

LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

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Advent pt. 1



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“Don’t give me hope.”

Prophet (English)

Profétés (Greek)

→ Advocate

‘Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.’

- Isaiah 9 v 1-2

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‘This is what the Lord says: “In the time of my favor I will answer you and in the day of salvation I will help you. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, “Come out,” and to those in darkness, “Be free!” ’

- Isaiah 49 v 8-9

‘ “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.” ’

- Isaiah 42 v 6-7

‘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 v 6

Then...

→ Hope that will come from the
birth of Jesus

Now...

→ Hope that Heaven will be re-
established upon Earth

‘Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.’

- C.S. Lewis

The Season of Advent

→ We are present-based people, who hold a strong sense of excitement and expectancy at the future hope that will come - and is coming.