

# Advent & Christmastide Devotional



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Advent is traditionally the four Sundays before Christmas (lighting a candle for each week, representing hope, peace, love, and joy- and then a white candle for Christmas day). Typical Advent calendars start December 1st to make it easier to reuse/commercialize. For my devotional, we will do four weeks, starting November 28 to give extra room. The general idea is that **Advent is getting ready and leading us up to Christmas.** I've included devotions until January 6th which is Epiphany (in Brazil we called it Kings day), remembering the wise men. This is called Christmastide, and is the 12 days of Christmas (as I knew from the song). I could think of no better way to "wait for Christ in Christmas" than looking back at the prophecies in the Old Testament about Christ. Can you imagine living in the time before Christ? All you had was the prophecies as promises. Included is the fulfillment of each prophesy as well (This great list was originally compiled by [Jesusfilm.org](http://Jesusfilm.org), on their blog). All together, this study is 40 days.

# ADVENT



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- **November 28 Nations**  
Blessed: Genesis 12:3, Acts 3:25–26
- **November 29 God's Covenant with Isaac and Jacob:** Genesis 17:19, 28:14, Romans 9:7, Luke 3:34
- **November 30 Ruling through Judah and David:** Genesis 49:10, 2 Samuel 7:12–13, Luke 3:33, Matthew 1:1
- **December 1 From a Virgin/called Immanuel:** Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35
- **December 2 Born in Bethlehem:** Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:4–6
- **December 3 Going to Egypt:** Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:14–15
- **December 4 Destroy the devil's work:** Genesis 3:15, 1 John 3:8

## WEEK 1

November 28 - December 4

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**Prophecy:**  
"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3).

**Fulfillment:**  
"And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways" (Acts 3:25-26).

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**Prophecy:**  
"Then God said, 'Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him'" (Genesis 17:19). "Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" (Genesis 28:14).

**Fulfillment:**  
"Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned'" (Romans 9:7).  
"the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor" (Luke 3:34)

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**Prophecy:**  
"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his" (Genesis 49:10).  
"When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

**Fulfillment:**  
"the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah" (Luke 3:33)  
"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matthew 1:1)

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**Prophecy:**  
"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

**Fulfillment:**  
"The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

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**Prophecy:**  
“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2).

**Fulfillment:**  
“When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” (Matthew 2:4-6).

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**Prophecy:**  
“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son” (Hosea 11:1).

**Fulfillment:**  
“So he [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’” (Matthew 2:14-15).

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

**Fulfillment:**  
“The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8).

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- **December 5** Sinless life: Exodus 12:5, Hebrews 9:14
- **December 6** Messiah humbled: Psalm 8:5-6, Hebrews 2:5-9
- **December 7** Perfect sacrifice: Psalm 40:6-8, Hebrews 10:5-10
- **December 8** Preaching righteousness: Psalm 40:9, Matthew 4:17
- **December 9** Teaching parables: Psalm 78:1-2, Matthew 13:34-35
- **December 10** Parables wouldn't work: Isaiah 6:9-10, Matthew 13:13-15
- **December 11** A Stone to stumble: Isaiah 8:14, 1 Peter 2:7-8

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December 5-11

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**Prophecy:**  
“The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats” (Exodus 12:5).

**Fulfillment:**  
“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” (Hebrews 9:14)

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**Prophecy:**  
“You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet” (Psalm 8:5-6)

**Fulfillment:**  
“It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: ‘What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet.’ “In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:5-9).

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**Prophecy:**  
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart” (Psalm 40:6-8).

**Fulfillment:**  
“Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.’ “Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’” “First he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’ though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:5-10).

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**Prophecy:**  
“I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know” (Psalm 40:9).

**Fulfillment:**  
“From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near’” (Matthew 4:17).

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**Prophecy:**

“My people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth with a parable;  
I will utter hidden things, things from  
of old” (Psalm 78:1–2)

**Fulfillment:**

“Jesus spoke all these things to the  
crowd in parables; he did not say  
anything to them without using a  
parable. So was fulfilled what was  
spoken through the prophet: ‘I will  
open my mouth in parables, I will utter  
things hidden since the creation of the  
world’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

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**Prophecy:**

“He said, ‘Go and tell this people: “Be ever hearing,  
but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never  
perceiving. Make the heart of this people  
calloused; make their ears dull  
and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with  
their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with  
their hearts, and turn and be healed’” (Isaiah 6:9–  
10).

