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A weeklong meditation on the names of Jesus
and the fulfillment of God's promises to us



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Dear Friend,

As Christmas approaches, we remember that every promise of God finds its “yes” in Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 1:20**).

From the very beginning of Scripture, God’s plan for redemption has been unfolding. Each prophecy and each longing of the human heart points toward one truth: God keeps his word.

This journey invites you to reflect on the names found in **Isaiah 9:6** and what they reveal about who Jesus is and what he came to do:

*A child is born to us!
A son is given to us!
And he will be our ruler.
He will be called, “Wonderful Counselor,”
“Mighty God,” “Eternal Father,”
“Prince of Peace.”*

From a *child born* to *Wonderful Counselor* to *Prince of Peace*, each name tells part of the story of God’s love brought to us through his Son.

Whatever this season holds for you—joy or sorrow, fullness or waiting—take time to rest in God’s promises. As you journey through these daily reflections on God’s Word, may you be reminded that the same God who spoke light into darkness still shines his light into our lives today.

On behalf of everyone here at American Bible Society, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and very merry Christmas!

—Your friends at American Bible Society

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DAY 1

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

🎵 Recommended Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Read

Luke 2:1-20

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David’s town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great army of heaven’s angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

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Luke 3:23-38

When Jesus began his work, he was about thirty years old. He was the son, so people thought, of Joseph, who was the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Reflect

At Christmas, we celebrate the awesome reality that the eternal Son of God became human. The story of Jesus's birth isn't just about a baby in Bethlehem. It's the story of how God entered our world to redeem it from the inside out.

Luke reminds us that the child in the manger had a lineage that stretched back to Adam. From the very beginning, a Savior was promised (**Genesis 3:15**). Every name in that long list tells part of the human story—one marked by sin, struggle, and waiting for redemption. But at the end of that genealogy stands Jesus, the longed-for Savior who fulfills what humanity could never accomplish on its own.

In Jesus, the Creator entered creation. The Word became flesh (**John 1:14**). He stepped into our weakness and experienced the fullness of our suffering, yet never once sinned. His birth reveals God's participation in human pain. He is present in it, bringing salvation and hope.



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As you reflect on Christ's birth, remember that the same God who was born in such humble conditions continues to enter the dark, hurting, and broken places of our lives. Our experiences are not foreign to him. He was born to be with us, forever faithful to his promises.

Dig Deeper

- Read **Philippians 2:6-8** and consider what it meant for Jesus to take on human form. What did he give up? Where did his obedience lead? What does this tell you about your Savior's love for you?
- Take a few minutes to write down your own "genealogy of faith" from this year. List the ways you've seen God enter your story and the people he's used to encourage you in your walk with your Savior. Where have you seen God's redeeming presence and promises fulfilled this year?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to live among us. Thank you that he entered our world as a baby in a manger. As I begin this Christmas journey, remind me that you keep every promise and that your love reaches into every part of my life. Fill my heart with gratitude and peace as I rejoice in the birth of Christ, my Savior. In Jesus's name I pray, Amen.

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