A Weary World Rejoices!

— Genesis 12:1-4 —



Chestnuts roasting on an open fire.... Jack Frost nipping at your nose

Grandma got run over by a reindeer Walking home from our house Christmas Eve You can say there's no such thing as Santa... But as for me and Grandpa, we believe

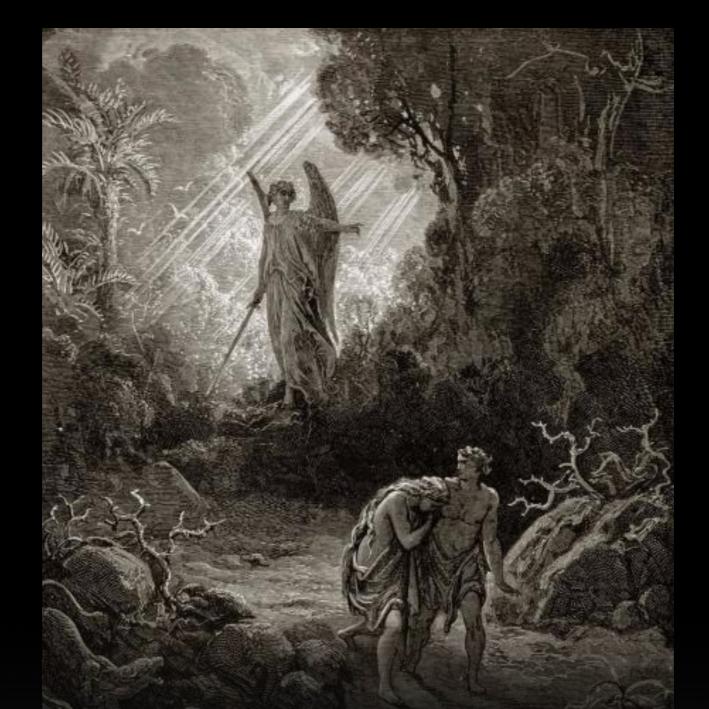


Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices... For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

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God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. — Genesis 1:31 —



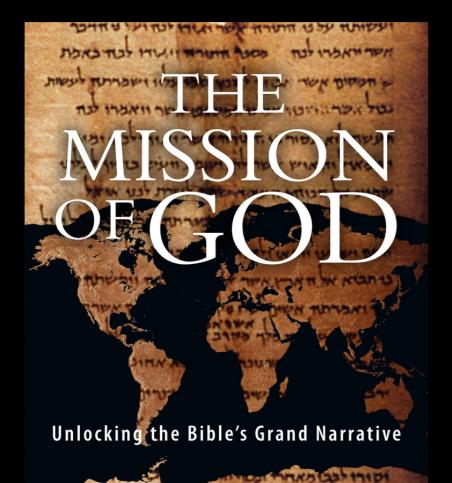
...the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden....

— Genesis 3:23 —



...every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. — Genesis 6:5 —

Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth. — Genesis 11—



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Genesis 1-11 poses a cosmic question to which God must provide a cosmic answer... What can God do next?

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land will show you...."

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

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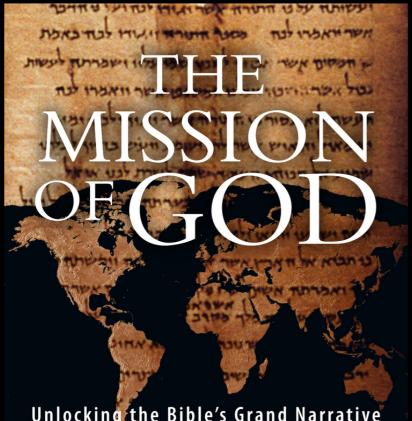
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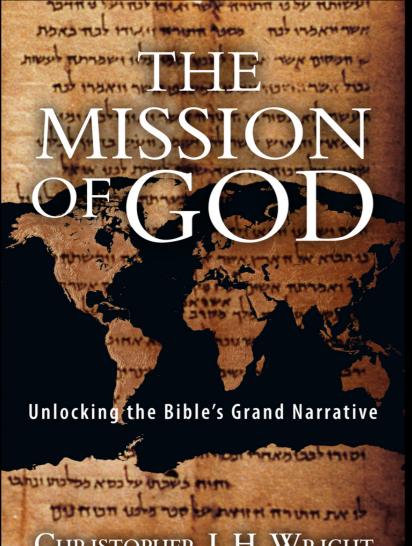
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He sees an elderly, childless couple in the land of Babel and decides to make them the fountainhead, the launch pad of his whole mission of cosmic redemption...



