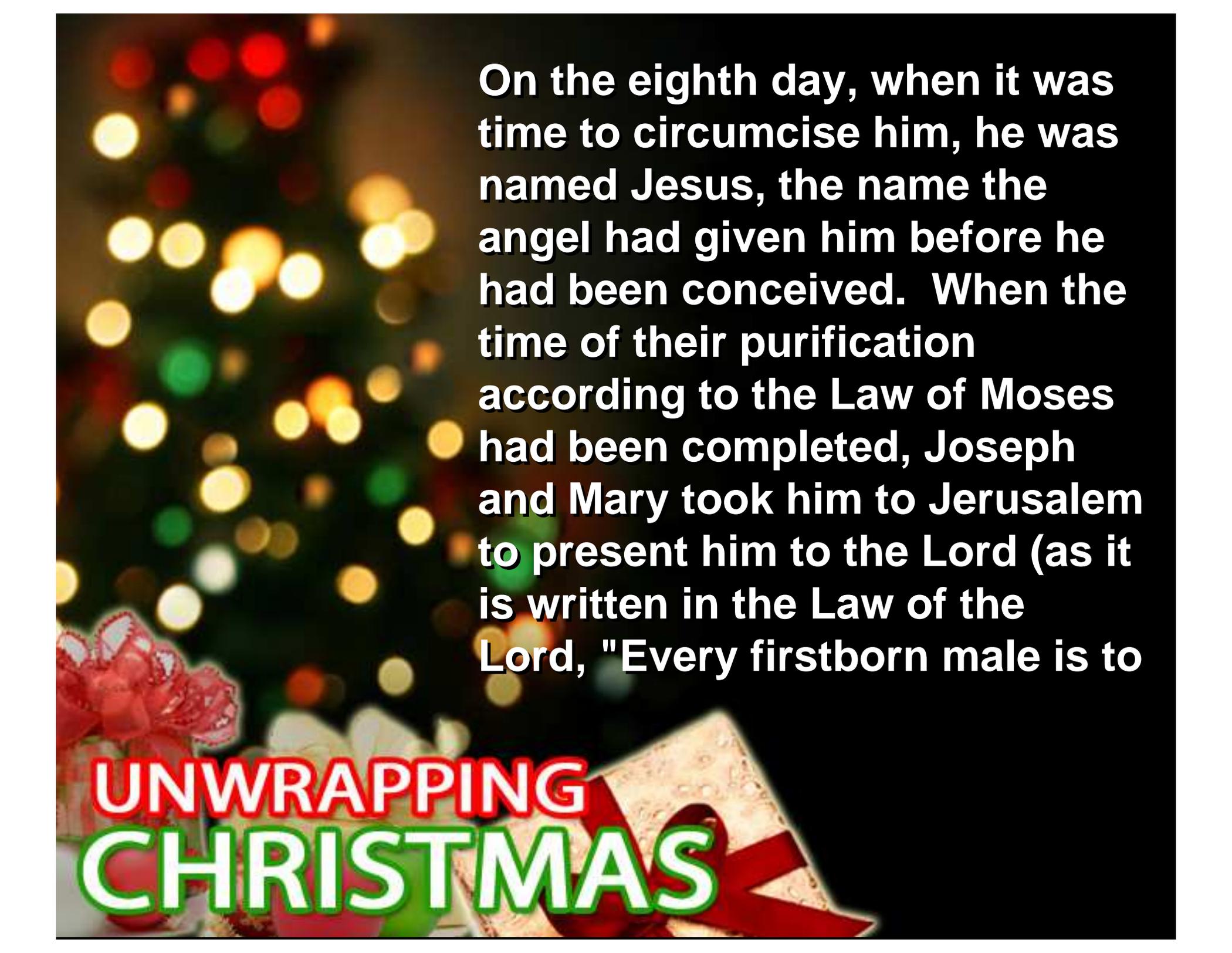


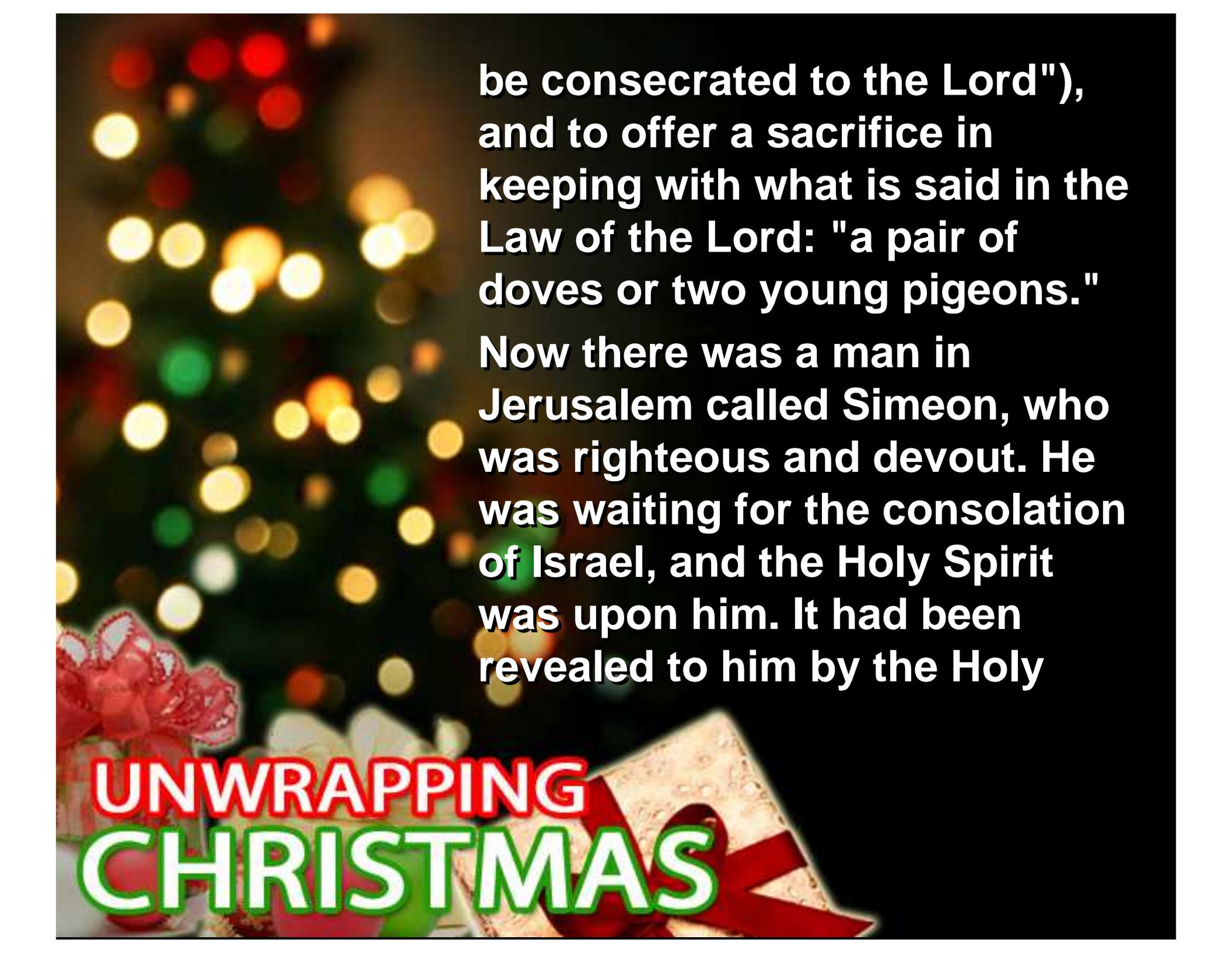


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On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to

