

DAY 25

Jesus is coming again

Hebrews 10:37

“For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.”

Read also **Phillipians 2:9-11**

As we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, we can also rejoice that He is coming again! When Jesus came the first time it was to be obedient to the death of the cross to bring salvation to all mankind. When he comes again he will come as the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords to set up His kingdom on earth. At that time, every knee will bow - in heaven, on earth and under the earth - acknowledging that Jesus is Lord. The word for “bow” in Phillipians 2 means to bend low, to bend the knee in recognition of one’s authority. The word for “confess” means to yell out loud in an audible voice. This means

that all of heaven, earth and hell will resound with one thundering voice acknowledging, “JESUS IS LORD!” (Notes from Rick Renner Sparkling Gems from the Greek)

Those of us who have accepted His first coming and look forward excitedly to His second coming will be glad that we have already made this confession. Together we will rule and reign with King Jesus. Now that’s something to celebrate!



DAY 1

Preceded by a messenger (John the Baptist)

Isaiah 40:3

A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”

Read also **Luke 1:5-25, 57-80**

In His goodness, God always tells us ahead of time what He is going to do. He does not want us to miss His will. In the case of the birth of Jesus, He very much wanted us to know and recognize Jesus when he was born. Even the birth of John the Baptist was told

beforehand in the book of Isaiah. Later, John would warn people of the start of Jesus’ earthly ministry. When God plans for every detail in advance, he proves how much He wants us to know Him and be with Him through our faith in Jesus.



DAY 2

Born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Read also **Luke 1:26-56**

When Adam sinned, the “seed” of sin was forever passed down from Adam to his children and so forth even to all of us. Since that time, all mankind have been born with the sinful nature. But Jesus was created in the womb of

a woman, Mary, who was a virgin, without the help of a natural man. This Immaculate Conception is an important 'sign' to our faith because it confirms that our Savior was indeed born without sin himself. Without sin, he did not need a savior himself, and since he was a righteous man, his blood was able to pay the price for our sins. The high price for

our salvation was the blood of one righteous - sinless - man.



DAY 3

Promised as the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribe of Judah

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

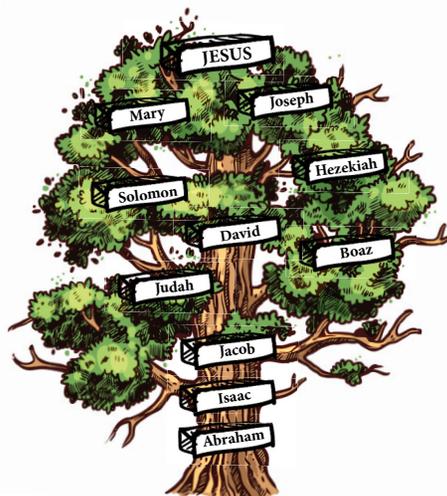
Genesis 17:19, Numbers 24:17,
Genesis 49:10

Read also Matthew 1:1-25

See how many Bible names you recognize in this chapter. Many of the wonderful people we study in the Old Testament are actually Jesus' relatives!

The Bible records the family tree of Jesus so precisely so that we can know that Jesus is truly the son of man and the Son of God, promised so long ago, and in agreement with the promises God

made to Eve and to Abraham and every faithful covenant partner of God. God never changes, and that same God walks in that same faithfulness to us now that we are in agreement with Him.



DAY 24

Carols & Worship

2 Samuel 22:50

Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

Read also 1 Chronicles 16:9,
Psalm 57:9, Psalm 78:4

Singing songs about the birth of Jesus and all that He means to us is always an appropriate Christmas activity. Jingle bells and sleigh rides are fun but have little to do with the Christmas Story. Decking the Halls with decorations doesn't deserve the same attention as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's okay to sing fun songs, but songs are a wonderful

way to share the Christmas story and our praises with others who maybe never here the Good News any other way. Sing unto the Lord. Tell of His wonderful works. And certainly sending His Son Jesus is one of the most wonderful things to sing about!