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The call of Abraham is the beginning of God's answer to the evil of human hearts, the strife of the nations and the groaning brokenness of his whole creation. A new world, ultimately a new creation, begins in this text.

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A new world, ultimately a new creation begins with God's promise to Abram.

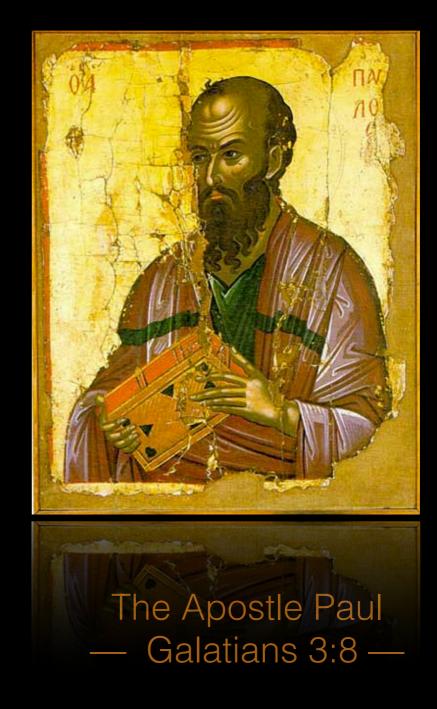




God's promise to Abraham Genesis 22:18



And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations by faith, preached the gospel **beforehand to Abraham** saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."



