



Meditations for Advent 2019

The Advent readings for this year are from Cycle A. We are doing this cycle to better align our readings with the general lectionary (as we did last Advent), though most of the readings are still unique to us.

WEEK ONE:

The meditations for the first week center on the second coming and on judgment.

Sun 12/1 | Matt 24:1-44

An account of the last days and the second coming: meditate on the event as a whole

Mon. 12/2 | Is 2:1-5

When God acts, and his reign is accepted by all on earth, peace will come to the human race, and the true mountain of God will be established as the source of life.

Tue. 12/3 | Ps 94:12-15

We can have patient confidence while waiting for the end.

Wed. 12/4 | Dan 7:9-14

God will hold court, and his judgment will lead to the destruction of evil and the reign of the Son of Man.

Thu. 12/5 | 1 Pet 1:13-16

We should live for that which is to come when Jesus returns.

Fri. 12/6 | Rev 19:11-16

The Word of God descends from heaven to defeat the antichrist and to rule the nations.

Sat. 12/7 | Rev 21:22-25

The goal of the Lord's coming is the heavenly city, filled with God's presence.

WEEK TWO:

The meditations for the second week focus on the reign of God and its proclamation.

Sun. 12/8 | Is. 11:1-10

God will reign through a king who will be filled with his Spirit.

Mon. 12/9 | Lk. 3:10-18

John the Baptist points to the one who will come, who will pour out the Holy Spirit.

Tue. 12/10 | Ps. 97:1-5

The coming of God to reign is a coming of great glory and power.

Wed. 12/11 | Mk. 1:1-8

John the Baptist proclaims the message of the nearness of God's reign.

Thu. 12/12 | Rom 13:11-14

Knowing the kingdom is at hand, we should be the more eager to live as children of the light.

Fri. 12/13 | Heb 9:26b-28

The two comings of Christ which bring about the reign of God.

Sat. 12/14 | Mic. 5:1-4

The anointed king of Israel, the Messiah, shall reign over the people and God shall reign in him.

WEEK THREE:

The meditations for the remainder of Advent consider the preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

Sun. 12/15 | Is. 35:1-10

God will come to reign among his people, bringing hope and everlasting joy to the redeemed who welcome his reign.

Mon. 12/16 | Num. 24:2-9, 15-19

The prophecy of Balaam about the great king to come who will deliver God's people.

Tue. 12/17 | Gen. 49:8-10

Jesus is the anointed one to whom the scepter belongs.

Wed. 12/18 | Jer. 23:5-8

Jesus is the righteous branch and his salvation will be greater than that of the exodus from Egypt.

Thu. 12/19 | Jdg. 13:2-7

Samson as a type of John the Baptist

Fri. 12/20 | Is. 7:10-14

The prophecy of the birth of Emmanuel, fulfilled in Mary's giving birth to Christ.

Sat. 12/21 | Zeph 3:14-18

The Lord rejoices over the salvation of his people

WEEK FOUR:

Sun. 12/22 | 2 Sam 7:1-16

The promise to David of the birth of a descendant whose kingdom would be unending.

Mon. 12/23 | 1 Sam 1:24-28

The fulfillment of Hannah's prayer as the foreshadowing of Mary's.

Tue. 12/24 | Mal. 4:5-6

The promise of the coming of Elijah before the Messiah is fulfilled in John the Baptist.

READINGS TO ACCOMPANY THE FINAL WEEK OF MEDITATIONS:

Tue. 12/17 | Matt. 1:1-17

Wed. 12/18 | Matt. 1:18-24

Thu. 12/19 | Lk. 1:5-25

Fri. 12/20 | Lk. 1:26-38

Sat. 12/21 | Lk. 1:39-45

Sun. 12/22 | Lk. 1:46-56

Mon. 12/23 | Lk. 1:57-66

Tue. 12/24 | Lk. 1:67-79