**Fulfillment:**

“This is why I speak to them in parables: ‘Though  
seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.  
In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “You will  
be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.  
For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears, and they have  
closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with  
their eyes, hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts and turn, and I would  
heal them’” (Matthew 13:13–15).

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**Prophecy:**

“He will be a holy place; for both Israel and  
Judah he will be a stone that causes  
people to stumble and a rock that makes  
them fall.

And for the people of Jerusalem he will  
be a trap and a snare” (Isaiah 8:14).

**Fulfillment:**

“Now to you who believe, this stone is  
precious. But to those who do not  
believe, ‘The stone the builders  
rejected has become the cornerstone,  
and, ‘A stone that causes people to  
stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.’ “They  
stumble because they disobey the  
message—which is also what they were  
destined for” (1 Peter 2:7–8).

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- **December 12** Begin in Galilee: Isaiah 9:1-2, Matthew 4:12-17
- **December 13** Gentiles included: Isaiah 11:10, John 12:18-21
- **December 14** Pour out His spirit: Isaiah 44:3, John 16:7
- **December 15** Miracles happening: Isaiah 35:5-6, Matthew 11:2-6
- **December 16** Preceded by a forerunner: Isaiah 40:3-4, Malachi 4:5-6, John 1:23, Matthew 11:10-15
- **December 17** Gentle Redeemer: Isaiah 42:1-4, Matthew 12:15-21
- **December 18** Rejected and forsaken: Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 22:1, Luke 4:28-29, Matthew 27:46

## WEEK 3

December 12-18

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**Prophecy:**  
"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:1-2).

**Fulfillment:**  
"When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' 'From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'" (Matthew 4:12-17).

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**Prophecy:**  
"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious" (Isaiah 11:10).

**Fulfillment:**  
"Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!' 'Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus'" (John 12:18-21).

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**Prophecy:**  
"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants" (Isaiah 44:3)

**Fulfillment:**  
"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

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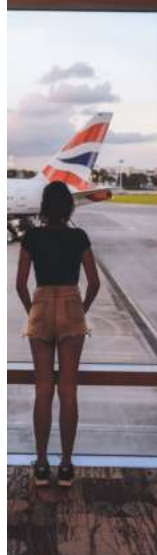
**Prophecy:**  
"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert" (Isaiah 35:5-6).

**Fulfillment:**  
"When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' 'Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me'" (Matthew 11:2-6).

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**Prophecy:**

"A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain'" (Isaiah 40:3-4). "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction" (Malachi 4:5-6).

**Fulfillment:**

"John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord"' (John 1:23). "This is the one about whom it is written: 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:10-15).

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**Prophecy:**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope" (Isaiah 42:1-4).

**Fulfillment:**

"Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about him. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope.'" (Matthew 12:15-21).

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**Prophecy:**

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem" (Isaiah 53:3).

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?" (Psalm 22:1)

**Fulfillment:**

"All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff" (Luke 4:28-29). "About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?')" (Matthew 27:46).

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- **December 19** Set captives free: Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:16-21
- **December 20** Everlasting: Daniel 7:13-14, Luke 1:31-33
- **December 21** End to sin: Daniel 9:24, Galatians 1:3-5
- **December 22** On a donkey: Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:8-10
- **December 23** Betrayed for 30 pieces: Zechariah 11:12-13, Matthew 27:6-10
- **December 24** Our Passover Lamb/no bones broken: Exodus 12:21-27,46, 1 Corinthians 5:7, John 19:31-36
- **December 25** Lifted up for others to live: Numbers 21:9, John 3:14-18

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### Prophecy:

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1)

### Fulfillment:

"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing'" (Luke 4:16-21).

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### Prophecy:

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14).

### Fulfillment:

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end" (Luke 1:31-33).

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### Prophecy:

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place" (Daniel 9:24).

### Fulfillment:

"Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed" (Daniel 9:25-26).

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Galatians 1:3-5).

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### Prophecy:

"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

### Fulfillment:

"A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'" (Matthew 21:8-10)

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### Prophecy:

"I told them, 'If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.' So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. "And the Lord said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord" (Zechariah 11:12-13).

### Fulfillment:

"The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 'They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me'" (Matthew 27:6-10).

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### Prophecy:

"Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. (Exodus 12:21-27). "It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones" (Exodus 12:46).

### Fulfillment:

"Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). "The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken'" (John 19:31-36)

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### Prophecy:

"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived" (Numbers 21:9).

### Fulfillment:

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" (John 3:14-18).

