

SONGS of CHRISTMAS JOY, pt.2 Luke (p.941)

The Gospel of Luke includes a series of original Christmas “songs.” These songs are prophetic- not in the sense that they foretell the future- but in the sense that they proclaim God’s work to humankind. God is going to fulfill His promise and send the Savior/Messiah.

- A. **Beatitude of Elizabeth** 1:42-45
- B. **Magnificat of Mary** (<Latin, *magnify*) 1:46-55
- C. **Song of Zechariah** 1:67-79

The angel Gabriel had appeared... Luke 1:5-13

He did not believe what he was hearing! “I’m going to have a **child**?!” Luke 1:18-22

The *Dawn from on high* is the **Light of life** who shattered the darkness.

- D. **Nunc Dimittus of Simeon** 2:25-35
[Latin Vulgate translation, “Now you dismiss”]

Joseph & Mary followed custom and took Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated.

1. Jesus offers God’s salvation for Jews and **Gentiles**.
2. Jesus is a **stumbling block** to many. 1Peter 2:7-8
3. Jesus causes the rise of many. John 11:25
4. Mary’s **anguish** would accompany the suffering of Christ.

After all, there was to follow the greatest crescendo of JOY and triumph.

That’s why we sing for joy at Christmas.