

As it had been Told Them

An Advent Journey through the Prophecies of Jesus.

Jesus' birth fulfilled the prophecies and promises of a Messiah who would come. Understanding – and to believing in – the fulfillment of God's promise, significance requires reading and reflection. This Advent reading plan will help you to better understand and appreciate both the promises made – and how these events and help you prepare for Christmas.

Day 1—The Plan Behind the Promise.

“Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:6-11)

Day 2— The Seed of Eve.

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

Day 3— The Son of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

“I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3)

Day 4—A Star, a Scepter

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near—a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.” (Numbers 24:17)

Day 5—A Spokesman for God

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.” (Deuteronomy 18:18)

Day 6—The Son of God

“I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.”” (Psalm 2:7)

Day 7—The Son of David

“Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.” (2 Samuel 7:16)

Day 8—The Sovereign Lord

“You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.” (Psalm 8:6)

Day 9—Separated for our Sin

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?” (Psalm 22:1)

Day 10—Scorned by Men

“But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.” (Psalm 22:6)

Day 11—A Stone Rejected

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.” (Psalm 118:22)

Day 12—A Sign

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).” (Isaiah 7:14)

Day 13—A Stone of Stumbling

“He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over – a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 8:14)

Day 14—A Son for Us

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Day 15—The Sovereign King

“Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Day 16—A Shepherd

“He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.” (Isaiah 40:11)

Day 17—The Servant of the Lord

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.” (Isaiah 42:1)

Day 18—Set Apart

“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness." (Isaiah 42:6-7)

Day 19—The Sorrowful One

"He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down." (Isaiah 53:3-4)

Day 20—The Sacrifice for Us

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Day 21—Spirit-Empowered

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners." (Isaiah 61:1)

Day 22—Stable-Born

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." (Micah 5:2)

Day 23—The Sun of Righteousness

"But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall." (Malachi 4:2)

Day 24—The Son of the Most High

"And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."" (Luke 1:31-33)

Day 25—The Saviour of All

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."" (Luke 2:10-12)

Merry Christmas!

And May God Bless You with Health and Happiness in 2022!