

– Matthew 1.23 –
1st Sunday after Christmas 2021
O Come Emmanuel

Mat 1.23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

* **What is** the ancient history and importance of this hymn?

* **Who was** John Mason Neale and what role did he play in popularizing this song?

* **What are** the biblical meanings of the key words and phrases?

– **Verse 1** (Isa 7.14; Mat 1.23)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Mat 1¹ *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:*
² *Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers ...*
⁵ *Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah ...*
¹¹ *Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.*
¹² *And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel ...*
¹⁶ *And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.*
¹⁷ *So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations ...*

Mat 1²⁰ ... "Joseph, son of David, do not be

afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
²¹ *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."*
²² *So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

Isaiah 7¹⁴ *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

– **Verse 2** (Prov 8.12-36; 1Cor 1.30)

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Prov 8¹² *"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion ...*
¹⁴ *Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength.*
¹⁵ *By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice ...*
¹⁸ *Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness ...*
²² *The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.*
²³ *I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth ...*
³⁴ *Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.*
³⁵ *For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;*
³⁶ *But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."*

1Cor 1³⁰ *But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—*

– **Verses 3, 5, 7** (Isa 11.1, 10; 22.22; Rev 3.7; 22.16)

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on Thy mercy call.

Isaiah 11 ¹ *There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse. And a Branch shall grow out of his roots ... ¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."*

Rev 22 ¹⁶ *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."*

Isaiah 22 ²² *The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.*

Rev 3 ⁷ *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens"*

— **Verse 4** (Luke 1.78)

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Luke 1 ⁷⁶ *"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
⁷⁷ To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; ⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

— **Verse 6, 8** (Exo 19.16, 18; Hag 2.6-7; Heb 12.25-28)

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Exo 19 ¹⁶ *Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled ... ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.*

Haggai 2 ⁶ *"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth ... ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.*

Heb 12 ²⁵ *See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." ²⁷ Now this ... indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, ... that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*