

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 2:29 Simeon based everything he said on his understanding of God's Promises.
- 2) 2:33 Mary and Joseph had been told their son was Messiah; they did not comprehend the scope of what this meant.
- 3) 2:34 Because of Jesus, the world will be brought to a point of decision—they will trip over the reality of Jesus or they will surrender to the reality of Him.
- 4) 2:34 The fulfillment of the prophecy of Jesus' death and resurrection is a massive stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.
- 5) 2:34-35 One of the evidences confirming Jesus is Messiah is His rejection.
- 6) The long-awaited salvation of God, the long-awaited fulfillment of God's Promises, the long-awaited fulfillment of every Old Testament prophecy is found in Jesus.
- 7) 2:35 God says very clearly that those who are living in the darkness love the darkness. They oppose Jesus because He reveals the conditions of their hearts.

What have we learned?

- In the First Coming, we have seen the one who fully meets all the characteristics of God's Deliverer.
- The First Coming reveals the hearts of mankind.
- The one who rejects Jesus is rejecting God's eternal purposes.

GREEK WORDS

Keimai (ki'-mahee)—to lie outstretched (literal and figurative) :-
be appointed, laid up, set
Ptosis (pto'-sis)—a crash, downfall :- fall
Anastasis (an-as'-tas-is)—a standing up again :- (literal) a
resurrection from death, raised to life again
Sēmeion (say-mi'-on)—an indication, especially supernatural :-
miracle, sign, wonder

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