

**What are We
Waiting For?**

Things We Wait For

Traffic lights to change

Test results

Marriage

Homeownership

Job offer

Baby to be born

What was it like waiting for the Messiah's first advent?

Genesis 3:14-15 (HCSB) ¹⁴ Then the LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

As the 'father of lies', Satan and those who follow him are cursed with a destiny to the Lake of Fire. This is why he prowls around like a roaring lion looking for who he may devour.

This is the first prophecy of hope for the coming Messiah. Paul spoke of the church's role in this:
Romans 16:20a (NIV₂₀₁₁)
The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Are we waiting in anticipation when Jesus' rule will culminate with the destruction of Satan's kingdom?

**Multiple
millennia pass**

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV) ¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

To receive the blessing, Abraham had to leave his family and go where God called him. Jesus calls us to place Him above every priority and follow Him where He leads.

Jesus would bless every nation - for there is no partiality with God. We are called to bring His love and mercy to everyone God places in our path.

Abraham was blessed to birth the nation that was chosen by God to represent Him to the world. We are called to represent the image of Jesus Christ.

Do you wait patiently on the Lord's direction in your life?

About 200
Years Pass

Genesis 49:8-10 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁸ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. ⁹ "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? ¹⁰ "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.

The coming Messiah's line was now narrowed from Abraham to Judah. Jesus and His church are placing His enemies under His feet.

"Shiloh" means "He to whom it belongs". Though Judah had many kings, the scepter belongs in the hand of the King of all kings: Jesus.

Note that Judah's brothers would bow down to Him. This is pointing to the fact that Jesus would be more than a man.

In the season of the first advent, are you waiting for the second?