4 So Abram went, as the Lord told him, and Lot with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



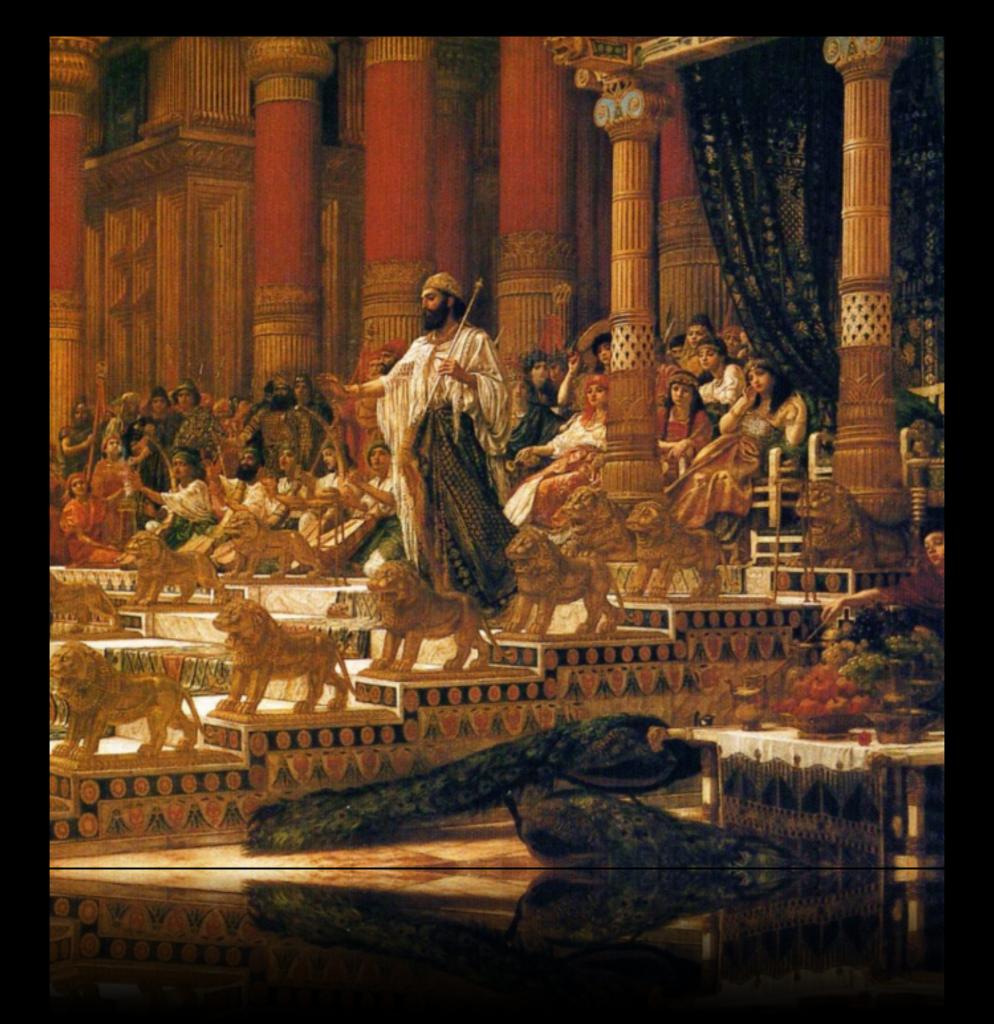


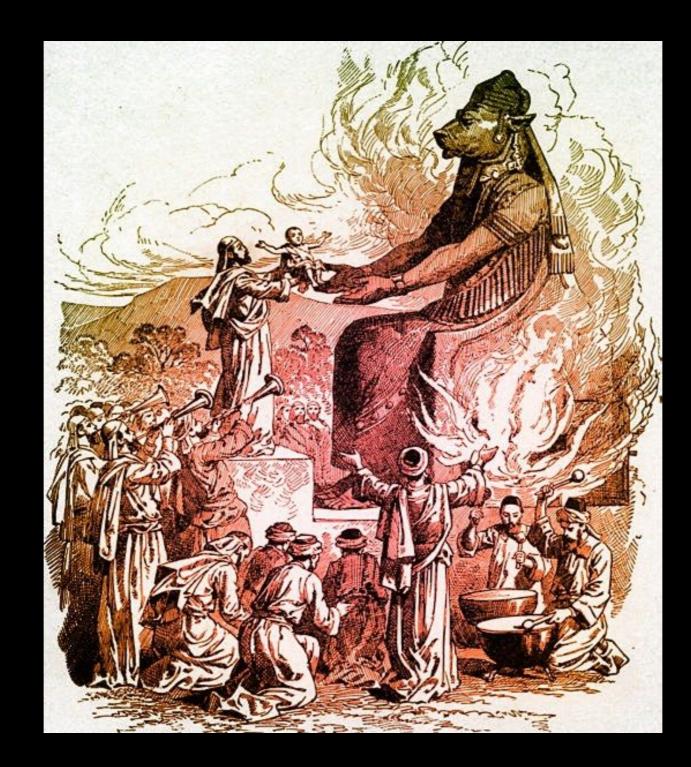








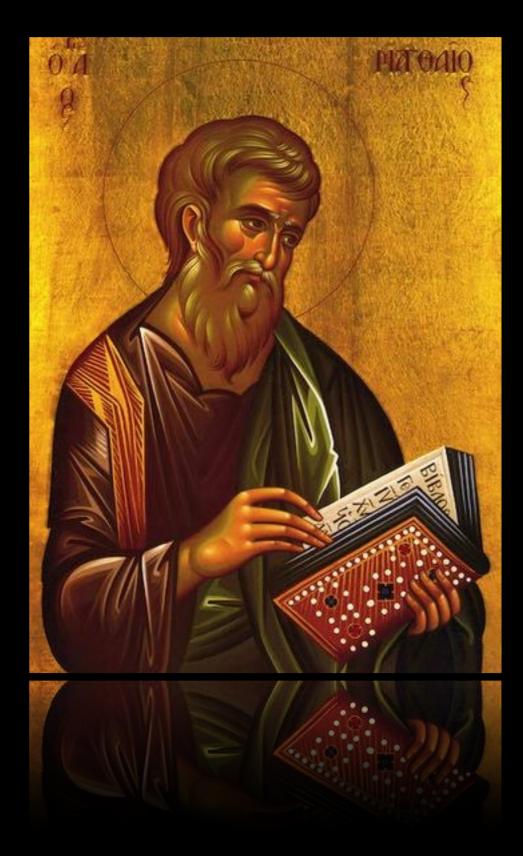








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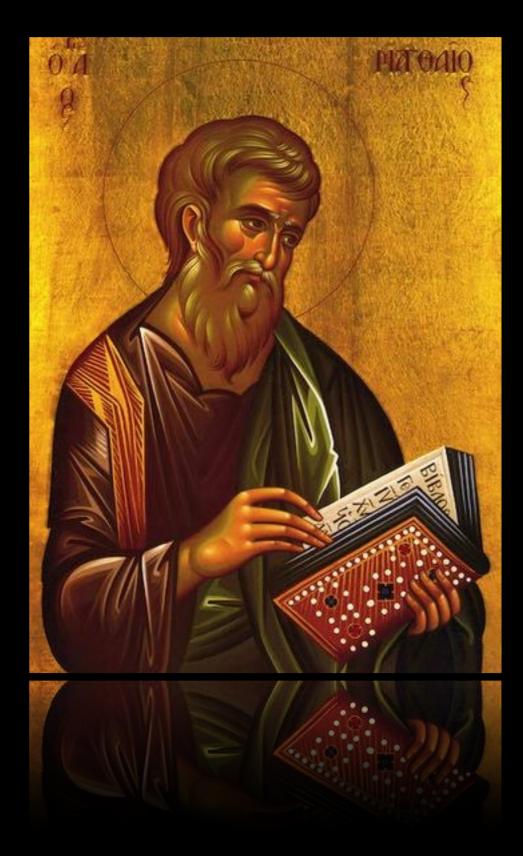
The Gospel of Matthew 1:1 —

Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

— The Gospel of Matthew 1:20-21 —

