

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

2nd SUNDAY  
after  
CHRISTMAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS! For the Church,  
Christmas is not over till January 6!

In Advent and Christmas, we read the wonderful, beautiful words of God's promises, told by the prophets in the Bible. The prophets taught God's people to hope that he would come to them and set them free and give them peace. Now we are reading these words to tell how glad we are that God did come to be with us, and bring us home to himself forever!

**GOD  
BRINGS  
HIS  
PEOPLE  
HOME**

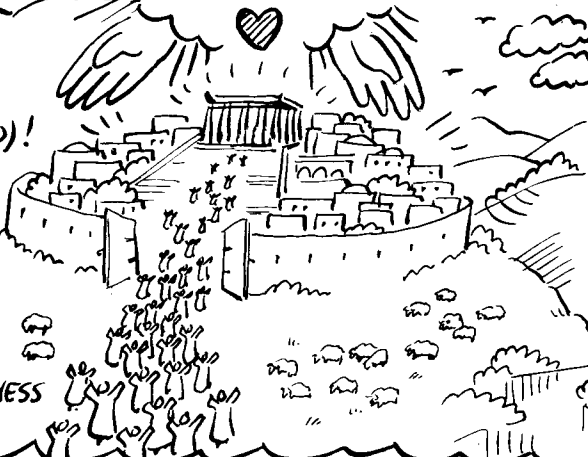
Jeremiah 31:7-14

SING OUT LOUD WITH GLADNESS  
FOR GOD'S PEOPLE ISRAEL—  
FOR HE HAS  
SAVED THEM!  
GOD SAYS,  
"I WILL  
BRING YOU ALL  
BACK FROM  
THE ENDS  
OF THE  
EARTH—  
THE WEAK AS WELL  
AS THE STRONG. YOU WILL HAVE WATER TO DRINK ALONG YOUR WAY,  
AND YOUR PATH WILL BE STRAIGHT SO YOU WILL NOT STUMBLE!"



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GOD WILL KEEP  
HIS PEOPLE,  
LIKE  
(JEREMIAH 31:10)!  
HE HAS PAID  
THEIR RANSOM  
AND SET THEM  
FREE!  
THEY WILL COME  
TO MOUNT ZION,  
AND SING WITH  
JOY OF THE GOODNESS  
OF THE LORD!



GOD SAYS, "I WILL COMFORT THEM,  
AND THEY WILL DANCE AND BE GLAD!"

We learn from the Bible that God cares for his people when they have troubles. Then, in his own good time, he comes to them and saves them and sets them free. God's people can be full of hope and love, because we know he is with us!

**MATTHEW 2:14**

(Jesus's parents have to run away to Egypt to save the baby from being killed.)



**PSALM 84:5**

"Those who go through the desert valley, trusting God, will find pools of water"



**EPHESIANS 1:18**

Paul writes, "Think about the wonderful hope God has called you to."

