



Watch and Wait

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Just a few more days, and we will meet him. With our own eyes we will see the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. We will know the king we have prayed might come.

Will the Wonderful Counselor come wearing a judge's robe, eager to punish all who have caused us harm?

He will come as a baby, demanding nothing at all. His garments will be simple cloths to keep him warm. His hope will be to draw your enemies near, not to push them away.

Will the Mighty God come with chariots and swords, ready for battle alongside the heavenly hosts?

He will come quietly, tucked away in a cave in Bethlehem. In fact, many will pass right by him, never knowing the Mighty God was in their midst. His power will be made known to the powerless first- to a virgin girl and a few nameless shepherds. His might will not be seen by the force of his hands, but by the power of his love.

Will this Everlasting Father do away with all that brings death and destruction once and for all? Will his coming make us invincible to all those things we have feared?

Yes in time, but not fully yet. His birth will soon lead to a life full of all the things that fill your life- joy and friendship, struggle and pain. This life will soon lead to death. And this death will soon lead to life everlasting. On this earth, even the Eternal One had trouble. But in his walking here and living to tell about it, he has promised that we too may walk with him now and live with him forevermore.

And will this Prince of Peace come with a crown, surrounded by guards, sheltered from violence?

He will wear a crown in time, but not the kind you have in mind. His protection for now is a mother's love and father's commitment. He will never live a day sheltered from the violence, oppression, and pain. Rather, his peace will come from living in the chaos and offering another way. A few years down the road, when he begins to speak, he will call it another kingdom.

For now we watch and wait. Just a few more days, and we will meet him. Oh Lord, we will need your help not to pass him by.

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