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"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him according the custom of the law, then he took Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your Salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; a Light to Enlighten the Gentiles, and **the Glory of Your People Israel**." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken about Him." (Luke 2:25-32)

Glory: from the Greek word **doxa** which means: "honor, renown, glory, splendor; an especially divine quality, the unspoken manifestation of God."

Glory: "Very great praise, honor, or distinction bestowed by common consent; something that is a source of honor, fame, or admiration."

Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, is being called the Glory, or Splendor, of God's people Israel; or in reverse, the Glory of the Nation Israel is Jesus their Messiah.

Consider this title in the Context of what Simeon said:

1. Simeon was waiting for the Consolation of Israel, the promised Messiah.
2. Simeon knew by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah, the Christ.
3. When Simeon saw the child Jesus in the Temple, he knew, by the Spirit of God, that the baby Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Christ.
4. Simeon said to God that the child Jesus was "**Your Salvation** which He prepared before the face of all people." This is a reference to a Messianic prophecy found in the Book of Isaiah:

"Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made **bare His Holy Arm** in the eyes of all the nations; and **all the ends of the earth shall see the Salvation of our God**." (Isaiah 52: 9-10) (**Bare:** chasaph: to strip off, strip, make bare.)

The context is one of Salvation for all people, both Jews and non Jews, throughout the world, through the redeeming work of the promised Jewish Messiah - Jesus!

5. For the non Jewish peoples, the Gentiles: Jesus is a Light to Enlighten the Gentiles. Simeon is quoting from Isaiah:

"I the LORD have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a Covenant to the People, for a **Light of the Gentiles**; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Isaiah 42: 6-7)

"And He said, It is a light thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give You as a Light to the Gentiles, that You may be My Salvation unto the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49: 6)

The context is again one of Salvation for all people, both Jews and non Jews, throughout the world, with the emphasis being that the Jewish Messiah, Jesus, is the 'Light' that will enlighten all the non Jewish peoples of the world to God's Salvation through the work of **His Servant Jesus!**

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6. And finally, for the Jewish people, Simeon declares Jesus to be the **Glory of God's People Israel**, which is the title of Jesus now being studied.

Simeon, like many of his fellow Israelites, believed that the promised Messiah would be the Consolation of Israel. When he saw the child Jesus in the Temple, he knew, by the Spirit of God, that Jesus was the Consolation of Israel. And by the Spirit he prophetically declared Jesus to be God's Salvation, and a Light to Enlighten the Gentiles, and thus the Glory of God's People Israel.

It is as these scriptures say:

"Sing unto the LORD a new song; for He has done marvelous things; His Right Hand, and His Holy Arm, has gained Him the victory. The LORD has made known His Salvation; His righteousness He has openly showed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation of our God." (Psalm 98: 1-3)

"... the Israelites; to whom belong the adoption, **and the glory**, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the service of God, and the promises; and who are the fathers, **and from whom the Messiah came**, according to the flesh, and **who is over all**, God blessed forever. Amen." (Romans 9: 4-5)

"Are we (Jews) better than them (Gentiles)? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; (Romans 3:9)

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23)

"But unto them who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God." (1Corinthians 1:24)

Jesus is the **Glory of God's People Israel** because He is their promised Messiah, their Savior and Redeemer; not from the Roman Empire, **but from sin**. Jesus is also the **Glory of God's People Israel** because their Messiah Jesus is also the Messiah and Savior of all people throughout the world! It is as Jesus the Messiah Himself said:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:14-17)

JESUS IS ...

the Glory of God's People Israel

**the Christ who is the Power of God,
and the Messiah who is the Wisdom of God;
God's Salvation for the Jews and for all People!**

This is Marvelous in our sight!

**Lord Jesus You are the Glory of all who have put their faith in You!
You have set us free from the prison of darkness that blinded our eyes!
You are for us Gods Salvation!**

Forever more Thank You Jesus!