An Advent reading plan *for 2026*

26 short readings, one a day from Sunday, November 29 to Christmas Eve: the promise in the prophets, the forerunner, Mary and Joseph, and the birth of Jesus. Read them in any Bible, or print the plan for your fridge or your church.

Week 1: Hope

Sun, Nov 29 — **Isaiah 9:1–7**

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

Mon, Nov 30 — **Isaiah 11:1–10**

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:"
Isaiah 11:1

Tue, Dec 1 — **Isaiah 40:1–11**

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."
Isaiah 40:1

Wed, Dec 2 — **Isaiah 7:10–14**

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
Isaiah 7:14

Thu, Dec 3 — **Micah 5:2–5**

"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
Micah 5:2

Fri, Dec 4 — **Jeremiah 23:5–6**

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."
Jeremiah 23:5

Sat, Dec 5 — **Isaiah 53:1–12**

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
Isaiah 53:5

Week 2: Peace

Sun, Dec 6 — **Malachi 3:1–4**

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."
Malachi 3:1

Mon, Dec 7 — **Isaiah 35:1–10**

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you."
Isaiah 35:4

Tue, Dec 8 — **Luke 1:5–25**

"But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."
Luke 1:13

Wed, Dec 9 — **Luke 1:57–80**

"And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;"
Luke 1:76

Thu, Dec 10 — **Matthew 3:1–12**

"For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."
Matthew 3:3

Fri, Dec 11 — **John 1:1–14**

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."
John 1:14

Sat, Dec 12 — **Isaiah 61:1–4**

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"
Isaiah 61:1

Week 3: Joy

Sun, Dec 13 — **Luke 1:26–38**

"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."
Luke 1:38

Mon, Dec 14 **Luke 1:39–56**

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,"
Luke 1:46

Tue, Dec 15 **Matthew 1:18–25**

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21

Wed, Dec 16 **Psalm 98:1–9**

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."
Psalm 98:4

Thu, Dec 17 **Zephaniah 3:14–17**

"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."
Zephaniah 3:17

Fri, Dec 18 **Genesis 3:8–15**

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
Genesis 3:15

Sat, Dec 19 **Genesis 12:1–3**

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."
Genesis 12:3

Week 4: Love

Sun, Dec 20 **2 Samuel 7:8–16**

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."
2 Samuel 7:16

Mon, Dec 21 **Isaiah 52:7–10**

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"
Isaiah 52:7

Tue, Dec 22 **Galatians 4:4–7**

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"
Galatians 4:4

Wed, Dec 23	**Philippians 2:5–11**	"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" Philippians 2:7
Thu, Dec 24	**Luke 2:1–20**	"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

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