

Verse 1

O Come O Come Emmanuel
And Ransom Captive Israel
That Mourns in Lonely Exile Here
Until the Son of God Appears
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall Come to Thee, O Israel

Verse 2

O Come, Thou Dayspring, Come and Cheer
Our Spirits By Thine Advent Here
Disperse the Gloomy Clouds of Night
And Death's Dark Shadows Put to Flight
Rejoice, Rejoice, O Emmanuel
Shall Come to Thee O Israel

Verse 3

O Come, Desire of Nations, Bind
In One the Hearts of All Mankind
Bid Thou Our Sad Divisions Cease
And Be Thyself our King of Peace
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall Come to Thee, O Israel

In Whom Do We Hope?

Emmanuel

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. - Isaiah 7:14

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²²*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). - Matthew 1:21-23*

Dayspring

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. . . . 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. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

. . . because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. - Luke 1:78-79

Desire of Nations

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. ⁸'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. ⁹'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty." - Haggai 2:6-9

Response to Fulfilled Hope: welcome to our world

For what do we hope?

Ransom for sin

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

- Hebrews 11:13-16

Relief From Darkness

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Reign of Peace

In his article, “Crisis of Human Spirit Demands Spiritual Reawakening”, Vaclav Havel writes, “Pursuit of the good life will not help humanity save itself, nor is democracy alone enough...A turning to and seeking of God, is needed...The human race constantly forgets that he is not God.” - Vaclav Havel

Response to Future Hope: Wait for His world!

“What we feel now, we will not always feel. Our disappointment is itself a sign, an aching, a hunger for something better. And faith is, in the end, a kind of homesickness— for a home we have never visited but have never once stopped longing for.” - Philip Yancey