



The Advent of His Sovereignty

Lighting the Promise Candle of Advent

Lesson 1 • Psalm of Ascents 132

Advent Candles Can Shine the Light on the Christ of Christmas

Advent Calendar	4th SUNDAY before Christmas	3rd SUNDAY before Christmas	2nd SUNDAY before Christmas	1st SUNDAY before Christmas	CHRISTMAS Eve or Day
Advent Candle	PROMISE Candle	PREPARATION Candle	PROCLAMATION Candle	PARTICIPATION Candle	PRESENCE Candle
Advents of Christ	<i>OT People Trust the Prophetic Promises Simeon & Anna</i>	<i>NT People Are Prepared for His Coming Zechariah & Elisabeth, Mary & Joseph</i>	<i>Angels & Shepherds Proclaim His Good News Sharing the Good News</i>	<i>Wise Men Participate in His Worship Worshipping before the King</i>	<i>Jesus Christ Is Present in His Two Advents Enjoying the Greatest Gift of All</i>

The Advent of the Son of David in the Psalms of Ascents

Psalms of Ascents	132	131	133	134	122-134
Main Theme	SOVEREIGNTY	HUMILITY	UNITY	MAJESTY	ETERNITY
Son of David	PROMISES of His Coming Kingdom	PREPARATION with His Humble Heart	PROCLAMATION by His Unity	PARTICIPATION in His Majesty	PRESENCE of Himself with His People in His Place for All Eternity

The Advent of the Son of David in Psalms 131-134 Will Be Fulfilled as David's Greatest Son Comes to Establish His Kingdom in the City of Zion with His Faithful Subjects.

The Fulfillment of God's Promises to David Will Fulfill the Promise of the Psalms of Ascents

God's PRESENCE Will Dwell...	with God's PEOPLE...	in God's PLACE!
The RULER of David's Kingdom will be His perfect Son, the God-Man Jesus Christ!	The RULED of David's Kingdom Will Be the Faithful of Israel and the Church!	The RULE and REALM of David's Kingdom Will Stretch from Zion to the New Creation!

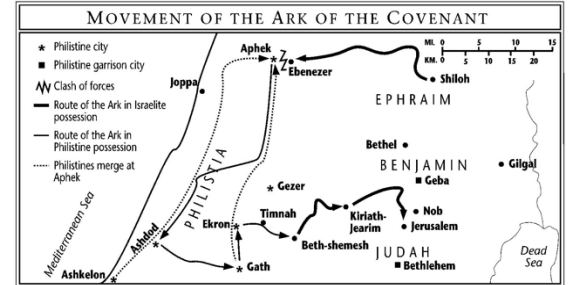
How Important Are God's Covenant Promises to David in the Bible?

- The Lord's covenant promises with David are revealed in *2 Samuel 7:8-17*.
- The Lord's covenant promises with David are cause for great rejoicing in *Psalms 89*.
- The Lord's covenant promises with David are repeatedly referred to in the Bible:
 - 1) By David at His death. *2 Samuel 23:3-7*
 - 2) By Solomon in His prayer of dedication of the Temple. *2 Chronicles 6:14-16*
 - 3) By the Record Keeper of the Kings after one of David's Sons was especially ungodly and unfaithful. *2 Chronicles 21:7*
 - 4) By the Faithful on their joyful journey to the Temple. *Psalms 132:11-12*
 - 5) By the Prophets who make clear the unconditional nature of God's promises to David. *Jeremiah 33:20-21*
 - 6) By the Angel Gabriel to Mary declaring that the birth of Jesus begins fulfilling God's promises to David. *Luke 1:31-33*
 - 7) By Peter in his sermon on Pentecost preaching that Christ's resurrection proves God's promises to David are being partially fulfilled. *Acts 2:29-31*
 - 8) By James in the first Church Council explaining that the mission to the Gentiles is in keeping with God's promises to David. *Acts 15:14-18*
 - 9) By Paul in his Letter to the Romans and his preaching of the Gospel to all people groups. *Romans 1:1-6*
 - 10) By Paul in his final challenge to Timothy to remain faithful to the Gospel promises fulfilled in David's greatest Son, Jesus. *2 Timothy 2:8-9*
 - 11) By John in the last book of the Bible to reveal the final fulfillment of all of God's promises to David in the victorious rule of Jesus. *Revelation 3:7; 5:5*
 - 12) By Jesus Himself in the last verses of the last chapter of the last book of the Bible. *Revelation 22:16, 20-21*

How Will God's Promise of an Eternal Davidic Kingdom Ultimately Be Fulfilled?