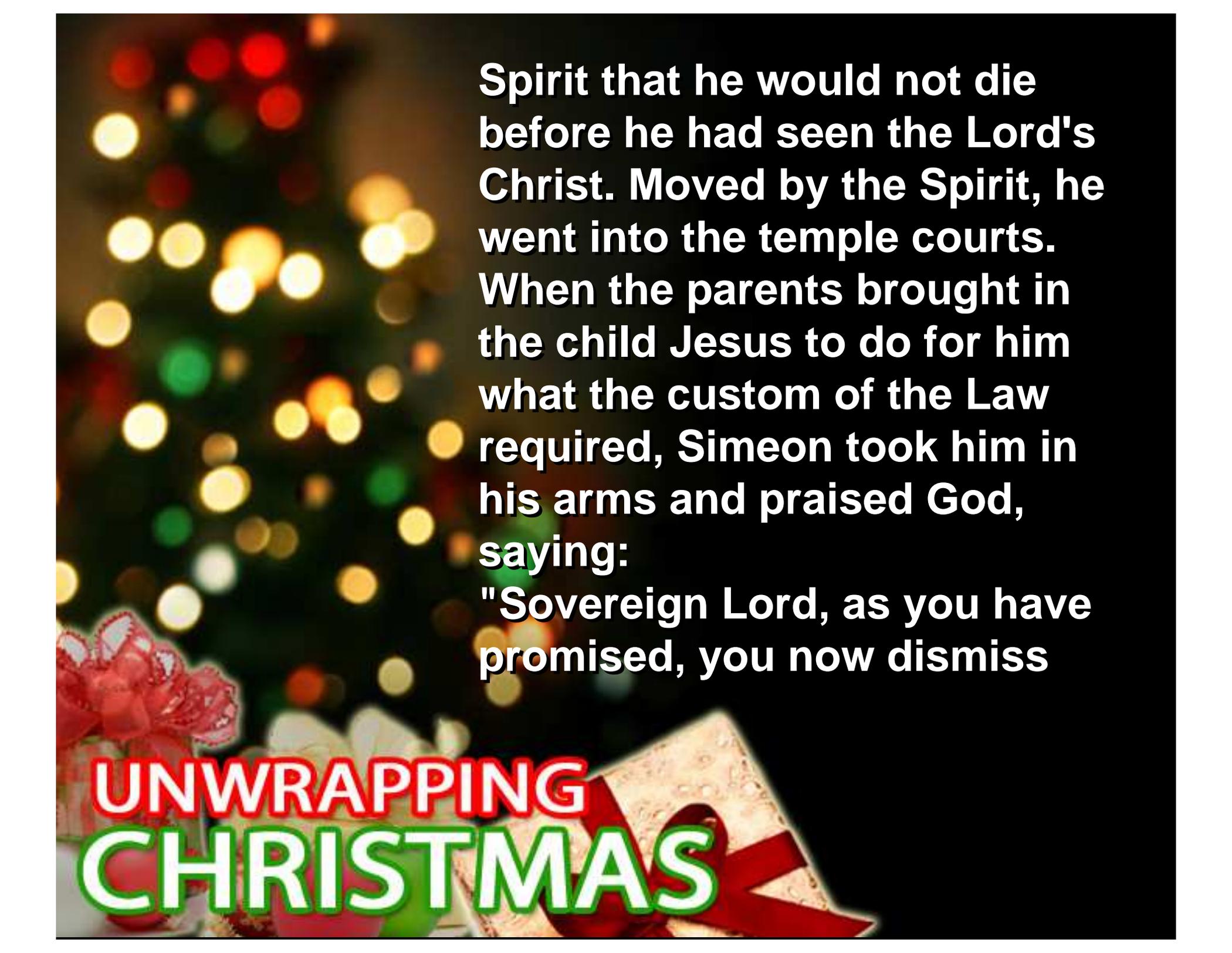
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be consecrated to the Lord"),  
and to offer a sacrifice in  
keeping with what is said in the  
Law of the Lord: "a pair of  
doves or two young pigeons."

