

# **WIDOWS OF THE BIBLE**

## **ANNA: INTRODUCTION**

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As a believer, I eagerly await the return of Jesus, when He will take His Bride (the Church) back to His Father's House so that we may dwell with Him forever. No one knows when He will come for us. So we watch and wait.

Two thousand years ago, an old widow woman eagerly looked for the first coming of Jesus. She served the Lord daily in the Temple, praying and fasting. Anna was a prophetess, that is someone who received revelation directly from God. We do not have a record of any of her prophecies. Therefore, we can only speculate that God may have given her some insider information on the coming of the Messiah. We do know that Simeon, who served in the Temple with her, was assured by God that he would live to see the Messiah. The promise was probably a frequent topic of discussion between Simeon and Anna. It was likely a prevalent theme of their daily prayer life.

Only three small verses in the Gospel of Luke record Anna's encounter with baby Jesus, the Redeemer of Israel. She believed God's promise of a Savior. In the fullness of time, God sent His Savior into the world. And Anna was ready.