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"Son of David"

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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.

2024 Challenge: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament

December: Read [Obadiah](#), [Jonah](#), [Micah](#), [Nahum](#), [Habakkuk](#) and [Haggai](#) to see how people, situations and events point to Jesus

Day 1 [Matthew 1:1](#) | Son of David

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1

Matthew proclaims Jesus as the Messiah. The ancient Jews understood the enormous significance of this title. Messiah means "the anointed one." At that time, they anointed Kings with oil to signify their royal inheritance. By referring to Jesus as the Messiah, Matthew is declaring his kingship. But Jesus is not only the Messiah. He is also the "Son of David." This is a key reference for the Jewish people. The Son of David is the King promised to them in the Old Testament. His arrival ushers in a new, long-awaited era. He will deliver them from their enemies and reestablish them as a great nation.

The Jews prepared for the Messiah for generations. Yet, Jesus was not who they expected. He was a helpless baby from Nazareth. It may have seemed like he was nothing particularly special. They misunderstood what God promised. God's plan for the Messiah was more wonderful than they ever could have expected. We may also have misconceptions about Jesus and his role in our lives. This week, we will explore the different facets of Jesus, the Son of David. He is our promised King who leads and protects us with a shepherd's care and a warrior's ferocious spirit. He has conquered death, delivered us from evil and will one day return to restore creation. Our hope is secure because he is our long-awaited, forever King.

TODAY: This year, we have been looking for [Jesus in the Old Testament](#), and we've seen how all of Scripture points to Jesus. Jesus longs for us to know his complete character. Take a moment to pray and ask God to reveal any misconceptions you have about Jesus. Open your heart to the full character of Jesus and commit to making him Lord of your life today.

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Read [Micah 1](#). Highlight anything that points to Jesus. Consider how Jesus also pronounces judgment against sin ([Matthew 23:34-39](#)).

Day 2 [2 Samuel 7:1-16](#) | Promised King

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 2 Samuel 7:13

The first-century Jews have long awaited the Son of David because he is their promised King. David was the greatest and most beloved king of Israel. He defeated their enemies, conquered Jerusalem and built a thriving capital city. Peace, prosperity and devotion to the Lord defined his reign. In 2 Samuel, David realizes that while he lives in an elaborate palace, God is living in a tent. He declares he will build a temple for the Lord, but God refuses him. Instead, God makes a covenant with David. God will build David's house. Someone from David's line will ascend the throne and reign forever. He will be a king far greater than David who will bless all nations. The

promises to Abraham ([Genesis 12:1-3](#)) and David merge into one. Jesus Christ, the Son of David, fulfills this promise. He is the long-awaited covenant Messiah.

The Israelites waited for many generations for their promised King. The Royal Psalms give a glimpse of their anticipation of this king ([Psalms 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 132, 144](#)). Sometimes, they may have believed he would never come, but God never forgot his promise to them. We also experience times of waiting and wonder when God will show up. We pray for healing from a disease. We pray for reconciliation with an estranged loved one. It is easy to become disillusioned and doubtful while we wait, but God has not forgotten us. He keeps his word and promises to work for our good. We can trust that everything will be made right in his time.

TODAY: Join Ada Bible Worship as they sing "[Same God](#)." Use the lyrics to remember that God is faithful in times of waiting. Praise that his "love endures through generations. I know that you will keep your covenant." God keeps his promises.

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Read [Micah 2](#). Highlight anything that points to Jesus. Focus on Jesus as the Good Shepherd gathering his flock ([John 10:14-16](#)).

Day 3 [John 10:10-18](#) | Shepherd King

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15

Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd to the religious leaders. This is not a coincidence but an intentional declaration that he is the long-awaited Son of David. King David was the shepherd king. In his early life, he was a shepherd boy who tended sheep. He led, cared for and protected his flock. He did the same as the king. "David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people" ([2 Samuel 8:15](#)). David's selfless leadership led to the flourishing of Israel. It was a temporary return to Eden where peace, well-being and justice prevailed. Jesus promises to be the same kind of king, but this time it will be forever.

