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- The word 'Advent' has a Latin origin meaning 'the coming,' or more accurately, 'coming toward.'
- A time of fasting to concentrate on the His First and Second Coming.

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The First Advent: Began in the Garden

Genesis 3:15

“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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The First Advent: Was Prophesied

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

“I will raise up a Prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in His mouth, and He will tell the people everything I command Him. ¹⁹ I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the Prophet proclaims on my behalf.”

Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

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The First Advent: Came as a Man

Philippians 2:5-8

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”

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The First Advent: Was Announced

Luke 2:10-14

“But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*

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The First Advent: Was Time Predicted/Designated

Daniel 9:25

“Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.”

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The First Advent: Was To Save The Lost

Matthew 18:11

“For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

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The First Advent: Subject to government

Matthew 17:24-27

“On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and asked him, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the Temple tax?”

²⁵ “Yes, he does,” Peter replied. Then he went into the house.

But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, “What do you think, Peter?^l Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?”

²⁶ “They tax the people they have conquered,” Peter replied.

“Well, then,” Jesus said, “the citizens are free! ²⁷ However, we don’t want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us.”

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What are ways to celebrate the First Advent, His First Coming?

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The Second Advent: Is Prophesied

John 14:1-3

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

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The Second Advent: Come as God

1 Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves."

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The Second Advent: As a Thief

1 Thessalonians 5:2

*“For you know quite well
that the day of the Lord’s return will
come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.”*

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The Second Advent: At a time unknown

Matthew 24:36

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son Himself. Only the Father knows.”

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The Second Advent: To Judge The Lost

Matthew 25:31-33 (41-46)

The Final Judgment

“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit upon His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in His presence, and He will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at His right hand and the goats at His left.”

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The Second Advent: Source of Government

Revelation 22:3-5 (Revelation 20:4-6)

No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and His servants will worship Him. ⁴ And they will see His face, and His name will be written on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.



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What we do with Christmas?



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What we do with Christmas?

We know the First Advent, the First Promise, has already happened. We know the Second Advent will as well.

How do we put Advent into practice?

How do I LIVE in anticipation of His Second Coming?

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2 Corinthians 1:19-23

For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” He always does what He says. ²⁰ For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for His glory. ²¹ It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, ²² and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything He has promised us.