

Time we spend doing stuffs in our lifetime!

*You have plenty of time for success!
SHARE YOUR GIFT OF TIME!*

Sleeping: 318 months

Going to school: 43 months

Working: 128 months

Eating: 72 months

Waiting in line: 60 months

Going to the toilet: 13 months

Doing housework: 48 months

Looking for lost possession: 12 months

Going to the movie: 27 months

Time left to live: 233 months

Assume average life expectancy is 79.5 (UK)

"**Advent** is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

POPE FRANCIS



1.5 seconds vs. 3 seconds

"The 45 Second Rule"

For Student Success (Mary Budd Rowe)

How Long Should Patience Last?



ADVENTUS *(Latin)* = COMING *(English)*
ADVENT = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday
(nearest 30th of Nov)



Hope

Prophecy
Candle

2nd Sunday



Love

Bethlehem
Candle

3rd Sunday



Joy

Shepherd's
Candle

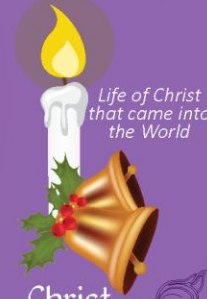
4th Sunday



Peace

Angel's
Candle

Christmas Eve
or Christmas Day



Life of Christ
that came into
the World

Christ
Candle

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Wait, Be Patient, and Love More.



(1937-2016)

CALENDAR
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Christ's Time
for the Church

Laurence Hull Stookey

Leadership Lessons From The Life Of Henry A. Kissinger

Michael Peregrine Senior Contributor

Forbes



19 of 121 FILE - Then Chinese Vice Premier Li Jing, left, plays table tennis with former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, right, at the Daoyuatai State Guesthouse in Beijing on Sunday, March 18, 2001. Official China called Kissinger "an old friend." A commentator likened him to a giant panda, a goodwill ambassador between two countries that have... Read More



(1923-2023)

“Pragmatic Idealism”

*interacting on some limited basis of common ground with opponents and enemies **as much as** with supporters and confidants*

*1) build Trust; 2) avoid fundamentally problematic issues
How? Through quiet engagement and substantial tolerance!*

An Advent Call to Action!



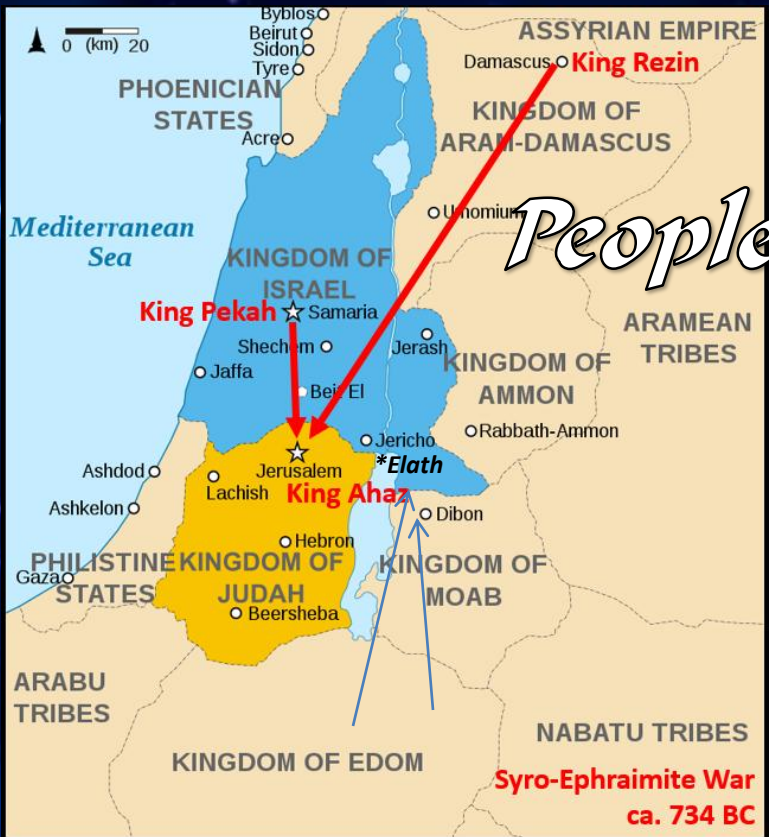
1. *A Courageous Journey for Christ .. First Sunday of Advent*
2. *Prepare a Path to Christ .. Second Sunday of Advent*
3. *Celebrate Joy of the Advent of Christ .. Third Sunday of Advent*
4. *Be at Peace with Christ .. Christmas Eve*
5. *New Year with Christ .. New Year's Eve*