The nation of Israel followed David's leadership without reservation because he was selfless and trustworthy. Jesus promises to be the same type of shepherd king. Yet, it can be difficult to surrender our will to him. Our shepherd promises to guide us, protect us and care for us no matter the circumstance. Jesus's sacrifice on the cross proves that he has our best interest in mind, and we can trust him. Jesus is a selfless king who laid down life so we can experience Eden here and now. We can have confidence that he will lead us to green pastures and an abundant life, even in our struggles.

TODAY: We all have things in our lives we haven't surrendered to God. Take a moment to journal about where you are in need of redemption and allow Jesus to lead you out of it. It could be in your relationships, work, finances, parenting or habits. Ask God to help you turn it over to Jesus and trust his leadership.

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Read [Micah 3](#). Highlight anything that points to Jesus. Note Jesus as the true and righteous leader ([Matthew 20:25-28](#)).

Day 4 [Revelation 19:11-16](#) | Warrior King

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. Revelation 19:11

The book of Revelation presents Jesus as the ultimate warrior who will return to wage war on evil. This points back to King David and affirms Jesus as the Messiah. David was also a fierce warrior. 1 Samuel 17 recounts the wartime story of a young David who slays Goliath with only a slingshot and stone. As king of Israel, David fought

many more battles, delivering his nation again and again. David had to defeat his enemies to experience God's promised peace. War was necessary for the establishment of his prosperous kingdom.

It can be hard to imagine Jesus as a fierce warrior and easy to dismiss spiritual battles as fantasy. We should not allow ourselves to believe these battles do not exist. A real enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy all that is good ([John 10:10](#)). Yet we need not fear. Our warrior king wages battle against disease, addiction, violence and injustice. He fights on our behalf and promises to return one day and make everything new ([Revelation 21:5](#)). Until then, he offers peace through his death and resurrection. This peace isn't free but requires us to surrender our selfish whims and sin to his selfless leadership. We can rest assured that Jesus has already won the ultimate victory. We will one day experience his fully established kingdom on earth.

TODAY: You may have someone in your life who is in the midst of battle and needs the hope of Jesus. Invite them to join you for our Christmas service to hear the good news of Jesus. Visit adabible.org/Christmas for our Christmas service times and locations.

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Read [Micah 4](#). Highlight anything that points to Jesus. Consider God's dwelling place of peace ([Revelation 21:1-4](#)).

Day 5 [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) | Forever King

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. Isaiah 11:1

Isaiah was a prophet during a dark time in Israel's history. After David, a long line of kings brought evil and corruption to the nation. During Isaiah's day, they are in exile, and all hope is lost. It appears David's dynasty ended in ruin. Yet, Isaiah reassures the people of God's promises. A new branch will grow from the line of Jesse, David's father. The Messiah will still come. He will be the Messiah who restores everything to its rightful place. They will live with their forever king in eternal glory.

It is tempting to feel like the powers of darkness are winning in our world. Wars, political turmoil, disease and suffering can steal our confidence in God's promises. But we can trust that God is faithful and good. When Jesus returns, "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away ([Revelation 21:4](#))." Christmas is only the beginning of the story of God's presence among us. Jesus is the Son of David, who will return and reign as King forever. We can find hope this Christmas season because of the victory offered to us through the life and death of Jesus. The Christmas story points us to the reassurance that we will one day live in eternal glory with him.

TODAY: Make Jesus's forever kingdom your priority this Christmas season. [Visit adabible.info](http://adabible.info)>SERVE>[SERVE CHRISTMAS](#) to sign up to serve at our Christmas services. When we serve others, we give them a glimpse of Jesus's fully established kingdom, where everything will be made new.

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Read [Micah 5](#). Highlight anything that points to Jesus. Focus on his birth in Bethlehem, fulfilled in [Matthew 2:1-6](#).