

## Advent 2023

### Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth

#### Week 1 - The Prophet's Candle

**Theme:** Hope

**Verse:** Genesis 49:8-10 TLV

Judah, so you are— your brothers will praise you: Your hand will be on your enemies' neck. Your father's sons will bow down to you. A lion's cub is Judah— from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches, lies down like a lion, or like a lioness— who would rouse him? The scepter will not pass from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, *until he to whom it belongs will come.*

#### Week 2 - Bethlehem's Candle

**Theme:** Preparation

**Verses:** Micah 5:1 & Jeremiah 23:5-6 TLV

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah— least among the clans of Judah— *from you will come out to Me One to be ruler in Israel,* One whose goings forth are from of old, from days of eternity.

“Behold, days are coming” —it is a declaration of Adonai— “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He will reign as king wisely, and execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell in safety; and this is His Name by which He will be called: *Adonai our righteousness.*

### **Week 3 - The Shepherd's Candle**

**Theme:** Joy

**Verse:** Luke 2:8-14 TLV

Now there were shepherds in the same region, living out in the fields and guarding their flock at night. Suddenly an angel of Adonai stood before them, and the glory of Adonai shone all around them; and they were absolutely terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold, I proclaim Good News to you, which will be great joy to all the people. ***A Savior is born to you today in the city of David, who is Messiah the Lord.*** And the sign to you is this: You will find an infant wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly a multitude of heavenly armies appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth shalom to men of good will.”

### **Week 1 - The Angel's Candle**

**Theme:** Adoration, Expectation

**Verse:** Revelation 11:15-15 TLV

Then the seventh angel trumpeted, and there were loud voices in heaven saying, “***The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Anointed One. And He shall reign forever and ever!***” And the twenty-four elders seated on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We thank you, Adonai Elohei-Tzva’ot, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and begun to reign.