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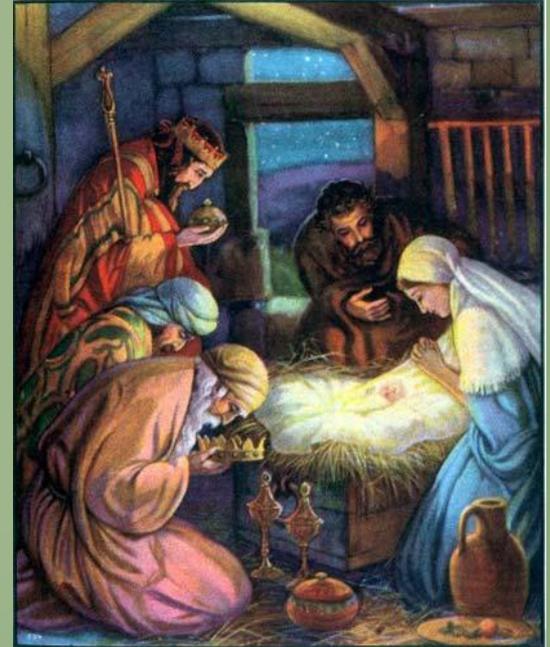
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- “Advent” comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, often used to refer to the second coming of Christ

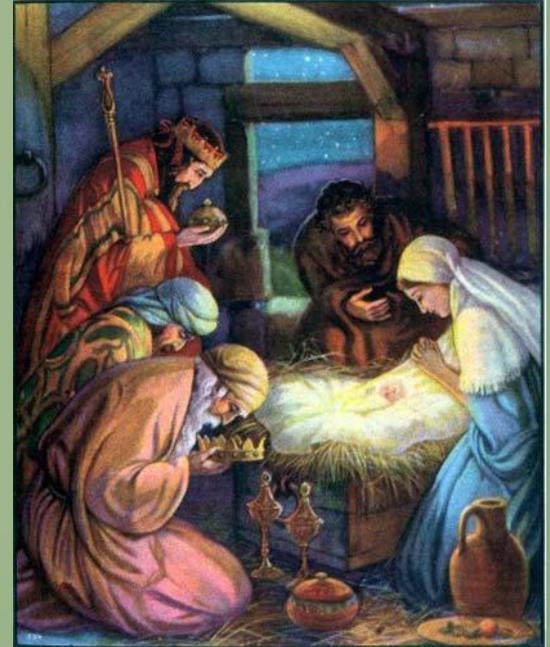


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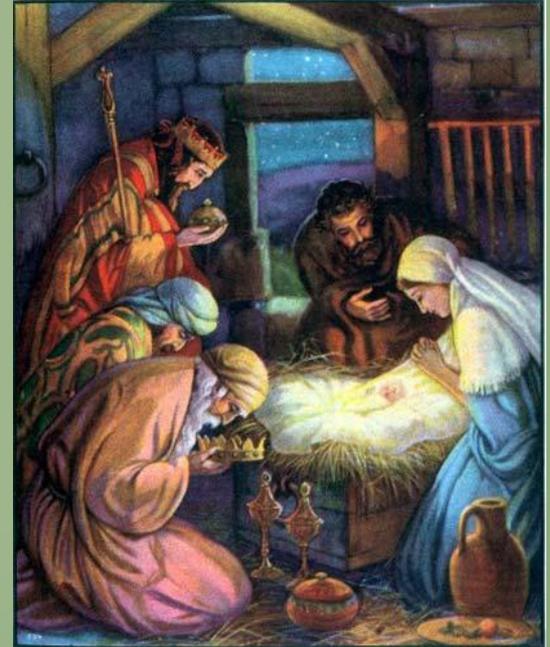