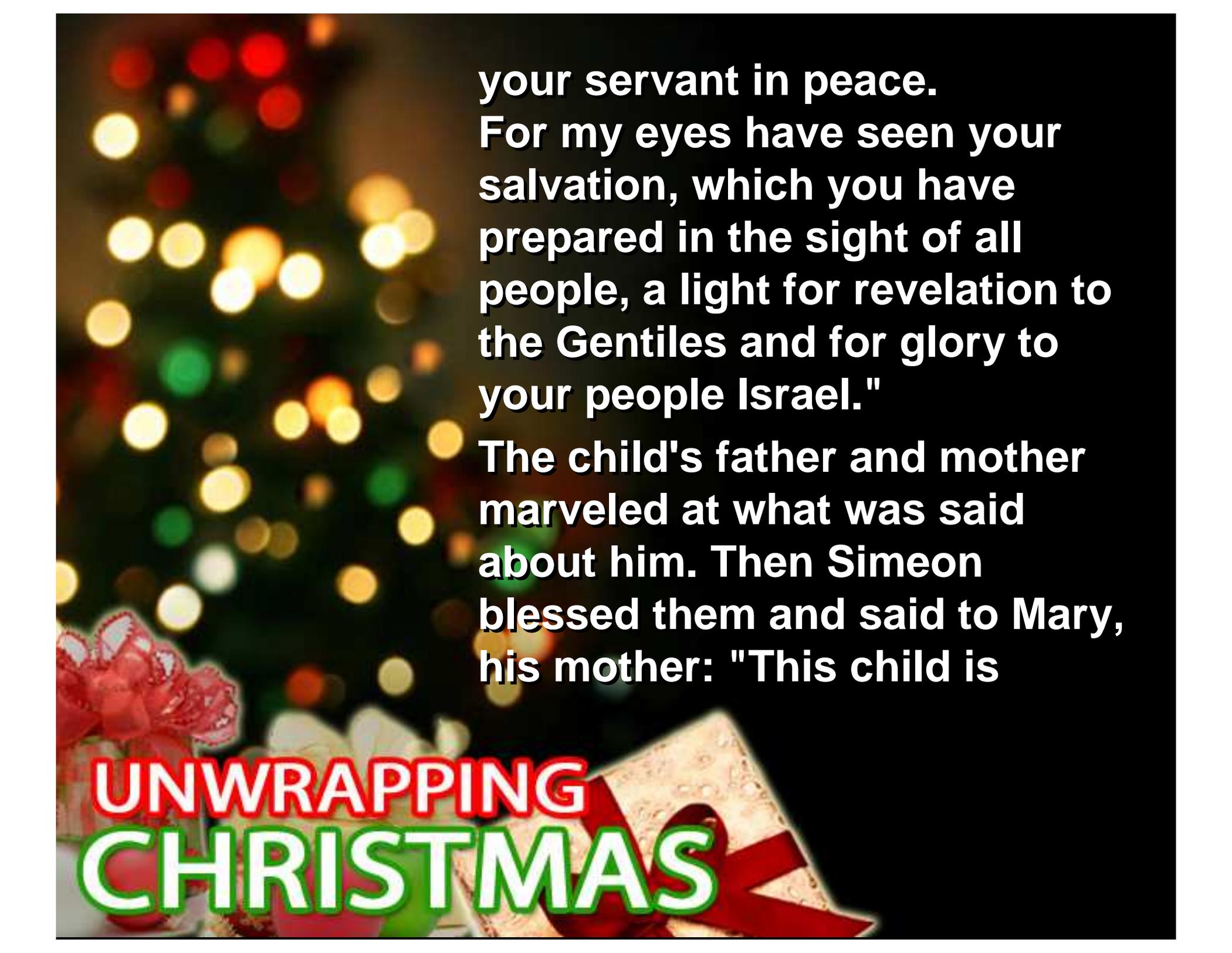
Now there was a man in  
Jerusalem called Simeon, who  
was righteous and devout. He  
was waiting for the consolation  
of Israel, and the Holy Spirit  
was upon him. It had been  
revealed to him by the Holy

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**Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:  
"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss**

