



The Long View

Malachi 3:1 NIV

*“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are **seeking** will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.*

Luke 2:25b-26 NIV

*He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit **was** on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.*

Isaiah 40:1-2 NIV

*Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.*

Luke 2:27-32 NIV

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.*

*For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”*

Luke 2:38 NIV

Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

1 Peter 1:20-21 NIV

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Isaiah 9:6-7a NIV

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness
of his government and peace
there will be no end.*