

Luke 2:21-52 Yeshua's Early Life

Little is known or taught by modern teachers about Yeshua's early life. The Bible reveals a wealth of information that can be pieced together from the information that exists to give us ideas of how Yeshua's life and Ministry progressed.

First, the visitation by the angel Gabriel revealed to Mary, the mother of Yeshua, what she was to call the child. Next, there were words spoken over Mary and the child in Mary's womb by her relative Elisabeth when Mary visited and spent the time with Elisabeth before the birth of Elisabeth's son, John the Baptist.

A wealth of additional information is given to us when Mary and Joseph went up to Jerusalem after her purification to present Yeshua to YeHoVaH. This was done to perform the requirements written in the Law of the Lord that, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to YeHoVaH" and to offer a Sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of YeHoVaH.

In this Teaching today, we are going to piece together the early life and Ministry of Yeshua. In preparation for the teaching "Yeshua's Early Life", I asked you to read Luke 2:21-52. How many of you read it?

Lk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called YESHUA, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Naming the child on the eighth day was a custom or tradition.
Circumcising the male child on the eighth day was a Command.

Both Zecharias and Elisabeth, and Mary and Joseph were told what to name their sons before they were conceived. Therefore, they did not need to wait for the eighth day to give their child the name they had already been given by YeHoVaH.

They were commanded to wait until the eighth day to circumcise their sons.

Lk 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses/the law of YeHoVaH were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord/YeHoVaH;

Lk 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

Lev 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 12:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

Lev 12:3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Lev 12:4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

Lev 12:5 But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

Lev 12:6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

Lev 12:7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female.
Lev 12:8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Lk 2:24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

In the Law given to Moses by YeHoVaH, the pigeons or turtledoves were given only if the person could not afford the lamb. This indicated Joseph and Mary's financial status (Leviticus 12).

Lk 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Lk 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ/YeHoVaH's Messiah.

Lk 2:27 And he came by the Spirit/led by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Yeshua, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Lk 2:28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lk 2:29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Lk 2:30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Question: Did Simeon see salvation and get saved or did Simeon see the child Yeshua?

The word salvation used by Simeon in this verse was first used by Jacob/Israel in Genesis 49:18 when prophesying over his sons.

Jacob/Israel stopped speaking to his sons and proclaimed to YeHoVaH that he had waited for His salvation. The word for salvation in this statement is the Hebrew word Yeshua!

Ge 49:18 I have waited for thy salvation/Yeshua, O LORD/YeHoVaH.

Salvation – 03444 יְשׁוּעָה yeshuw`ah {yesh-oo'-aw}

Meaning: 1) salvation, deliverance 1a) welfare, prosperity 1b) deliverance 1c) salvation (by God) 1d) victory

Usage: AV - salvation 65, help 4, deliverance 3, health 3, save 1, saving 1, welfare 1; 78

Lk 2:31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Lk 2:32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lk 2:33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Lk 2:34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

Lk 2:35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Simeon, led by the Holy Spirit took the child:

- Blessed YeHoVaH
- Acknowledged YeHoVaH had kept His promise to him
- Prophesied over the child

- Blessed the parents
- Prophesied to Mary

Lk 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

Anna was a virgin when she married her husband. After seven years of marriage, her husband died. Anna never married again. She was 84 years old when she witnessed Yeshua and began to tell everyone, she came in contact with, that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Anna was a tribal member of Asher, one of the so-called lost Tribes, was serving in the Temple Courts, and identified as a Prophetess.

Lk 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Lk 2:38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. **KJV**

Lk 2:38 At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. **NASB**

Lk 2:38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. **ASV**

Lk 2:38 And she too came up at that same hour, and she returned thanks to God and talked of [Jesus] to all who were looking for the redemption (deliverance) of Jerusalem. **AMP**

Lk 2:38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about Jesus to everyone who had been waiting for the promised King to come and deliver Jerusalem. **NLT**

Like Simeon in verse 25, many people were looking for the Messiah who would redeem Jerusalem, where the Temple of YeHoVaH was, and then all of Israel.

Anna, like Simeon, gave thanks to YeHoVaH for Yeshua and prophesied.

In a matter of months, Mary had:

- Seen and spoke with the Angel Gabriel
- Been prophesied to by Elisabeth
- Witnessed the testimonies of the shepherds
- Heard prophetically from Simeon and been blessed by him
- Heard prophetically from Anna

Lk 2:39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Nazareth in Galilee was where they lived in their own house.

After Mary's purification they returned to Nazareth in the Galilee NOT Bethlehem.

When the Magi came to present gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, they came to a house in Nazareth, not a manger in Bethlehem as the misleading nativity scenes depict.

Mt 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Lk 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

This verse tells us that as Yeshua grew, He was not like the other children and gives us insight into Yeshua's early life up to the age of 12.

- Yeshua grew strong in Spirit.
- Yeshua was filled with wisdom.
- The grace of YeHoVaH was upon Him.

Lk 2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

Where He is conversing with the doctors of the law ...

Lk 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

Lk 2:43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Yeshua tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

Lk 2:44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

Lk 2:45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

Lk 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

Lk 2:47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Yeshua listened and answered as He asked and heard the responses of the doctors of the law.

Lk 2:48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

Lk 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Yeshua's reply to His parents strongly suggested they should have known what He was about and where He was.

Yeshua's responds to them with two questions:

- Why are you looking for me?
- Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?

About my Father's Business:

YeHoVaH's, not Joseph's business

What was His Father's business?

From the fall, **the restoration of mankind via redemption** by the seed of the woman who would crush satan's head

They neither understood the questions nor did they answer them.

Lk 2:50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

Yeshua submitted to their authority as parents and went back to Nazareth with them.

Lk 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Lk 2:52 And Yeshua increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

All the things that had been revealed to Joseph and Mary, done in their presence, said to them, witnessed by them, warned about, etc., was pondered in the heart, but not taken to heart.

Yeshua's statement exposed the fact that they were trying to parent the Son of God but did not recognize or acknowledge who Yeshua was. The parents did not understand the Son or the purpose He had been given by the Most High.

Seeing this, Yeshua submitted to them and put God's business in Jerusalem with the doctors, Masters, teachers, etc. on hold and returned home with them.

What is revealed in this passage of Yeshua at age 12 reveals the kinds of behavior, conversations, and displays of wisdom Yeshua communicated with the neighbors, youths, adults, synagogue religious leaders, and all the people He interacted with in Nazareth where they lived until He came to be baptized of John in the Jordan River.

Mary continued to keep all those things she witnessed and heard in her heart. Mary was a classic mother.

If you add an "s" to mother, you get smother. Mary mothered and possibly smothered Yeshua which seemingly was put on full display at the wedding feast in Cana when He said to her:

Jn 2:3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

Jn 2:4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

Jn 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

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