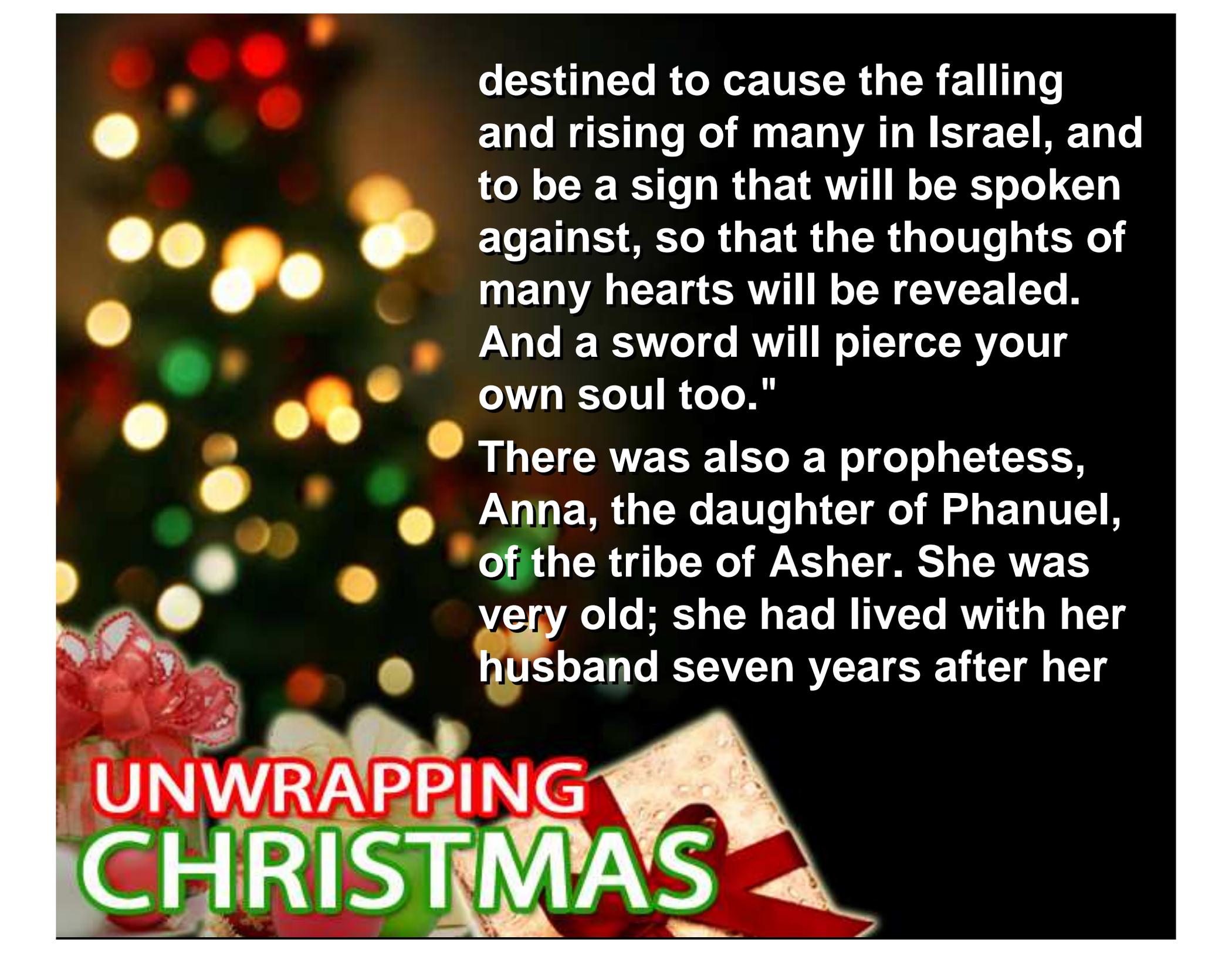
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**your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your  
salvation, which you have  
prepared in the sight of all  
people, a light for revelation to  
the Gentiles and for glory to  
your people Israel."**

**The child's father and mother  
marveled at what was said  
about him. Then Simeon  
blessed them and said to Mary,  
his mother: "This child is**

