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- The church has traditionally referred to this season prior to Christmas as **Advent**.
- **Advent** means “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” (Oxford)
- It's a time to focus on the arrival or advent of Christ.

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- By the time Christ was born in Bethlehem, Israel was ripe with Messianic hope.
- They may not have seen Christ's coming very clearly, but they knew that he certainly would come.

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- How did they know?

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- They knew thanks to Old Testament prophecy.

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- Several pieces of the prophecy puzzle are found in the book of Isaiah.
- We will look at some important pieces today.

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- Keep in mind that this will not be a thorough study.
- We could actually look at more if we had time.



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- Isaiah 2:2-4

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**Luke 24:46-47** (ESV)

<sup>46</sup> and [He] said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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- Isaiah 7:14

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**Matthew 1:20-23** (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> ... an angel of the Lord appeared ... saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

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<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us).



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**Matthew 4:13-17** (ESV) <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

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**Matthew 4:13-17** (ESV) <sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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- Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)

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**Luke 1:30-33 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

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## John 8:53-58 (ESV)

<sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”

<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

<sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word ...



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**John 8:53-58** (ESV)

<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

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**Matthew 3:16-17** (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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- The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the root of Jesse:

**Romans 15:12** (ESV)

And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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- Isaiah 29:18-19
- Isaiah 35:5-6

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**Matthew 11:2-5** (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.



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- Isaiah 49:6-7
- Isaiah 50:5-7
- Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

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- The people of Israel were waiting for Christ's first coming – his **advent** or arrival as their Messiah.
- We should be eagerly waiting for his return.

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- We can't say for sure when that will happen.
- But we do need to be ready if it does – whether that should be in our lifetimes or not.

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- We can prepare by using this Christmas season to consider the significance of his coming.
- And to set our priorities for the coming year based on a desire to be Christ's faithful servants to the very end.