

Lyrics

Gloria in excelsis Deo is Glory to God in the highest.

Manger

A trough or open box to feed animals.

Nativity

The process or the circumstances of birth.



Priests of the Medes and Persians who followed astrology.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

> 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ 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.

Possible meanings of Noel

- 1. Shout of Joy at the birth of Christ
- 2. The Good News
- 3. Novella the Latin term for Good News
- 4. Now all is well

Phrases that are shortened in English

- 1. God be with you- goodbye
- 2. Fare thee well- farewell
- 3. Now all is well- Nowell/Noel

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ 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.

His name shall be called

- 1. Wonderful
- 2. Counselor
- 3. Mighty God
- 4. Everlasting Father
- 5. Prince of Peace

Verse 3 of The First Noel

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That have made heaven and earth of
naught
And with His blood mankind hath
bought

Quote

"You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you look up into the Father's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift." - JR