

**Holy Bible Readings – Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

**Christmas (Yaldo)**

**John 1:6-13**

- 6 A man named John was sent from God.
- 7 He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- 8 He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
- 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.
- 11 He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.
- 12 But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name,
- 13 who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

**Genesis 21:1-8**

- 1 The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; the LORD did for her as he had promised.
- 2 Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated.
- 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.
- 4 When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded.
- 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- 6 Sarah then said, "God has given me cause to laugh, and all who hear of it will laugh with me. Who would ever have told Abraham," she added, "that Sarah would nurse children! Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."
- 8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham held a great banquet on the day of the child's weaning.

## **2 Kings 4:8-17**

- 8 One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who pressed him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he would stop there to dine.
- 9 So she said to her husband, "I know that he is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often,
- 10 let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."
- 11 One day Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.
- 12 Then he said to his servant Gehazi, "Call this Shunammite woman." He did so, and when she stood before Elisha,
- 13 he told Gehazi, "Say to her, 'You have troubled yourself greatly for us; what can we do for you? Can we say a good word for you to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I am living among my own people."
- 14 Later Elisha asked, "What can we do for her?" Gehazi answered, "She has no son, and her husband is old."
- 15 Elisha said, "Call her." He did so, and when she stood at the door,
- 16 Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be cradling a baby son." She said, "My lord, you are a man of God; do not deceive your servant."
- 17 Yet the woman conceived, and by the same time the following year she had given birth to a son, as Elisha had promised;

## **Micah 5:1-4**

- 1 But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathaha least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.
- 2 Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, then the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel.
- 3 He shall take his place as shepherd by the strength of the LORD, by the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall dwell securely, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth:
- 4 he shall be peace. If Assyria invades our country and treads upon our land, we shall raise against it seven shepherds, eight of royal standing;

### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

- 1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.
- 2 You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.
- 3 For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
- 4 For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.
- 5 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
- 6 His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, upon David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!
- 7 The Lord has sent a word against Jacob, and it falls upon Israel;

### **1 John 1:1-10**

- 1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—
- 2 for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—
- 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.
- 4 We are writing this so that our joy may be complete. God is Light.
- 5 Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
- 6 If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth.
- 7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.
- 8 If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.
- 10 If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### **Titus 2:11-15**

- 11 For the grace of God has appeared, saving all
- 12 and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
- 13 as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ,
- 14 who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.
- 15 Say these things. Exhort and correct with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

### **Mathew 2:1-12**

- 1 When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
- 2 saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
- 3 When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:
- 6 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
- 7 Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
- 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."
- 9 After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
- 10 They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
- 11 and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.