

CHRISTMAS AS SEEN FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

JROC/Week 1 - Advent

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“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” LONG expected!

How long?

How do we know that Jesus was expected?

“Advent” - _____

When we speak of Jesus first coming and His second coming to earth, many will refer to those events as His first advent and second advent.

The Advent celebration is both a commemoration...a looking back...at Jesus' first coming...and an anticipation of His second coming.

Advent is seen by many as a time to prepare ones heart for Christmas and for Jesus' return?

How?

Scripture re: Jesus' first coming.

Gal. 4:4 - ...when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Observations:

What led up to “the fullness of the time”?

The typical

No Davidic King.

The office of the High Priest was the most powerful and it was corrupt!

Matt. 1 – In Jesus' genealogy through Joseph in Matthew 1 we see a roadblock within the line of David re: the kingship.

Re: Jeconiah, aka Coniah - Jer. 22:24-30...GOD said, *Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.*

What about II Sam. 7:12-16???

Jer. 23:5-6 – the BRANCH!

How can Jesus be King of Kings in the future?

Matt. 1:16 - *Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Messiah* - "of whom" is in the singular. Not pertaining to Mary and Joseph!!! And then we read in Matt. 1:18 - Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit - a virgin birth!!!!

One Who was to be a greater than Moses Prophet – Dt. 18:15-19.

One Who would be a greater High Priest – Psa. 110: 1, 4.

One Who is the Redeemer, the Messiah for the world through the Jewish line of Judah

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(Gen. 49:10; Jn. 4:22; Rom. 11:15)

Eternal deliverance/salvation [Yeshua])

The One Who will return as King of Kings and establish His kingdom and reign from King David's throne in Jerusalem for 1,000 years.

Our "advent" should be rooted in Scripture and should cause us to MARVEL at God!