

The Savior is Born Luke 2:1-38

I. Record of Birth – 2:1-7

1. At God's appointed time – 1-2
Galatians 4:4
When Roman Emperor called for a taxation
2. At an appointed place – 3-5
Micah 5:2 said it would be Bethlehem
Taxation called for a return to place of birth
Joseph and Mary must go to Bethlehem
3. It was a stressful time – 6-7
Mary was "great with child"
There was no place for them in the inn
4. Birth was in humble soundings – 6-7
In a cattle stall & they laid Him in a manger
The manger was a feeding trough
This fits with what we find in Phil. 2:5-8
"He humbled Himself and became a man"

II. Announcement of His Birth – 8-14

1. Given to common *working* men – 8
Shepherds watching over their flocks
2. Came from the Angel of the Lord – 9
God's own messenger announced His birth
3. They were surrounded by God's glory – 9
The same glory that dwelt in the Temple
God's glory is reappearing in person of Jesus
Note John 1:14
4. The Good News message – 10-12
Message is for all people - 10
A Savior is born this day in the City of David - 11
He is Christ (Messiah) and He is the Lord
A sign is given to identify this baby – 12
He is wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger
5. Host of Angels worshipped – 13-14
They knew the significance of this event
It was cause for giving glory to God
It was also an event that would impact humans

III. Response of Shepherds – 15-20

1. They must go and see – 15-16
Must see what God has revealed to us
They saw Mary, Joseph and the baby
2. They must go and tell others – 17-18
This message is needed & must be spread
3. They must worship God – 19-20
Mary thought on all that had happened
Shepherds returned glorifying God

IV. Fulfilling the Law – 2:21-38

1. Circumcised on the eight day – 21
As written in Leviticus 12 :3
2. Named Jesus as told by Angel
Luke 1:31; Matthew 1:21

3. Mary followed purification laws – 22-24
As written in Leviticus 12:1-8

V. Presentation in the Temple – 25-38

1. After completion of purification – 2:22
They presented Jesus to the Lord in the Temple
2. God spoke through Simeon – 25-32
He was a devout Jew waiting for the Messiah
And the Holy Spirit spoke through him
Promised not to die until he saw Messiah – 26
He took Jesus in his arms & blessed God – 28
Now ready to die, has seen God's salvation – 29-30
God's salvation is for all people – 31-32
A light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory of your people, Israel
3. Joseph & Mary marveled at message – 33
Confirmation that Jesus is the Messiah
God's plan includes the Gentiles
This will be meaningful to Luke's readers
4. Simeon's words for Mary – 34-35
He blessed Mary and Joseph – 34
Child shall have an impact on Israel – 34
Fall of Israel (because of rejection)
Rising again of Israel at a later time
Child will bring sorrow to Mary – 35
As she sees many reject Him as Messiah
And as she witnesses His crucifixion
5. Anna's words of praise – 36-38
She was a prophetess who spoke for God
Married 7 yrs. Widowed for 84 yrs.
Dedicated herself to prayer & fasting in Temple
Night and day
She gave thanks to God for birth of Messiah
She also spoke to others about Jesus