



THE PRESENCE

LIVING LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Asia Biblical Theological Seminary

ABTS

Education That
Comes to You



Who We Are at ABTS

U.S. AND ATA ACCREDITED EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN ASIA

Asia Biblical Theological Seminary provides high-quality theological education, serving students across Asia for over 40 years, focusing on ministry-oriented training to meet diverse needs.



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ABTS offers a **flexible learning model** that allows students to study without leaving their ministry or work context, combining face-to-face intensives with online coursework for convenience.



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Cornerstone University





Contextual Education

ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

Our theology is firmly anchored in Scripture, ensuring students develop a robust understanding of biblical principles that guide their ministry practices in diverse contexts.

CULTURAL RELEVANCE

Courses are designed to be culturally relevant, equipping students to engage effectively with local communities by addressing specific challenges and opportunities in their unique ministry environments.

ECB COHORT

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Master of Religious Education (MRE) is a 31-credit hour program designed for **flexibility and accessibility**, allowing students to tailor their studies to fit their ministry contexts while gaining essential pedagogical skills.

- Part time: 4 classes per year
- Mix of online and in-person learning
- Flexible in-person class schedule
- Classes held at ECB
- Finish the program in 2½ years

TRANSFORMATION IN MINISTRY

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ABTS is more than academic training—it is life transformation, shaping how we think, live, and serve.

Prof. Dr. Uraiwan Panich

Pastor | Professor | MRE Graduate



Learn More



Meet us after the service!

Exploring a future ECB cohort

A lighthouse on a rocky cliff with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea.

Great Expectations

Aligning our expectations with God's Word

Luke 2:22-35

“Expect the
Unexpected”



Luke 2:22-35

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord



Luke 2:22-35

²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ 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."



Luke 2:22-35

²⁵ 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 on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.



Luke 2:22-35

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:



Luke 2:22-35

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."



Luke 2:22-35

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

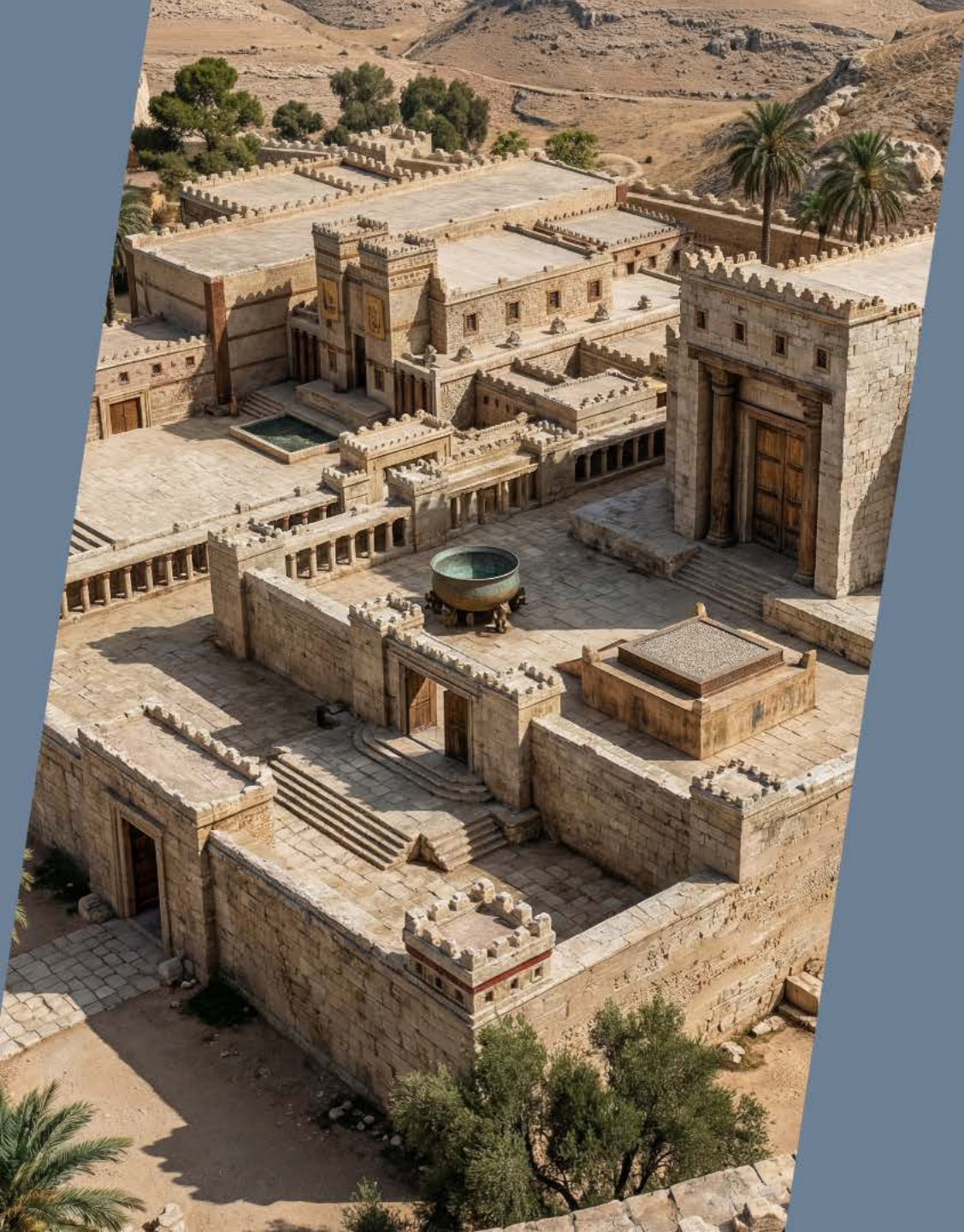
34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:



Luke 2:22-35

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”





Going to the Temple

- Purification
- Presentation
- Simeon

The Need for Consolation



In Search of Consolation



Pharisees



Sadducees



Essenes



Zealots



Simeon and Isaiah

- Deliverance from oppression
- Establish righteousness and justice
- Bears our iniquities
- Light to the nations



Rising and Falling

- Rejected by his own
- Effect on Mary
- Necessity of response



Who is your Messiah?

