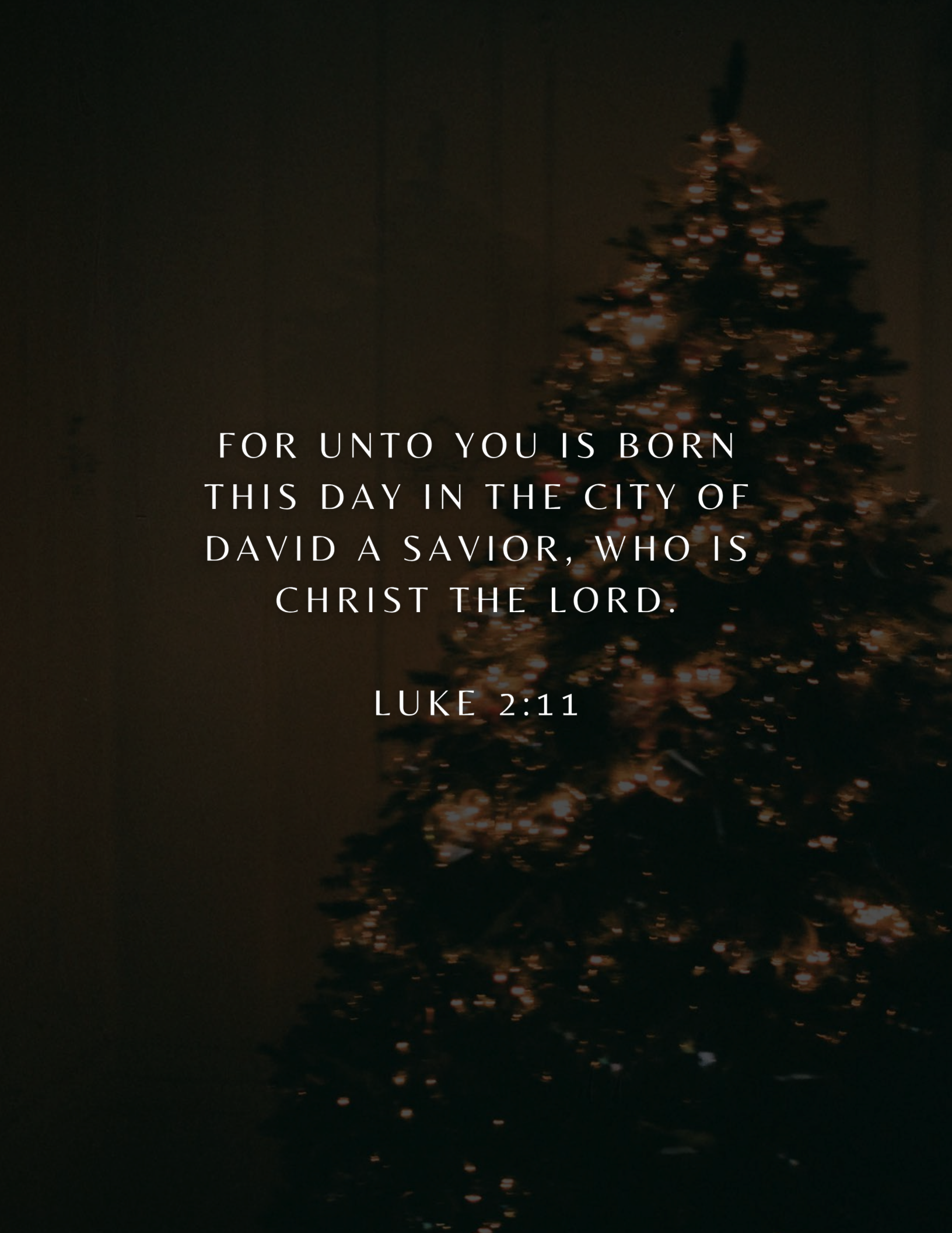




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READING PLAN

DAILY READING PLAN
DECEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 25TH



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN
THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF
DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS
CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11

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ADVENT, MEANING “COMING”, IS A TIME WHERE WE REFLECT BACK ON THE ARRIVAL OF OUR MESSIAH, EMMANUEL. LET US TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT ON THE STORY OF OUR SAVIOR’S BIRTH, AS WELL AS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES.

