

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*



*COMFORT
&
JOY*

1. With Christ, Lifting Up the Humble .. Nov. 29
2. As a Messenger of the Most High .. Dec. 6
3. With Immanuel - God-With-Us .. Dec. 13
4. With the Lowly .. Dec. 20
5. Of the "O Holy Night" - Dec. 24
6. On Earth - Our Common Home - Dec. 27
7. Wishing A Year of Comfort and Joy - Dec. 31

For the Journey of Good Tidings

Luke 1:67-80

Jesus is the Promised "Horn of Salvation"



The Songs of Advent



Mary's Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55
Zechariah's Benedictus, Luke 1:68-79
Angels' Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Luke 2:14
Simeon's Nunc Dimittis, Luke 2:29-32

PRAISE THE LORD,
THE GOD OF ISRAEL,
BECAUSE HE HAS VISITED
AND PROVIDED REDEMPTION
FOR HIS PEOPLE.

AND HE HAS RAISED UP
**A HORN OF
SALVATION**

FOR US IN THE HOUSE
OF HIS SERVANT DAVID.

Luke 1:68,69

Also Psalm 18:2

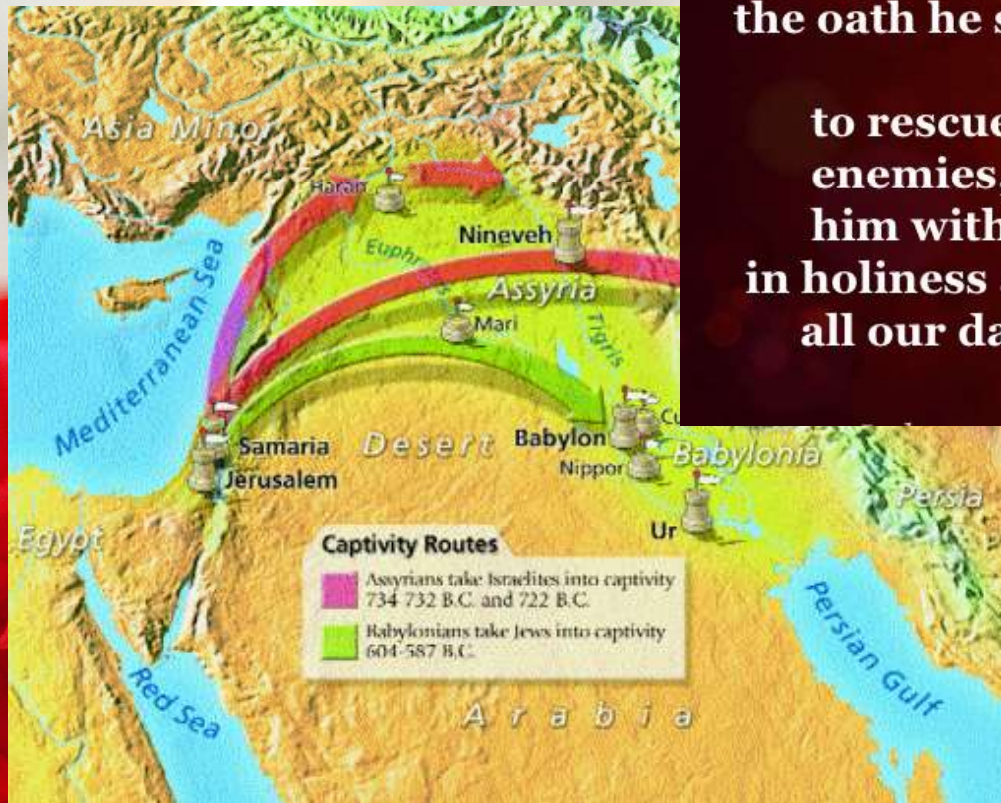
Luke 1:67-80

God's Deliverance from the Foreign Powers

**“To show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

**to rescue us from the hand of our
enemies, and to enable us to serve
him without fear
in holiness and righteousness before him
all our days to Israel....”**

Luke 1:73-75



Luke 1:67-80

The Birth of John as a part of God's Fulfillment



And child, you will be called a prophet of the *Most High*, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of *salvation* through the *forgiveness of their sins*.

Prepare the Way

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me."
(Malachi 3:1)

Luke 1:67-80

The Church Shall Live in Holiness and Righteousness

To **rescue** us
from the hand of our enemies
and to **enable** us
to serve Him
without fear,
in **holiness** and
righteousness before Him
all our days.

Luke 1:74-75



1. God comes to redeem His people.

Praise be to the Lord,
the God of Israel,
because He has come
to His people and
redeemed them.

Luke 1:68 NIV

~ Isaiah 9:2 ~

“The people walking in
darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of
deep darkness
a light has dawned.”

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Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

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<https://www.history.com/news/536-volcanic-eruption-fog-eclipse-worst-year>

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The Worst Time in History to Be Alive, According to Science

BECKY LITTLE

Is the year 2020 the worst?