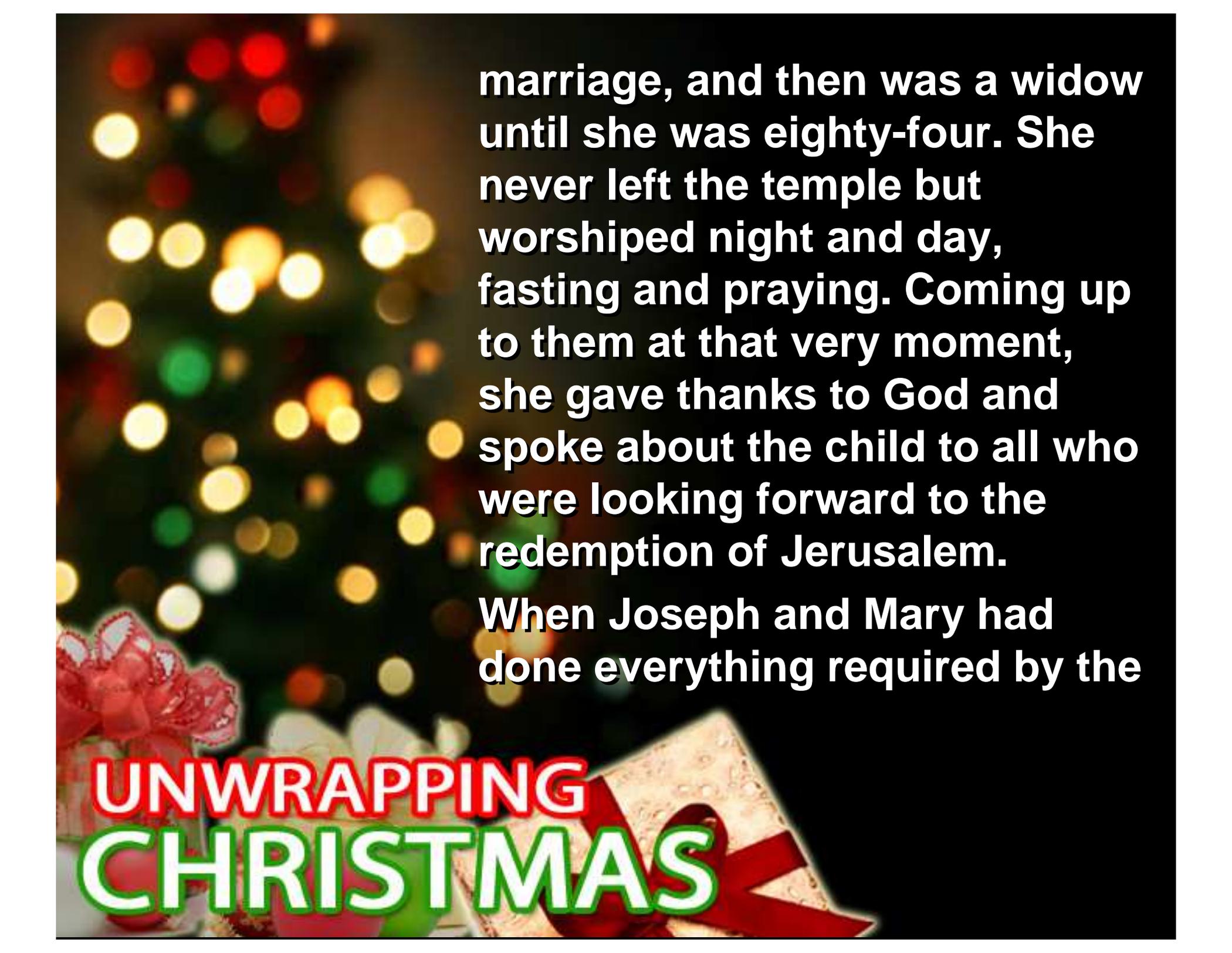
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destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her

