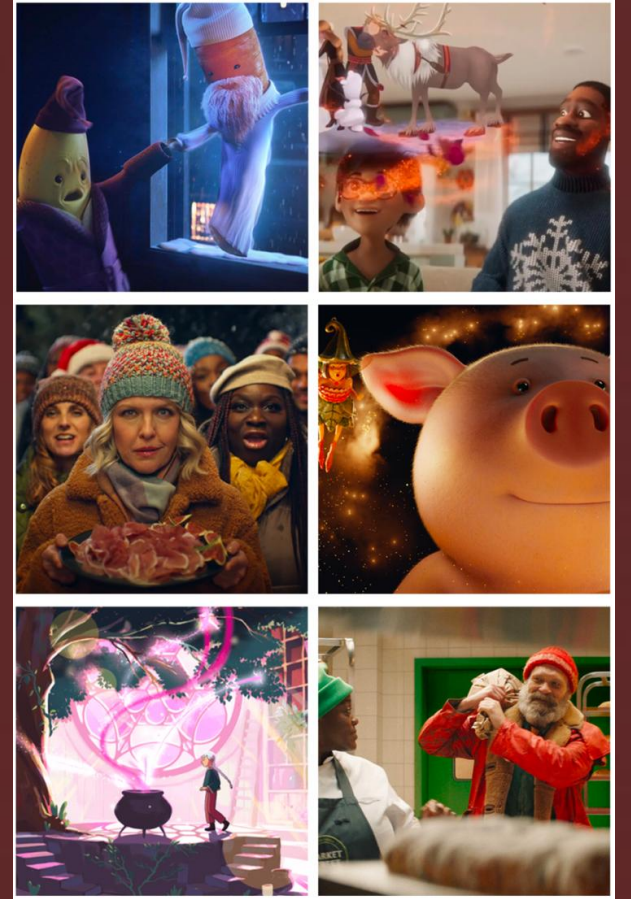


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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Seven 'O Antiphons'

17th Dec – O Sapientia – O Wisdom

18th Dec – O Adonai – O Lord

19th Dec – O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse

20th Dec – O Clavis David – O Key of David

21st Dec – O Oriens – O Dawn of the East

22nd Dec – O Rex Gentium – O King of the Nations

23rd Dec – O Immanuel – O God with Us



The Birth of Jesus in the Gospel

John – The Logos was with God and was God

Luke – The Angels and the Shepherds

Matthew – The Magi and their gifts



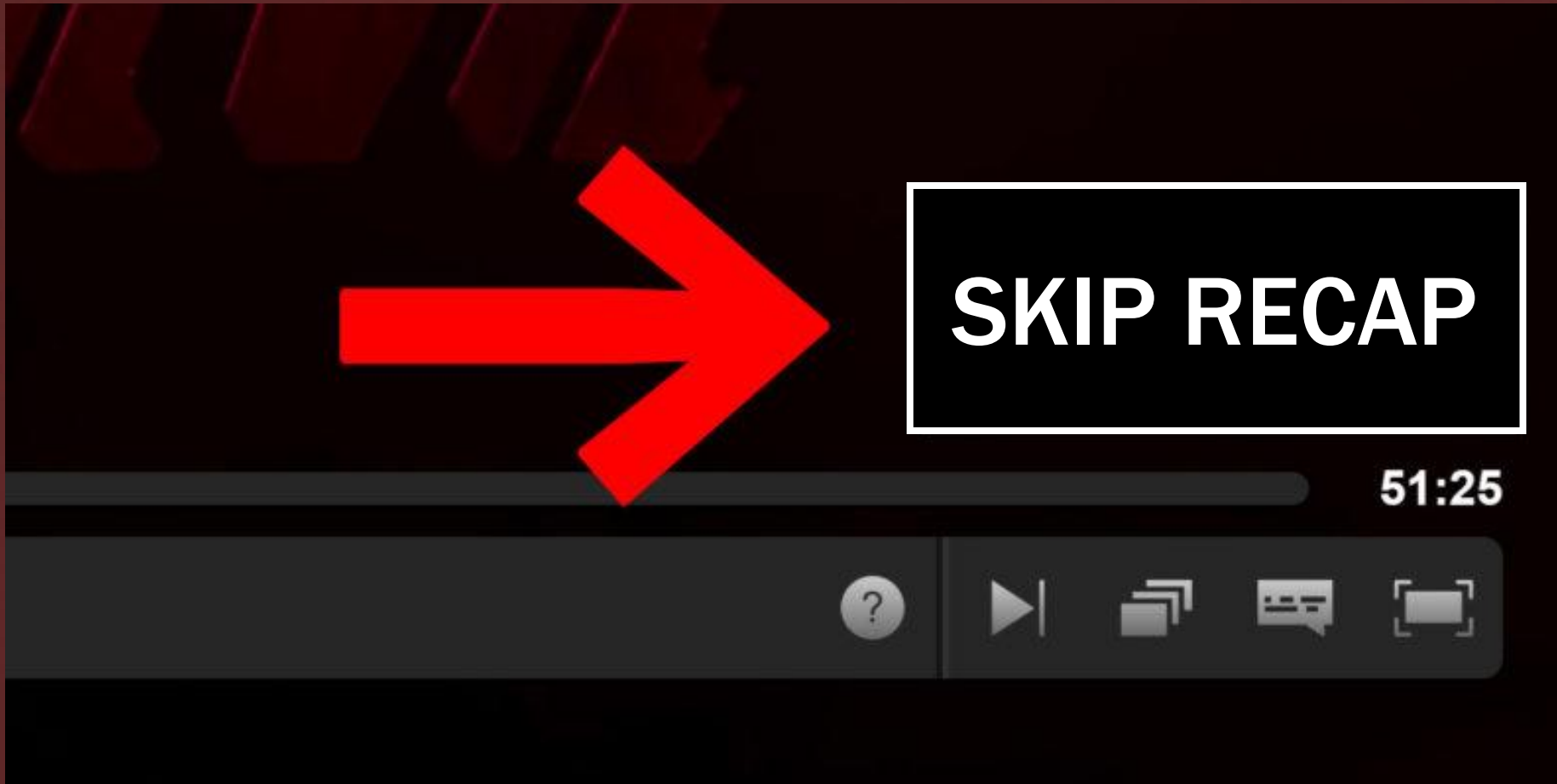
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A tumultuous time for Israel / Judah

Facing the threat of Assyria and Babylon

A succession of failed kingships

A prophecy of doom and gloom



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“O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear”

(O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Verse 1)



The Hope of Isaiah (Chapter 11)

*“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”*

(Isaiah 11:1)



The Hope of Isaiah (Chapter 11)

“He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.”

(Isaiah 11:3-4)



The Hope of Isaiah (Chapter 11)

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him -
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord -
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.”*

(Isaiah 11:2-3)



The Hope of Isaiah 61 & Luke 4

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

(Luke 4:18-19)



The Hope of Isaiah 61 & Luke 4

“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, O Come, Emmanuel – Verse 3)



The Hope That We Have Today



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“In this time of waiting, patience is key. We wait, but do so with great expectation, trusting that God will fulfil all of his many promises to us. As believers, we never fear, we do not lose hope, nor do we give into discouragement, because we know how the story ends: Jesus - the long-awaited Messiah - is on the move.”

(Ed Stetzer)



The Hope That We Have Today

*"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, O Come, Emmanuel – Verse 5)





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