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Advent 2016 Suggested Devotional Guide

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016

Old Testament:	Isaiah 2:1-5
New Testament:	Romans 13:11-14

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016

Old Testament:	Psalms 72:1-7
New Testament:	Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2016

Old Testament:	Isaiah 35:1-10
New Testament:	James 5:7-10

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016

Old Testament:	Psalms 80:1-7
New Testament:	Matthew 1:18-25

The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus* (Greek *parousia*), means "coming" or "arrival," and the season includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The Advent Season is focused on the birth and coming of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King) and preparation for His promised return. Worship, devotion/scripture readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (His first coming), but also for His eventual second coming and is why the scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' return.