- In **verses 1-10** the answer is by the LORD's people being faithful to pray according to David's promise to the LORD.

The Background in 2 Samuel 6 – *David's passionate promise to find a dwelling place for God's presence.*



- In **verses 11-18** the answer is by the LORD being faithful to fulfill His promise to David.

The Background in 2 Samuel 7 – *God's permanent promise to provide David and his son an eternal kingdom!*

So How Will God's Promises to David Finally Be Fulfilled?

1. By God Faithfully FULFILLING His Promises to David through the Advents of His Greatest Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (11-18)

- The LORD **unconditionally repeats** His promises to David. (vv. 11-18)
- The LORD **has already partially fulfilled** His promises to David in the **FIRST** coming (= advent) of David's greatest son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (vv. 16-17)

The Partial Fulfillment Is Seen in...

- 1) His lineage through Mary and Joseph.

*Jesus is David's **physical** son through the line of Adam by Mary. Luke 3:23-38*

*Jesus is David's **legal/royal** son through the line of David and Abraham by Joseph. Matthew 1:1-17*

- 2) His birth, His life, and even His death.

Jesus' birth began to fulfill God's promises to David. Luke 1:31-33; Matthew 2:1-3

Jesus' life was sinless and perfectly obedient as God required of David and his sons. Hebrews 4:15

Jesus clearly claimed to be both God's Son and David's son as the fulfillment of Psalm 110. Mark 12:35-37

Jesus was mocked, cursed, and crucified for being the "King of the Jews." John 19:18-22

- 3) His resurrection from the dead and His ascension to the right hand of Father in heaven.

- 4) His "now and not yet" kingdom presence and power. Acts 2:34-36; Hebrews 2:8-9

- The LORD **will completely fulfill** His promises to David in the **SECOND** coming (= advent) of David's perfect Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (vv. 13-18; Revelation 3:21)

2. By God's People Faithfully PRAYING for the LORD to Keep His Promises to His David and His Greatest Son, Jesus. (1-10)

- Be faithful in **ASKING** the LORD to **remember His promises** to David and his greatest son, Jesus, in order to fulfill them. (vv. 1-5, 10)

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10)

- Be faithful in **ACTING ON** those promises on a **regular basis** in weekly worship and daily living. (vv. 6-9)

“Let us go into His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool...and let Your godly ones sing for joy!”

- 1) Verses 6-9 **reenact** the bringing of the Ark of His Presence into the city of Zion to worship Him!
- 2) Yes, but **how do we** do this as New Testament believers and as members of this local church?

Weekly worship that climaxes in the Lord’s Supper: Remember Him until He comes!

Be faithful to gather as a **Kingdom Outpost** on a weekly basis with other subjects of the coming King!

Daily living out what Water Baptism symbolizes: Walk in newness of life!

Be faithful to live as a **Kingdom Citizens** of the coming King on a daily basis as you share the good news of the His kingdom with those who are not yet His subjects!

There Is Good News This Christmas: God Will Completely Fulfill His Promises to David through the Second Advent of His Greatest Son, the Lord Jesus Christ

Are you one of His subjects? Have you surrendered to His sovereignty over your life and all things?

Will you faithfully ask Him to fulfill all His promises to David through his greatest son, Jesus Christ?

Will you faithfully live as a subject of the coming King and joyfully gather in His Kingdom Outpost, the Local Church?

Let’s REJOICE in the partial fulfilment of His promises to David in his greatest son, Jesus Christ, this Christmas!

Let’s REFLECT our faith in God’s faithfulness to keep His promises by our weekly worship and your daily living!

Let’s REMIND the Lord in prayer to fulfill all His promises to David through the second coming of his greatest son, Jesus Christ!