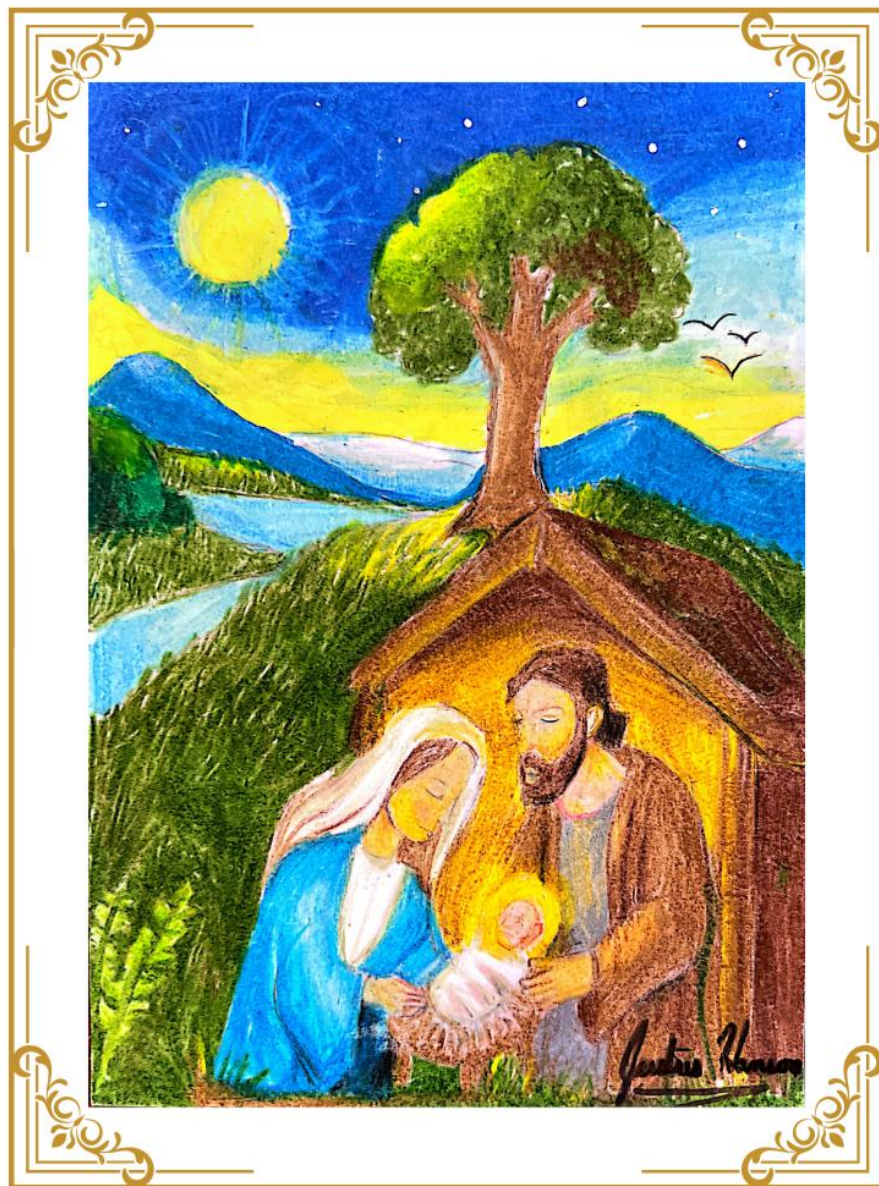


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BY CHARLES WESLEY

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Christmas season is a beautiful opportunity to pause, to study the truth of the Scriptures and to be amazed as you see God's faithfulness to fulfill His promises from the very beginning!

These readings begin on December 1st and are divided into four weeks, with six readings in each (four in the final one) to allow for a "catch up" day. As you read the Scriptures, you may wish to look for (or even to discuss with your friends and family!) how the passages show:

- God's plan to save His people
- Our need for a Savior
- How God is faithful to fulfill His promises

It is our prayer that these readings will not only fill our hearts with joy as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, but that they will also cause us to long for His return. In the words of the beloved Christmas hymn published by Charles Wesley in 1745:

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus!

WEEK 1 (DECEMBER 1ST – 7TH)

God's Good Creation and the Brokenness of Humanity

- Day 1** Creation: Genesis 1 and 2;
In the Beginning Was the Word: John 1:1-14
- Day 2** The Fall: Genesis 3
- Day 3** The Flood: Genesis 6, 8:13 – 9:17
- Day 4** The Tower of Babel: Genesis 11:1-9

God's Promise to Bless all Nations Through His People

- Day 5** The Call of Abram: Genesis 12:1-9;
God's Covenant with Abraham: Genesis 15 and 17:1-8
- Day 6** Isaac's Birth Promised: Genesis 17:15-21;
The Birth of Isaac: Genesis 21:1-7;
The Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18;
We Are Sons of Abraham: Galatians 3:6-14, 29

WEEK 2 (DECEMBER 8TH – 14TH)

God's Promise to Bless all Nations Through His People (continued)

- Day 7** Jacob: Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22;
God Blesses and Renames Jacob: Genesis 35:1-15
- Day 8** Joseph Sold by His Brothers: Genesis 37:12-36;
God's Good Purposes and Joseph's Death: Genesis 50:15-26;
All Things Work Together for Good: Romans 8:28

God's Covenant With Israel

- Day 9** The Passover and God Brings Israel Out of Egypt: Exodus 12
- Day 10** The 10 Commandments: Deuteronomy 5 and 6;
The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:34-40
- Day 11** Joshua: Joshua 1:1-9, 3 and 4

Israel's Broken Kingdom: Kings and Prophets

- Day 12** The Death of Joshua, Israel's Unfaithfulness and The Lord Raises Up Judges:
Judges 2:7-23

WEEK 3 (DECEMBER 15TH – 21ST)

Israel's Broken Kingdom: Kings and Prophets (continued)

- Day 13** Israel Demands a King: 1 Samuel 8:4-22;
Saul Proclaimed King: 1 Samuel 10:17-24
The Lord Rejects Saul: 1 Samuel 15:1-23
- Day 14** David Anointed King: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
God's Covenant with David: 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 2 Samuel 7
- Day 15** David's Charge to Solomon: 1 Chronicles 28:9-10;
David Prays / Solomon Anointed King: 1 Chronicles 29:10-25;
Solomon Prays for Wisdom: 2 Chronicles 1:7-13;
Solomon Builds the Temple: 2 Chronicles 3:1-2;
Solomon Blesses the People: 2 Chronicles 6:1-11;
- Day 16** Jesus' Birth Foretold: Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 11:1-11;
The New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Day 17** The Lord's Coming Salvation: Isaiah 52 and 53
- Day 18** Israel's Exile: 2 Chronicles 36:15-21

WEEK 4 (DECEMBER 22ND – 25TH)

God's Promises Fulfilled in Jesus

- Day 19** Jesus' Birth Foretold: Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 1
- Day 20** Jesus' Birth: Luke 2:1-38, Matthew 2:1-12
- Day 21** King Jesus: Hebrews 1, Colossians 1:15-20
- Day 22** Follow King Jesus: Hebrews 11 – 12:3

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