CHRIST SAYS HE IS “I AM”. THIS IS THE SAME “I AM” THAT CAME BEFORE MOSES, GOD, TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. (EX 3:14, JOHN 8:56–59)

“I AM”

(EX 3:14, JOHN 8:56–59)

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December 1

THE WORD

JOHN 1: 1-5

The best place to start any story is the beginning. John says that the Word was there at the beginning, with God, and the Word was God. John also tells us who this Word is:

John 1:14
And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Christ is the Word made manifest. Christ lived among us - fully God and fully man. We can learn a lot by just looking at WHO Christ is.

Christ is the Word.	John 1:14
Christ is Love.	1 John 3:16, 4:8
Christ is the Way.	
Christ is the Truth.	
Christ is the Life.	John 14:6
Christ is Faithful.	1Thess 5:24
Christ is God.	John 8:58
Christ is I AM.	John 8:56-59



December 2

THE PROMISE OF THE SECOND ADAM

GENESIS 3:15

GALATIANS 4:4-5

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

At the fall of man, God promised a savior.

From the beginning, God knew we would need saving and He had so much love for us that He made a way for reconciliation. Our choice of rebellion would lead to our need to choose Christ as our savior. Christ is the free gift, our sacrifice for sin and eternal relationship with the Father. But we must choose Him.

The payment has been laid down, our sin nailed to that cross.



December 3

THE PROMISE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

MALACHI 3:1, 4:5
MATTHEW 11:10-14
LUKE 1:5-25

The Angel said to Zechariah that "many would rejoice at his (John's) birth", that he would be "great before the Lord" and that he would be "filled with the Holy Spirit".

Jesus himself confirms that John the Baptist is the fulfillment of this prophecy.



December 4

MESSIAH: BORN OF A VIRGIN

ISAIAH 7:14

LUKE 1:26-38

MATTHEW 1:16-20

This prophecy was given about 700 years before the birth of Christ.

Matthew 1:16, 20 is evidence that Jesus was born of Mary, not Mary and Joseph, and that the baby was conceived through the Holy Ghost.

If Jesus had been the natural born son of Joseph, that would have meant that He had a sin nature. He also would have been disqualified to rule because of the curse of Coniah.

Christ needed to be fully man and fully God in order to be the perfect sacrifice.



December 5

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

LUKE 1:39-45

From the womb, John the Baptist leaped with joy. There was recognition even from the womb that the Messiah was there. Remember, the Angel had told Zechariah that John would be filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb.

Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit at that moment and acknowledges Mary as the chosen woman to carry the Messiah, her Lord.

There are only a hand full of people in scripture to be filled with the Holy Spirit before Pentecost.

Today, once we believe we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We have a relationship only other believers can understand with our Lord, Jesus. We are connected, in unity with each other because of His Spirit living within us.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us also celebrate our spiritual birth through Him.



December 6

MARY PRAISES THE LORD

LUKE 1:46-56

Mary praises the Lord after Elizabeth greets her as the "mother of her Lord".

Her "song" is very similar to Hannah's "song" (prayer) in 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

This blessing of being the mother to the Messiah would come with its challenges. The Hebrew people were expecting an earthly savior who would overcome the Romans. They were not expecting a carpenter's son, who would die on the cross for their sin.

As a people, we can be earthly minded, thinking of the present and our physical needs but God does not think like us (Is 55:8-9). He is focused on our spiritual first and foremost. Though Jesus preformed miracles - healed the sick, fed the hungry, and so on - his concern was for our spiritual, most importantly our eternal state.



December 7

HE SHALL BE CALLED JOHN

LUKE 1:13, 59-66

In those days, family names were important. You usually named your son after the name of someone in your family line.

The name "John" was not a family name for Zechariah and Elizabeth. "John" was the name God gave to Him. The name "John" means "graced by God", and that he was.

Zechariah proclaiming his son's name as "John" was him accepting what the Lord said he was going to do.



December 8

JOHN'S CALLING

LUKE 1:67-80

Zechariah's first words after months were a praise and prophecy to the Lord.