A Journey for the Great Mr. C

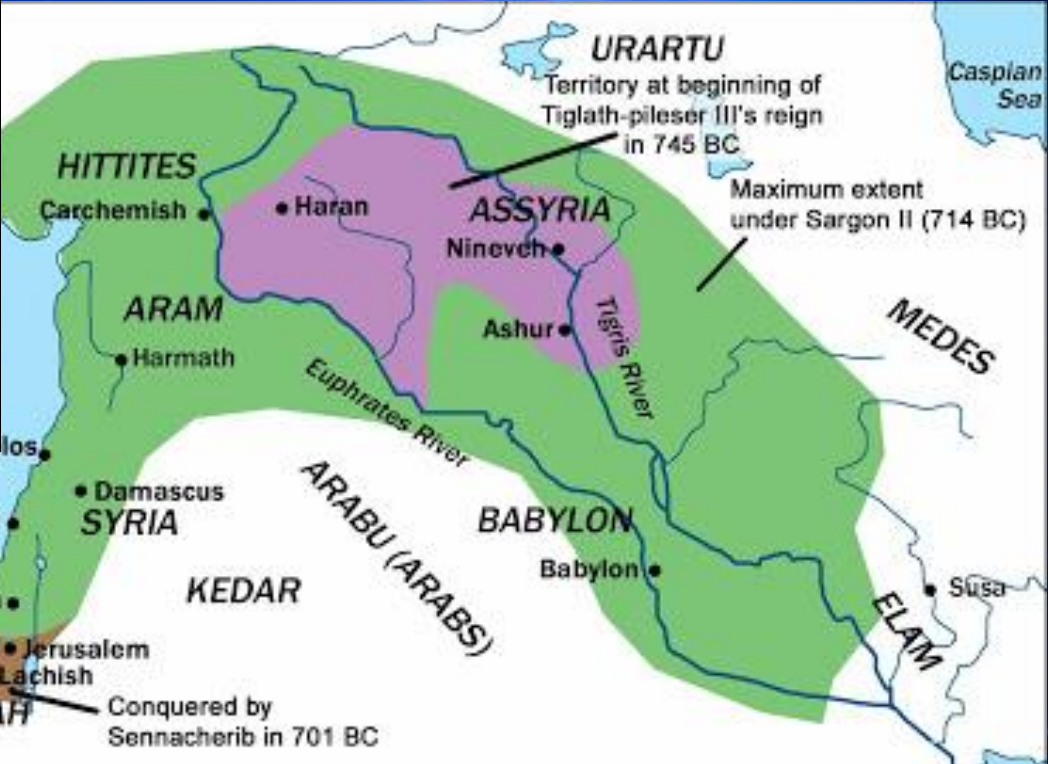


Isaiah 9:1-7

People Walking in Darkness



Syro-Ephraimite War
ca. 734 BC



Assyrian Empire
in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)
under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

Isaiah 9:1-7

A New Beginning Foretold

THE PEOPLE
WHO WALKED
IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN
A GREAT LIGHT.

ISAIAH 9:2



King Josiah - 2 Kings 22-23

Isaiah 9:1-7

A New Creation Announced!

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴⁻⁵ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
Every warrior's boot used in battle and
every garment rolled in blood will be destined
for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