Coronavirus Snapshot

14-day Trend		Global	Total
67,462	+19.8%	Cases	65,899,441
932	+77.2%	Deaths	1,518,670

For the Journey of Good Tidings Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

1. God comes to redeem His people.

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
by GARTH BROOKS

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from satan's power
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly father
The blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name
Oh tidings of comfort and joy (repeat)

Fear not said the angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of the pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From satan's power and might
Oh tidings of comfort and joy (repeat)

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Savior lay
They found him in the manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary kneeled down
And to the Lord did pray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy (repeat)

God rest ye merry gentlemen
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God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
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To save us all from Satan's power
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O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High



1. God comes to redeem His people.

2. He calls us to prepare the way for the Lord.

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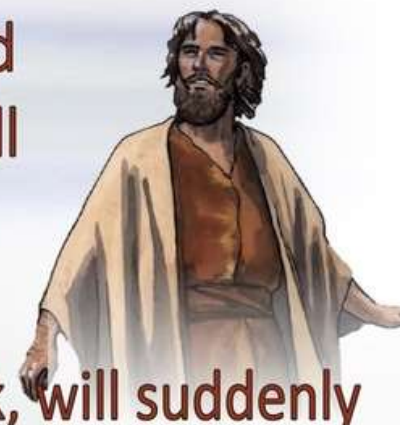
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Behold, I am going to send
My messenger, and he will
clear the way before Me.

And the Lord,
Whom you seek, will suddenly
come to His temple; and the
messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight

Malachi 3:1

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2. He calls us to prepare the way for the Lord.

Luke 1:76


And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways...



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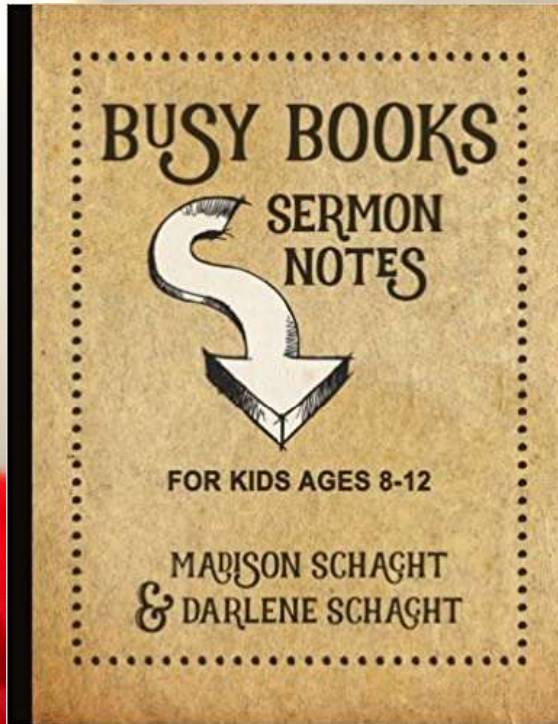
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1. God comes to redeem His people.
 2. He calls us to prepare the way for the Lord.
 3. **This Advent, offer his people the knowledge of salvation.**

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Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

3. *This Advent, offer his people the knowledge of salvation.*



“Five Christmas Gifts for Girls that will Connect them to Jesus”

By Emily


<https://raisingstickyhands.com/5-christmas-gifts-girls-will-connect-jesus-part-2/>



For the Journey of Good Tidings

Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

2. He calls us to prepare the way for the Lord.



Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

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3. This Advent, offer his people the knowledge of salvation.

*Turning the hearts of parents to their children;
... the disobedient to the wisdom of the just;
Making a people prepared
Giving them the knowledge of salvation
Calling them to repentance;
Pointing them to Jesus;
Announcing light to those who sit in darkness.*

You are the best Christmas gift.


For the Journey of Good Tidings
Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

1. God comes to redeem His people.
2. He calls us to prepare the way for the Lord.
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4. Share the tender mercy of God.

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Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

4. Share the tender mercy of God.



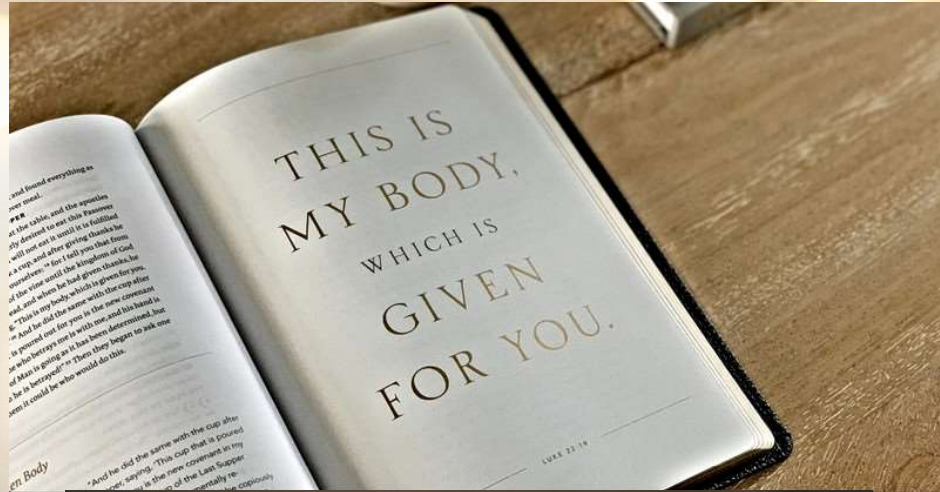
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high
will break upon us,
to give light to those
who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet
into the way of peace.

- Luke 1:78-79 NRSV

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Part 2. As a Messenger of the Most High

4. Share the tender mercy of God.



as Christ did...



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