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A promising beginning

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The Saviour – Simeon's testimony, which is Spirit given testimony vv. 26-30]

The Jewish Saviour vv. 21-24, 39-40 [Lev. 12:8],

The longed for Saviour v. 25, 36-38 [Is. 40:1-2, Lk 3:4-6; Is. 61:1-3, Lk 4:17-21; Is. 66:10-13; Gen 12:3, Rom. 11:28-29]

The Scope of His Salvation Confirmed vv. 30-32

A salvation prepared

Light for revelation Is. 42:1-6, 49:1-6 [Rom. 1:28-32]

Glory. Isaiah 60:1-3 Romans 9:1-5, Romans 11:17-24

A warning of trouble and grief vv. 34-35

A ministry bringing division, opposition and mediating judgement

Grief for Mary [Mark 3:21, 32-34; Luke 4:16-30; John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14, 2:1]

Going into the year ahead