



## WHY IS GOD MAKING ME WAIT?

Find Your Missing Peace – Pt 3

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...an angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). (Matthew 1:20-23)

One of the worst feelings in life..... **is to wait**,  
especially when it comes to **waiting on God**.

### 1. Long before the promise was fulfilled, **God promised to send a Messiah**.

*The seed of a woman.....would crush the serpent's head. (Genesis 3:15)*

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

### 2. What is God doing while we're waiting?

#### **The Intertestamental Period:**

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. (Galatians 4:4-5)*

Two Greek Words: Pleroma – complete. Chronou – time.

Sometimes in hindsight, you see more of the **why** behind the **wait**

## **God was doing five very important things during those 400 years!**

- The Influence of Alexander The Great.
- The Old Testament was translated into Greek.
- The impact of the Socratic Method.
- The Romans conquered the Greeks.
- The period of time known as the Diaspora.

While God's people were waiting, God was still **working!**

### **3. Don't waste the waiting. God is working!!**

*Since ancient times, no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has ever seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. (Isaiah 64:4)*

### **4. We serve a God who pursues us.**

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

What if the God you've been waiting for has been waiting for you?