John was prophesied to:

- Go before the Lord and prepare his way
- Give knowledge of salvation to his people
 - In forgiveness of sin
 - Because of God's tender mercy
- Give light to those who sit in darkness
- Guide in the way of peace



December 9

ANGEL SPEAKS TO JOSEPH MATTHEW 1:18-25

The betrothal period was sacred and was considered just as binding as marriage. The groom had time after the initial engagement to get a home ready for his bride. Though Joseph had not legally married Mary as his wife, they were still bound by their vows to wed.

Because Mary was now with child, Joseph had the right to deal with her how he saw fit:

- Stoning
- Divorce
- Continue in the Marriage

Joseph was considering divorce, but the Angel of the Lord came to him. This is important because through Joseph's line, Jesus has royal right to claim the kingly throne.

Since Joseph decides to stay with Mary, he is claiming Jesus as his earthly son, thus giving him the right to the kingly throne.



December 10

JOSEPH'S GENEALOGY: TAX SEASON

LUKE 2:1-7

MATTHEW 1:1-17

Joseph's genealogy points to Jesus' royal claim to David's throne.

In Joseph's line, there was a curse put on Jeconiah (also known as Coniah) in Jer 22:28-30. Because of this king's wickedness, God cursed his line of descendants that none of them would sit on the throne of David.

Joseph's genealogy shows us that Jesus - claimed as Joseph's legal firstborn son - has claims to the royal line of David - giving Him right to the throne.



December 11

MESSIAH HUMBLD TO SERVE MAN

PSALM 8:5-6
HEBREWS 2:5-9

Our God is not just a God overseeing, but a God who understands our struggles. Jesus being born into this world has walked as we walked. He understands what it means to be tempted. He understands our sorrows. He understands the hardships of this life. (Hebrews 4:15)



December 12

OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID

JEREMIAH 23:5

LUKE 3:23, 31 (MARY'S GENEALOGY)

MATTHEW 1:5-6 (JOSEPH'S GENEALOGY)

Being of David's house is a fulfillment of prophecy that the Messiah would be a descendant of David. This gives Jesus right to the throne.

From both Mary's and Joseph's genealogies, Jesus' genealogy is of the line of David.



December 13

BORN IN BETHLEHEM

MICAH 5:2

LUKE 2:1-7

The birthplace of the Christ is also the birthplace of King David (1 Sam 16:1)

When reading in Matthew 2:1, Jerusalem is also referred to as the “city of David” -the spiritual center of Judaism - This where the Magi would naturally seek the newborn King.



December 14

THE NAME OF JESUS

ISAIAH 7:14

MATTHEW 1:21-23

LUKE 1:31

LUKE 2:21

Immanuel - "God is with us"

"Jesus" is the English rendering of the Greek name, translated from the ancient Hebrew Yehoshua. This name is formed from Hebrew roots signifying "Jehovah is salvation"

More names of Jesus:

I AM - John 8:58

Savior - Luke 2:11

Author of Life - Acts 3:15

The Way, Truth, and Life - John 14:6

The Good Shepherd - John 10:11

The bread of life - John 6:35

The Light of the World - John 8:12

December 15

THE SHEPHERDS VISIT

LUKE 2:8-20

The Shepherds were the first to be told of Jesus' birth. Why?

Proverbs 21 Ministries:

"...Shepherds had the capacity to be humbled and amazed that God chose them to hear the news. Imagine how unworthy they must have felt, but how honored."

Billy Graham (billygraham.org):

"When Jesus was born, it was only the first step in God's plan of salvation. From all eternity, God had planned to redeem the human race from its slavery to sin...He was taking on human flesh and becoming a man so that we could be saved. In time, that process would be completed through Jesus' death and resurrection — but at first His plan was almost invisible. There was, however, another reason why Jesus' birth was announced first to the shepherds. They were humble men; in fact, shepherds were looked down upon by many people. But Jesus Christ came for all people... By announcing Jesus' birth to the shepherds, God was demonstrating His love for every one of us, no matter who we are. (1 John 3:1)."

