

Advent 2, 2022

This week we look at the second verse of the familiar hymn “O come, O come Emmanuel”.

This again is based on the old Latin version:-

*O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
Before you kings will shut their mouths,
To you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.*

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The theme is taken directly from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 11. In the traditional Christmas service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Isaiah chapter 11, verses 1 – 9 are read as the fourth lesson and are familiar to many. This text from the Old Testament was used in the early Church in its teaching, see Romans chapter 15, verse 12, Revelation chapter 5, verse 5 and chapter 22 verse 16.

Read and think through Isaiah chapter 11 and meditate on what it meant for the King of Glory to grow up as a young man, Root of Jesse of the royal house of David, unrecognised and unknown – see Isaiah chapter 53, verse 2.

So we pray “Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.” “Amen. Come Lord Jesus!”

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