

Luke 3:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda,
which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan,
which was the son of Eliakim,

Analysis

Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda—Simeon (Συμεών, Symeon) bears the name of Jacob's second son, meaning "hearing" (Genesis 29:33), while Juda (Judah, Ἰούδα) recalls the tribe from which Messiah would come (Genesis 49:10). The repetition of tribal names reinforces the family's conscious identification with covenant history and prophetic promises.

These names also connect to Luke's narrative: Simeon the prophet recognized infant Jesus as Messiah (Luke 2:25-35), and the entire genealogy establishes Jesus as "Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Revelation 5:5). Each generation's naming choices reflected active participation in maintaining messianic expectation through faithful child-rearing and covenant instruction.

Historical Context

The practice of naming children after patriarchs and tribal ancestors served as living catechism, teaching each generation their place in salvation history. This genealogical consciousness helped preserve Jewish identity during dispersion and prepared the people to recognize prophetic fulfillment when Messiah appeared.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How might deliberate naming practices (choosing names with spiritual significance) serve as faith-forming tools in raising children?
2. What does this genealogical consciousness teach about the importance of knowing and teaching church history and biblical heritage?
3. How does Jesus's embodiment of Israel's tribal identity (Lion of Judah) fulfill the corporate election of Israel?

Interlinear Text

τοῦ G3588	Συμεὼν G4826	τοῦ G3588	Ἰούδα G2455	τοῦ G3588
	Which was the son of Simeon		which was the son of Juda	
	Ἰωσήφ G2501	τοῦ G3588	Ἰωνᾶν, G2494	τοῦ G3588
	which was the son of Joseph		which was the son of Jonan	
	Ἐλιακεῖμ, G1662			
	which was the son of Eliakim			