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- **December 26** Blood spilled: Leviticus 17:11, Matthew 26:28
- **December 27** Resurrection: Job 19:23–27, Psalm 118:17–18, John 5:24–29, Luke 24:5–7
- **December 28** Scorned and Thirsty: Psalm 22:8, 15, Matthew 27:42–43, John 19:28
- **December 29** Pierced hands and feet/gamble for clothes: Psalm 22:16, 18, John 19:23–24, 36–37
- **December 30** Put Spirit in God's hands/abandoned by all: Psalm 31:5, 11, 41:9, Luke 23:46, Mark 14:50, John 13:18
- **December 31** Quiet before accusers: Psalm 38:12–13, Matthew 27:12–14
- **January 1** Ascend to Heaven to give gifts: Psalm 68:18, Ephesians 4:7–16

## WEEK 5

December 26 - January 1

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**Prophecy:**  
“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life” (Leviticus 17:11).

**Fulfillment:**  
“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28).

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**Prophecy:**  
“I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:23-27)

**Fulfillment:**  
“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned” (John 5:24-29).

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**Prophecy:**  
“‘He trusts in the Lord,’ they say, ‘let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him’” (Psalm 22:8).  
“My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death” (Psalm 22:15).

**Fulfillment:**  
“‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God”’” (Matthew 27:42-43).  
“Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty’” (John 19:28).

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**Prophecy:**  
“Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet” (Psalm 22:16).  
“They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment” (Psalm 22:18).

**Fulfillment:**  
“These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken,’ and, as another scripture says, ‘They will look on the one they have pierced’” (John 19:36-37).  
“When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ‘Let’s not tear it,’ they said to one another. ‘Let’s decide by lot who will get it.’ “This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, ‘They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.’ “So this is what the soldiers did” (John 19:23-24).

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**Prophecy:**

"Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God" (Psalm 31:5).  
"Because of all my enemies, I am the utter  
contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread  
to my closest friends— those who see me on the  
street flee from me" (Psalm 31:11).  
"Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who  
shared my bread, has turned against me" (Psalm  
41:9).

**Fulfillment:**

"Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into  
your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said  
this, he breathed his last" (Luke 23:46).  
"Then everyone deserted him and fled" (Mark  
14:50).  
"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I  
have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of  
Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned  
against me'" (John 13:18).

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**Prophecy:**

"Those who want to kill me set their traps,  
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;  
all day long they scheme and lie.  
I am like the deaf, who cannot hear,  
like the mute, who cannot speak" (Psalm  
38:12–13)

**Fulfillment:**

"When he was accused by the chief  
priests and the elders, he gave no answer.  
Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the  
testimony they are bringing against you?'  
But Jesus made no reply, not even to a  
single charge—to the great amazement of  
the governor" (Matthew 27:12–14).

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**Prophecy:**

"When you ascended on high, you took many  
captives; you received gifts from people, even from  
the rebellious—that you, Lord God, might dwell  
there" (Psalm 68:18).

**Fulfillment:**

"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ  
apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he  
ascended on high, he took many captives and gave  
gifts to his people.' "(What does 'he ascended' mean  
except that he also descended to the lower, earthly  
regions? He who descended is the very one who  
ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill  
the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the  
apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors  
and teachers, to equip his people for works of  
service, so that the body of Christ may be built up  
until we all reach unity in the faith and in the  
knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,  
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of  
Christ." (Ephesians 4:7–16).

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**Prophecy:**

"On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the  
tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.  
The Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 25:7–8).

**Fulfillment:**

"When the perishable has been clothed  
with the imperishable, and the mortal with  
immortality, then the saying that is written  
will come true: 'Death has been swallowed  
up in victory'" (1 Corinthians 15:54).

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- **January 2** Conquer death: Isaiah 25:7-8, 1 Corinthians 15:54
- **January 3** A prophet like Moses: Deuteronomy 18:15-16, John 5:45-47
- **January 4** A faithful priest: 1 Samuel 2:35, Hebrews 2:17
- **January 5** A just judge: Psalm 9:7-10, Isaiah 22:22, Acts 17:31, Revelation 3:7
- **January 6** A new covenant: Jeremiah 31:31, Matthew 26:28

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### Prophecy:

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die'" (Deuteronomy 18:15-16).

### Fulfillment:

"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?" (John 5:45-47)

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### Prophecy:

"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always" (1 Samuel 2:35).

### Fulfillment:

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

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### Prophecy:

"The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you" (Psalm 9:7-10).

"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open" (Isaiah 22:22).

### Fulfillment:

"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open" (Revelation 3:7).

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### Prophecy:

"The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah'" (Jeremiah 31:31).

### Fulfillment:

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

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