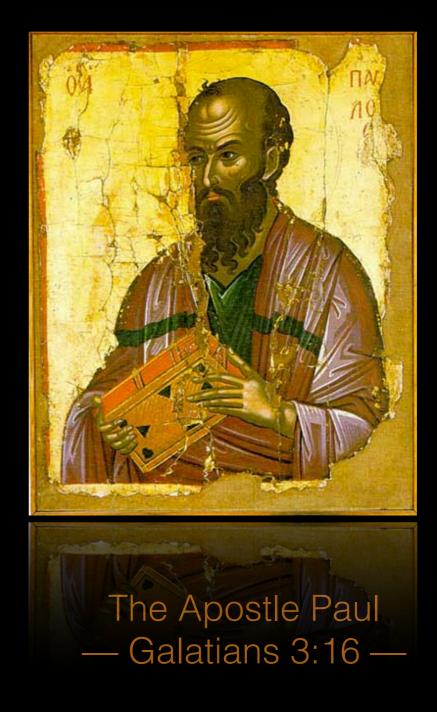
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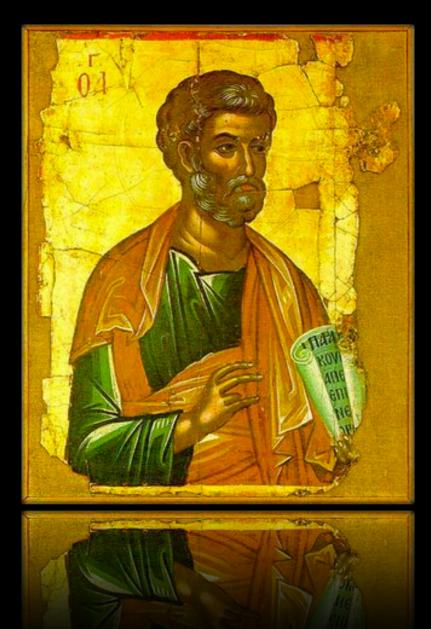
Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings" referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ...."



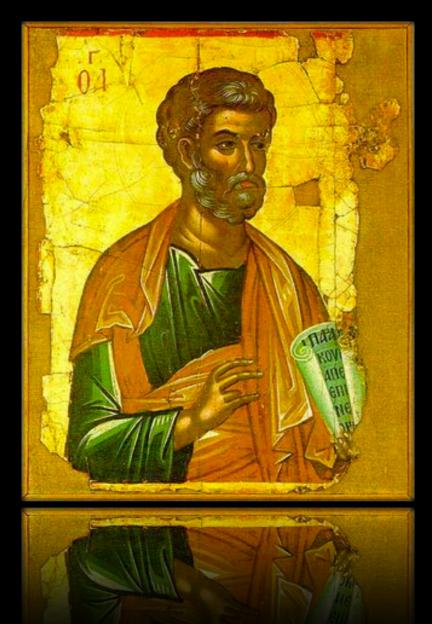
" Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'—so that in **Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham** might come to the nations....

