

Are You Ready for the Arrival of Jesus?

This word “advent” has been popping up all around me lately. Have you ever wondered what “advent” even means?

I looked it up in the dictionary, and it means: a coming into place, view or being; arrival. Advent refers to the coming of Christ into the world. Advent also refers to the Second Coming of Jesus.

Here is my challenge. Let’s take the word “view” or “arrival” and use it in our everyday life as we practice “seeing” Jesus alive and active. Then take the word “coming into place” and apply it in our lives. Jesus is taking His place in our thoughts, our circumstances, our election and more.

John the Baptist was the one who was in the wilderness crying out, “prepare ye the way of the Lord”. He was preparing the people for the arrival of Jesus.

Mark 1:1-3 reads: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: ‘Look, I am sending My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”’

John the Baptizer was the messenger who appeared in an uninhabited region, preaching a baptism of repentance for the complete cancellation of sins.

I have some Good News to bring you. The Lord wants to show up on the scenes of your life, your circumstances and your trouble. He will bring up every valley and bring low every mountain. The Lord wants to bring you to a level place where He will smooth out the rough places and fill in the potholes

of your life. Do you need a Word from the Lord? I'm telling you ... God is going to show up on the scene of your circumstance. Are you ready for this?

The very first name of God that is used in this text in Hebrew is *Elōhîm* and expresses Yahweh is in charge of every circumstance as the Creator, the all-powerful one establishing all the physical scenes of life.

See the difference when reading through Hebrew eyes? He is the Lord Yahweh, the God (*Elōhîm*) of Israel and *Adonay* ("the destiny-Maker"), Yahweh, the God ("the circumstance-Maker") of Israel.

Elohim's name is Circumstance-Maker/Destiny-Maker. That excites me. Now read the text through Hebrew eyes and see the full picture.

Your God says to you: "Comfort, comfort my people with gentle, compassionate words. Speak tenderly from the heart to revive those in Jerusalem the church, and proclaim that their warfare is over. Her debt of sin is paid for, and she will not be treated as guilty. Prophecy to her that she has received from the hand of Yahweh twice as many blessings as all her sins." A thunderous voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way for Yahweh's arrival! Make a highway straight through the desert for our God! Every valley will be raised up, every mountain brought low. The rugged terrain will become level ground and the rough places a plain. Then Yahweh's radiant glory will be unveiled, and all humanity will experience it together. Believe it, for Yahweh has spoken his decree!" (Isaiah 40:1-5, TPT).

Will you make room for Him? Make room in your circumstances as you sit in heavenly places with Him knowing that *Elohim* is fighting your battle, and He is at work.

As you are getting ready for Christmas, my friends, I want to

encourage you to invite Jesus in your everyday walk, make a path and clear the way for the Circumstance Maker/Destiny Maker shows up! Prepare ye the way of the LORD!

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