The common answer I have found, is the Shepherds displayed a characteristic that Jesus displayed... HUMILITY

December 16

WISE MEN AND GIFTS

PSALM 72:10

ISAIAH 60:6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Their arrival in Jerusalem sets the stage for the unfolding drama of Herod's reaction and the subsequent events. It symbolizes the intersection of divine revelation and human politics, as well as the beginning of Jesus' impact on the world. The Magi's journey to Jerusalem reflects the universal call to seek and worship the true King, transcending cultural and geographical boundaries. *Bible Hub

These gifts are symbolic because they point to Christ's kingship, His right to be worshipped, and His eventual death.

Gold - holds monetary value; typically only possessed by kings; used throughout the bible to symbolize physical and spiritual wealth

Frankincense - "pure incense"; incense were used as part of worship

Myrrh - as valuable as gold; used on Jesus' body after his death



December 17

HEROD KILLS THE CHILDREN

JEREMIAH 31:15

HOSEA 11:1

MATTHEW 2:13-18

Matt 2:15

This was to fulfill:

My Student Study Bible says that “the prophet Hosea recounted how God had faithfully brought Israel, God’s “son” out of Egypt in the exodus. Matthew is citing this in reference to JESUS, God’s true son.”

Matthew 2:18

This was to fulfill:

My Student Study Bible says that “like exile, the attempt on Jesus’ life was intended to wipe out the chosen on of God.”



December 18

MARY'S GENEALOGY

LUKE 3:23-38

Mary's genealogy - not through David's son Solomon but through his son Nathan - is the blood line of King David.

Joseph's genealogy point's to Jesus' right to the throne through his royal line. Mary's genealogy gives Jesus access to the throne through his blood line, bypassing the curse put on Jeconiah (aka Coniah)

JESUS' RIGHT TO RULE

Here is a flow chart to understand the lineage better:





December 19

OF THE LINE OF JESSE
ISAIAH 11:1-5

“a shoot from the stump of Jesse“

Not only are we seeing that there was still growth after God’s judgement, we see humility of the prophecy through Jesse.

Though David, the son of Jesse, was king, it was more humble to say from Jesse than to say from “King David”



December 20

OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

GENESIS 49:8-10

Judah's Royal Status:

v9 Compared to a lion

v10 Scepter and ruler's staff

In a powerful way, this prophecy over Judah is a description of Judah's greatest descendant: Jesus Christ. "The dying patriarch was speaking of his own son Judah; but while speaking of Judah he had a special eye to our Lord, who sprang from the tribe of Judah. Everything therefore which he says of Judah, the type, he means with regard to our greater Judah, the antitype, our Lord Jesus Christ." (Spurgeon)



December 21

SON OF JACOB
NUMBERS 24:17

Symbols of kingship:

A star

A Scepter

Reinforces the royal status of Judah in Jacobs prayer.



December 22

SON OF ABRAHAM

GENESIS 17:7

GALATIANS 3:14-18

God's covenant was made with Abraham through his offspring (Isaac). Jesus is the fulfillment of his covenant promise.

"offspring" is used in the singular, pointing to Christ. The Law of Moses does not nullify the promise to Abraham. Christ fulfilled the law and is the promise of Abraham.



December 23

SON OF ISAAC

GENESIS 17:19

LUKE 3:23, 34

“I will establish my covenant with him”

Though Abraham had more sons, and they were all circumcised, God’s covenant with him was through his son Isaac. From Isaac came Jacob and the 12 tribes of Israel.



December 24

SON OF GOD

PSALM 2:7

MATTHEW 3:17

“You are my Son”

- 2 Sam 7:14 - David's heir (Jesus) was claimed by God.
- Heb 1:5 - Jesus the messianic heir of David

“This is my beloved Son”

- Confirms the eternal relationship of the Son and Father
- Identifies Jesus as the messianic heir



December 25

FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN

MATT 5:17

EX 3:14

JOHN 8:56-59

Christ, fully man and fully God, came to this world, not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. (Matt 5:17) Christ says he is "I AM". This is the same "I AM" that came before Moses, God, to tell the people of Israel. (Ex 3:14, John 8:56-59)

More verses that point to Christ being God:

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Philippians 2:5-8

John 8:58 - Exodus 3:14

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