

## Advent Scripture Reading



- 1 Isaiah 11:2
- 2 Isaiah 40:1-5
- 3 Isaiah 52:7-10
- 4 Isaiah 40:9-11
- 5 Genesis 3:8-15
- 6 Genesis 15:1-6
- 7 Deuteronomy 18:15-19
- 8 Psalm 89:1-4
- 9 Isaiah 11:1-10
- 10 Zechariah 6:12-13
- 11 Micah 5:2-4
- 12 Malachi 3:1-6
- 13 John 1:1-8
- 14 John 1:9-18
- 15 Mark 1:1-3
- 16 Luke 1:5-17
- 17 Luke 1:18-45
- 18 Luke 1:46-66
- 19 Luke 1:67-80
- 20 Isaiah 7:10-14
- 21 Luke 1:26-35
- 22 Isaiah 9:2-7
- 23 Matt 1:18-25
- 24 John 3:16-21
- 25 Phil. 4:4-9

## What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of the Christian Church year for most churches that practice in the Western tradition. The period begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30. Advent ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, the day is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.

Advent means *coming* or *arrival*. So during this period of four weeks, we focus our attention and our activities on remembering the long waiting for the birth of Christ. As part of our remembrance, we can prepare for our own celebration on Christmas when we remember and honor the birth of the Holy Child Jesus.

Advent is also a time to focus our attention on the Second Coming of Jesus. We each want to prepare our hearts for the day when the Lord appears. We can think of ourselves as the bride awaiting the groom (read Matthew 25:1-13).

Many traditions can be practiced during Advent including reading the Scriptures of the coming Messiah and the glorious birth of Jesus. Many families make Advent wreaths and light the candles for the evening meal or family devotions (see instructions in the ***It's All About Jesus*** eBook).

Advent is a period of patient waiting and preparation to be experienced. You can enter into this time to focus on the coming of Jesus while at the same time you joyfully prepare for your Christmas celebration with family, friends and those God puts on your path.

Cut this bookmark out and keep in your Bible for daily Advent Bible reading.