



JESSE TREE READING PLAN

Many years before Christ came, the Prophet Isaiah foretold both the fall of Israel and also the establishment of his kingdom in justice by a future Messiah: “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots” (Isa 11:1). With the “Jesse Tree,” we trace not only the lineage of Jesus from Jesse, father of King David, but also the history of salvation as it points to his coming.

Every day during Advent, read from Scripture to go through that history:

December 1	<i>Creation</i>	Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4
December 2	<i>Adam and Eve</i>	Genesis 2:7-9, 18-24
December 3	<i>The Fall</i>	Genesis 3:1-7, 23-24
December 4	<i>Noah</i>	Genesis 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23-24; 8:1, 6-22
December 5	<i>Abraham</i>	Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21
December 6	<i>Isaac</i>	Genesis 22:1-14
December 7	<i>Jacob</i>	Genesis 25:1-34; 28:10-15
December 8	<i>Joseph</i>	Genesis 37:3-28; 45:3-18
December 9	<i>Moses</i>	Exodus 2:1-10; 3:1-12
December 10	<i>Samuel</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-18
December 11	<i>Jesse</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13
December 12	<i>David</i>	1 Samuel 17:12-51
December 13	<i>Solomon</i>	1 Kings 3:5-28
December 14	<i>Joseph</i>	Matthew 1:18-25
December 15	<i>Mary</i>	Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38
December 16	<i>John the Baptist</i>	Mark 1:1-8

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(Jesse Tree Readings, continued)

Readings for December 17-23 are based on names of Jesus from the “O” Antiphons in the Liturgy of the Hours. The antiphon is written below each title and Scripture reference.

December 17 *Wisdom (O Sapientia)* **Sirach 24:3; Wisdom 8:1**

- *Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High and, reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly. Come, and teach us the way of prudence*

December 18 *Lord (O Adonai)* **Exodus 3:2; 6:6**

- *Adonai and Ruler of the House of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave him your law. Come, and with outstretched arm redeem us.*

December 19 *Root of Jesse (O Radix)* **Isaiah 11:1-3**

- *Root of Jesse, you stand as a sign for the peoples; before you kings shall keep silence and to you all nations shall have recourse. Come, save us, and do not delay.*

December 20 *Key of David (O Clavis David)* **Isaiah 22:22, 42:6-7;
Revelation 3:7**

- *Key of David and Scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no man closes; you close and no man opens. Come, and deliver from the chains of prison those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

December 21 *Dayspring, Morning Star (O Oriens)* **Isaiah 9:1; Malachi 3:20;
2 Peter 1:19**

- *Rising Dawn, Radiance of the Light eternal and Sun of Justice: come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death*

December 22 *King of the Nations (O Rex Gentium)* **Psalms 2:7-9;
Ephesians 2:14-20**

- *King of the Gentiles and the Desired of all, you are the cornerstone that binds two into one. Come, and save man whom you fashioned out of clay.*

December 23 *God with Us (O Emmanuel)* **Isaiah 7:14; 33:22**

- *Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior. Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

December 24 *Jesus is the Light of the World* **John 1:1-14**