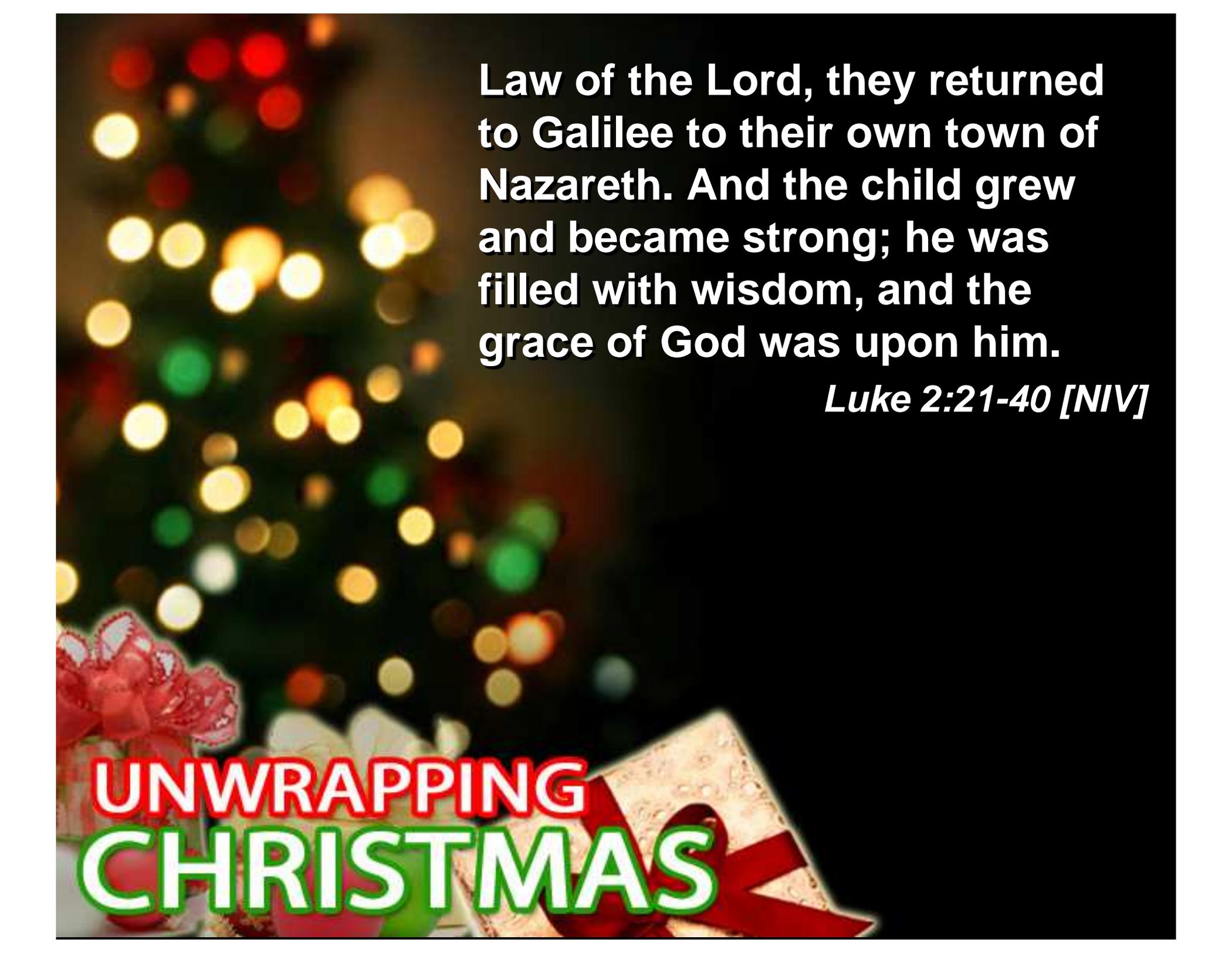
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marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the

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Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

*Luke 2:21-40 [NIV]*

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# Don't miss Jesus ...

Be a person who is  
looking forward (2:38)

This requires ...

- a heart that is worshipping
- a spirit that is yielding
- a mouth that is proclaiming

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