

## LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Nov. 29-30	Genesis 3:14-15	The Promised Child
Dec. 6-7	Genesis 4-9	The Promised Child
Dec. 13-14	Genesis 22:1-18	The Promised Child
Dec. 20-21	2 Samuel 7:1-17	The Promised Child
Dec. 23-24	Matthew 1:18-25	The Promised Child
Dec. 27-28	Ephesians 5:8-16	Annual Examen
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled

## CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

Candlelight, worship, and a message of hope as we remember the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Eve Eve - Dec 23 at 6 PM**

**Christmas Eve - Dec 24 at 2, 4 and 6 PM**

The weekend of Dec 27-28 will be online only- an intentional pause to worship at home, reflect with loved ones, and prepare your heart for the year ahead.



December 6 & 7, 2025 | The Promised Child 2 | Genesis 4-9 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

**A DURABLE hope is a FOCUSED hope.**

*Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your **offspring** and her **offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

## DEVASTATION

*Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel....*

*Genesis 4:8 ....And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.*

1. It's easy to lose sight of the promise when life gets PAINFUL.

*Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another **offspring** instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."*

2. God's final word on Eve isn't about her sin but her HOPE.

a. The Hebrew name "Seth" (שֵׁת) is a play on the word "APPOINT" (שָׁת // saht).

b. The word "OFFSPRING" (זֶרַע // ze-ra) reveals Eve's focus on God's promise.

*Genesis 4:26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. **At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.***

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c. Eve's hope took root in the next GENERATION.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Has my hope in God's promise faltered because of my pain?

3. Durable hope shifts its focus from the pain to the PROMISE GIVER.

**DURATION**

Genesis 5:1 **This is the book of the generations of Adam....**

Genesis 5:5 Thus all the days that **Adam** lived were 930 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:8 Thus all the days of **Seth** were 912 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:11 Thus all the days of **Enosh** were 905 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:14 Thus all the days of **Kenan** were 910 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:17 Thus all the days of **Mahalalel** were 895 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:20 Thus all the days of **Jared** were 962 years, and **he died**.

1. It's easy to lose sight of the promise as TIME flies by.

Genesis 5:23 Thus all the days of **Enoch** were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, **and he was not, for God took him**.

Genesis 5:27 Thus all the days of **Methuselah** were 969 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 5:28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son 29 and called his name **Noah**, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, **this one shall bring us relief** from our work and from the painful toil of our hands."

Genesis 5:31 Thus all the days of **Lamech** were 777 years, and **he died**.

Genesis 6:8 But **Noah** found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

2. God's final word on ADAM isn't about his sin but his hope.

- a. He died when Lamech was 56 years old.
- b. Lamech's hope was INSPIRED by Adam's hope.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Has my hope in God's promise wavered in the waiting?

3. Durable hope shifts its focus from the present SINGULAR to the future PLURAL.

**DISAPPOINTMENT**

Genesis 6:9 **These are the generations of Noah**. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. **Noah walked with God**.

1. It's easy to lose sight of the promise when we mistake God's servants for our SAVIOR.

Genesis 9:20 Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

Genesis 9:29 All the days of **Noah** were 950 years, and **he died**.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Has my hope in God's promise faltered because of the failure of spiritual leaders?

2. Durable hope shifts its focus from God's servants to God's PROMISE.

My next faithful step:

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