

WORTH WAITING FOR

... 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. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet. ²³"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 NIV

"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 NIV

**PERIOD: 400-YEAR PERIOD
AFTER THE OLD TESTAMENT ENDS AND BEFORE
THE NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS.**

WHILE YOU ARE WAITING, GOD IS _____.

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

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**PLEROMA CHRONOU—COMPLETE, FULL
MEASURE, THE PERFECT _____**

But when the time was right ... Galatians 4:4 CEV

But when the fullness of time had come ... Galatians 4:4 ESV

**GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT NECESSARILY
GOD'S _____.**

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

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 NIV

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**WHAT IF THE GOD YOU ARE WAITING FOR
IS WAITING FOR _____?**

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Has there ever been a time when you wondered whether God was actually at work in a season of waiting, only to later find out that He was? What happened?

It's important to not waste our waiting. What do you think that looks like, practically?

Have you been waiting on something? What are some ways you can lean on God and trust what He's doing in the middle of your waiting?