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Special Revelation to Old Man Simeon.

(Luke 2:22-35 TLB)

I believe this story to be a beautiful story of God's goodness shown to one very special man. (Aged 80 or more)

This man was named Simeon and he was: "...a good man, very devout, filled with the Holy Spirit and constantly expecting the Messiah to come soon. For the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen Him - God's anointed King." (TLB)



What a promise! Out of the millions who had been born, lived and died, this one Simeon, was chosen to know that He had come at last ... God's chosen one. I wonder did Simeon share the promise with anyone else?

The people of God, the Israelites (Jews) had waited 600 years for the Prophet Isaiah's prophecy to come true. (see Isaiah 9:6-9) and Simeon had been told that his eyes would see that child (Jesus) before he died - born of a virgin and to become the Messiah, God's chosen one, and here he was ... brought to the temple by Mary and Joseph.



It was a sacred duty to dedicate and first born male child to God and Simeon was urged by the Holy Spirit to go to the Temple and there was the baby Jesus. He took the child in his arms and praising God: "Lord." He said "now I can die content! For I have seen Him as you promised me I would. I have seen the Savior you have given to the world. He is the 'Light' that will shine upon the nations and will be the glory of your people, Israel!"

Joseph and Mary just stood there marvelling at what was being said about Jesus.

Truly a great story.