The Apostle Paul Galatians 3:13-14

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You are the sons.... of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed."



God, having raised up His servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.

> The Apostle Peter — Acts 3:25-26 —

Jesus Did Not Come to Start a New Religion But to Fulfill An Old Promise Let's Rejoice That God Kept His Promise of Christmas

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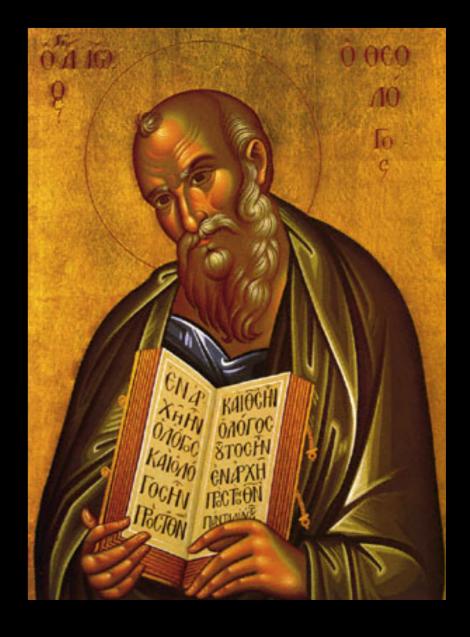


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For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

- 2 Corinthians 1:20 -

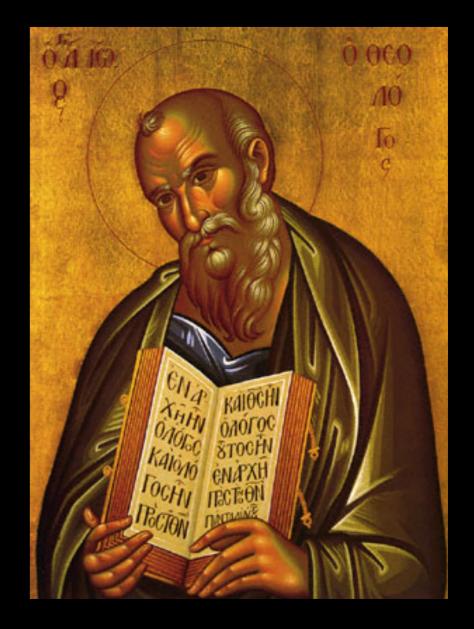




After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

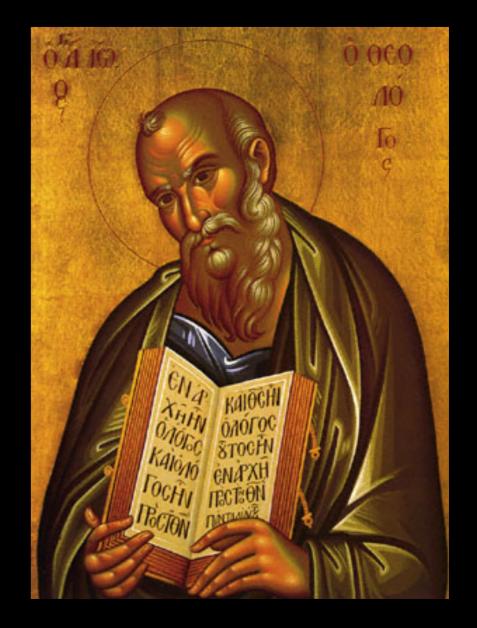
> The Apostle John Revelation 7:9-10

standing before the throne and before the Lamb...crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."