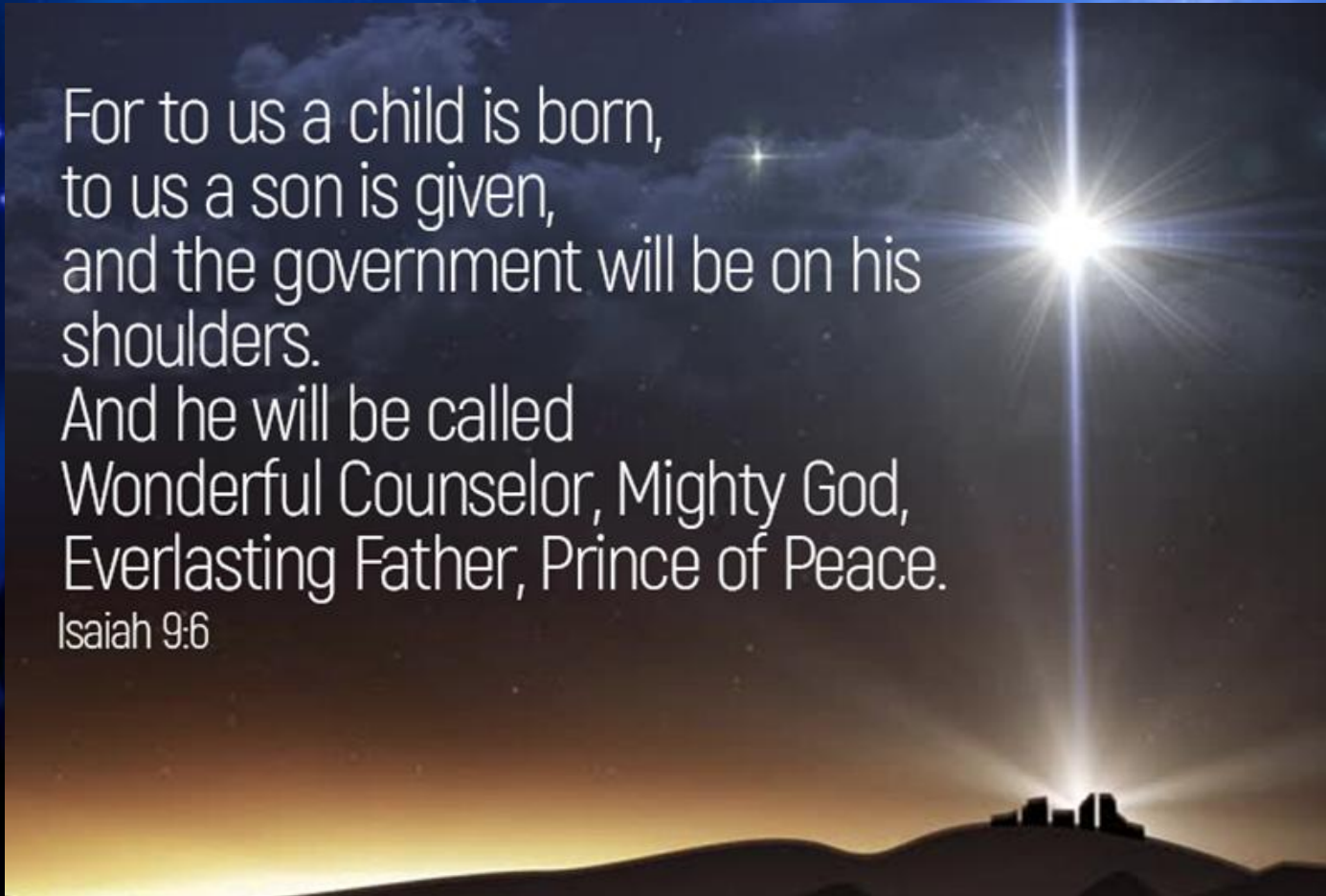
Isaiah 9:3-5



Isaiah 9:1-7

Wait for the Child!

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6



1. A light has dawned for the people walking in darkness.



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Hope is being
able to see that
there is light
despite all of the
darkness.

— Desmond Tutu

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2. Shatter the yoke that burdens you.



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Americans spend **approximately \$1,000** on Christmas each year.

71% of US holiday budgets are assigned to gift purchases.

US holiday sales have grown year-over-year for over a decade.

96% of Americans buy gifts for their families.

Americans spend well **over \$200** a year on non-gift items.

Canadians spend nearly **\$1,000** more than Americans during the holidays.

On average, **men spend 10% more** than women on holiday purchases.

The highest-spending Americans over the winter holidays are **aged 45-54**.

The Northeast outspends the South by **around \$100** per person each year.

Gift cards are the most popular present to receive.

48% of Americans **begin Christmas shopping before the end of October**.

More than half (**63%**) of Americans **shop online** for holiday purchases.

“Key 2023 American Christmas Spending Stats”

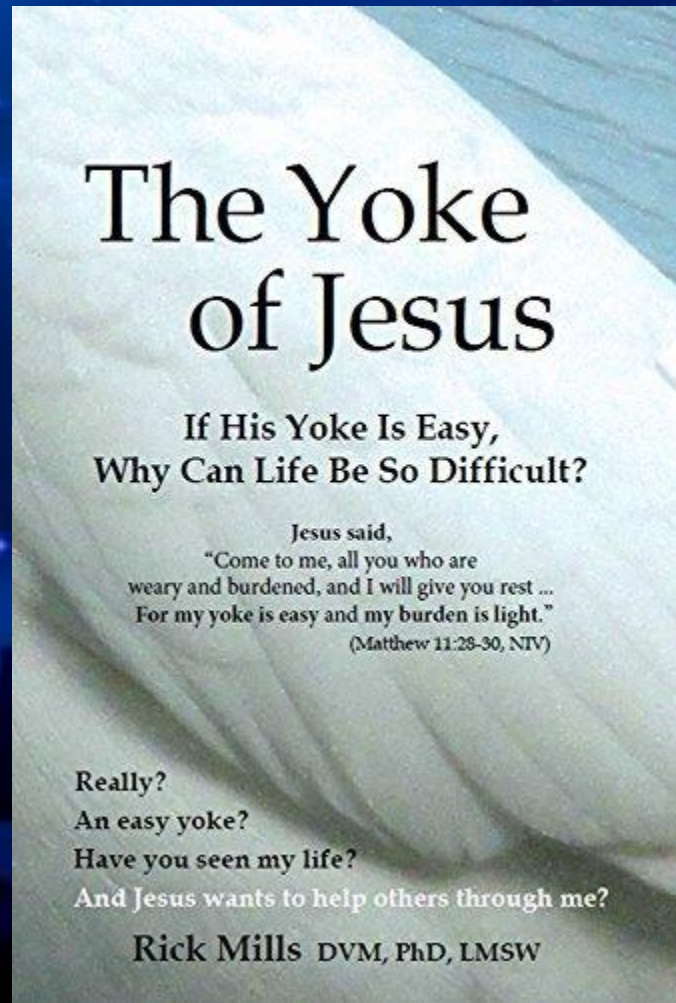
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Josh Howarth

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"You have a choice. Everyone wears a yoke, and your choice of whose you wear will determine to what extent you live your life abundantly.

*If you take the yoke of Jesus and learn from Him, God will use your painful and difficult experiences along with **His healing grace to renew and conform you to the image of His Son.**"*

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Give them
the gift of

Time.



*At least each Sunday through the act of
worship, study, & service!*

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Your FIRST GIFT this Advent!



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