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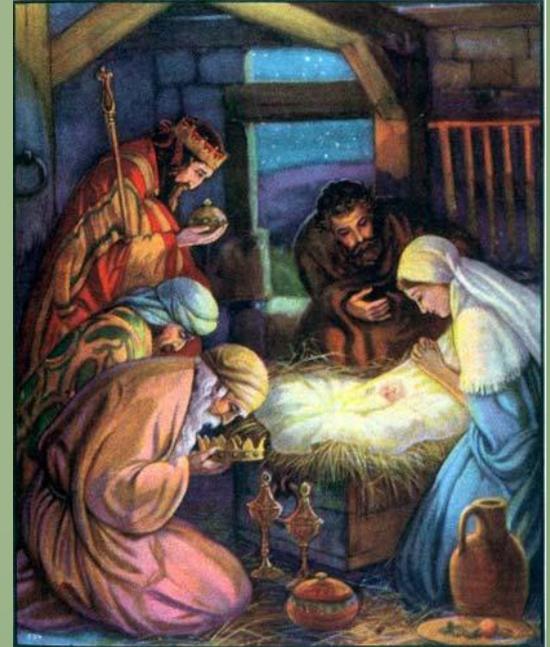


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- Typically focuses on two events: the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, and the second coming of Jesus, at a time that only God the Father knows.
- But there is another “coming of Christ” that we anticipate. It is the coming of Christ into every situation of every day in the lives of those who believe in him.



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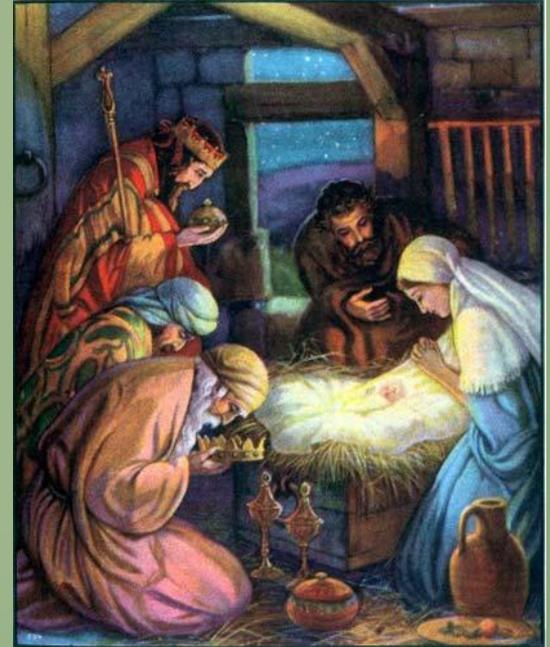
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⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:8-9

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⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” ...

¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

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¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

Exodus 33:7, 13-17(NIV1984)

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⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;

Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;

At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. Ps. 16:9-11 (NKJV)

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¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV)

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¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:11-13 (NIV)

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²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV)

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¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:1-2 (NIV)

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²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.
Revelation 22:20-21 (NIV)

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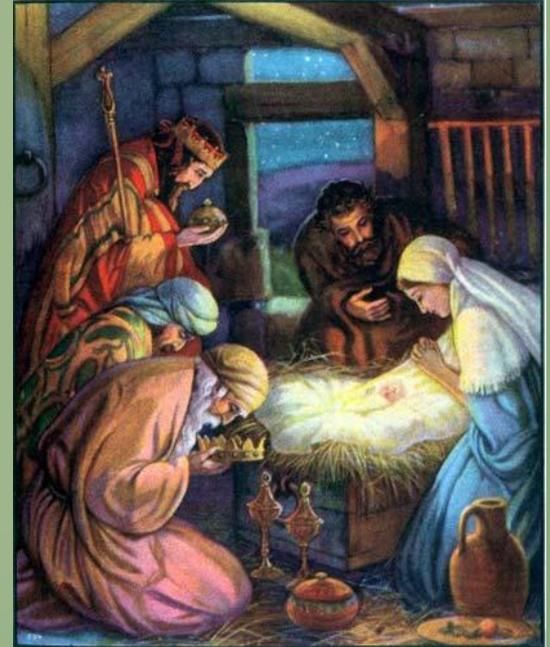
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