

*"Jeremiah 33:14-16- "Behold the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called; The Lord is our Righteousness."*

God promised the houses of Israel and Judah that they would be saved. The people would be saved from sin and hell by the Messiah that was coming. Jeremiah's prophecy offered hope of a Savior to the people of Israel. The branch of righteousness, as mentioned in the verse, is talking about the Messiah that we know as Jesus. He would be descended from David's lineage, from Bethlehem, as promised.

Jesus didn't just die for the people of His time; He died for all people past, present, and future. Jesus was a Savior for all people of all times, including us, and He will come again someday. Like the people of the Old Testament, we can look forward to His coming, just like they did for His first coming. Advent isn't just a time for us to wait for Christmas morning to open presents; it is a time to remember the day of Jesus' first coming and to wait for His second coming.

*Prayer: Thank you God for sending your son Jesus, King of all kings, who saved us from our sins. We know that all we need to do is believe in Him, and we will be saved from eternal pain and suffering. We will try to obey your commandments, but us humans need you to guide us so we do not fall off your path. When we fall away, please forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.*