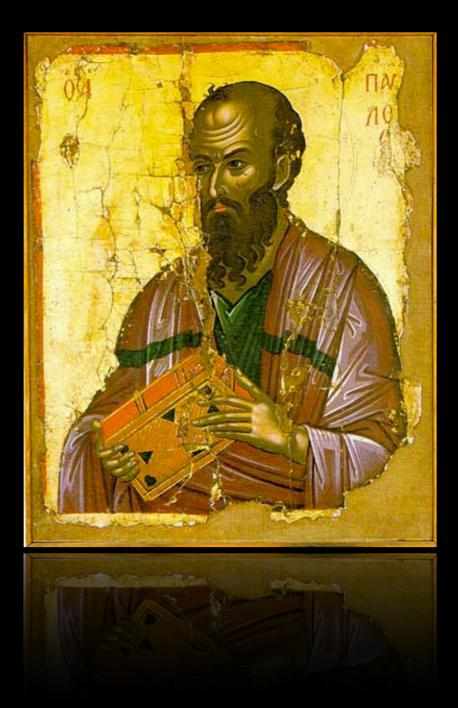
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He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.



The Apostle John Revelation 7:9-10 See I told you I would keep my promise! Let's Remember That We Have Been Swept Up in God's Promise of Christmas And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

> The Apostle Paul — Galatians 3:20 —



We have been blessed to be a blessing!

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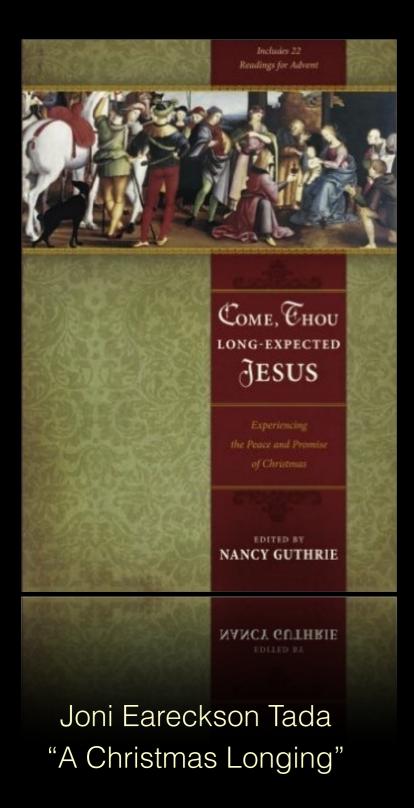
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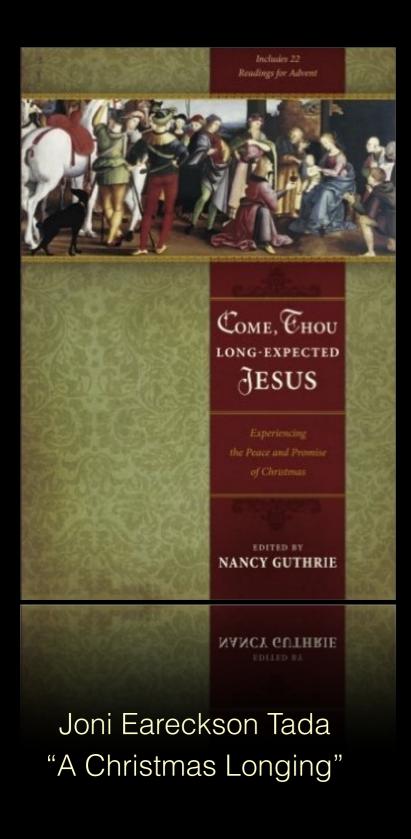
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1st Advent 2nd Advent



On this side of eternity, Christmas is still a promise.... Every Christmas is still a "turning of the page" until Jesus returns. Every December 25th marks another year that draws us closer to the fulfillment of the ages, that draws us closer home.



When we realize that Jesus is the answer to our deepest longing, even Christmas longings, each Advent brings us closer to his glorious return to earth. When we see him as he is, King of kings and Lord of lords, that will be "Christmas" indeed!

O holy night the stars are brightly shining It is the night of our dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn Fall on your knees O hear the angel voices O night divine when Christ was born Led by the light of faith serenely beaming with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand So led by light of star sweetly gleaming Here came the wise men from Orient land The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger In all our trials born to be our Friend He knows our need to weakness is no stranger Behold your King before Him lowly bend Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord O praise His name forever His power and glory evermore proclaim His power and glory evermore proclaim

May Your Weary Soul Rejoice In the God Who Keeps His Promises!