
They went to Temple, just as Torah told,²⁷
“Each male who opens up the womb shall be
Consecrated to God eternally,”²⁸
A gesture to the God who deeply loves.
They offered up a pair of turtledoves.²⁹
A righteous man lived in Jerusalem,
Who recognized the fruit from Jesse’s stem.
He once was, by the Holy Spirit told,
“In truth, before your body will grow cold,
Your eyes shall see the Lord’s anointed one.”
So, when they brought to Simeon their Son,
He lifted up the babe and God he blessed.
“Lord, now I know that I, in peace, can rest.
Your servant can, in this young child, see
That You always fulfill Your prophecy.
This light shall be for all a revelation
To bring to Jew and Gentile salvation.”
His knowledge left the two of them amazed,
And Simeon, in Mary’s eyes, then gazed,
“For many, He will be the fall or rise,
A sign from God that people will despise,
For to lay bare the hearts who hate the Lord,
While your own heart shall be pierced by a sword.”
After his prophesying, there was more.
A prophetess there was, aged eighty-four,
Named Anna, who at Temple always stayed,
Where night and day, she fasted and she prayed.
She came to them and gave sincere thanks to the Lord,
And spoke of Him to all with faith in the Christ stored.

