

**Mark 13:28-31**

**Learning to Wait for the  
Messianic Kingdom**

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**Reminder of Where We Are**

Mark 13:4 Tell us, **when will these things be**, and **what will be the sign** when all these things are going to be fulfilled?+

A. **When will these things be?**  
 B. **What will be the sign?**  
 B. **Mark 13:5-31 (signs within the 70<sup>th</sup> week)**  
 A. **Mark 13:32-37 (when the 70<sup>th</sup> week comes)**

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**The Parable of the Fig Tree**

Mark 13:28-29 Now learn the parable from the fig tree: **when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.**  
29 Even so, you too, **when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near**, right at the door.  
 Song of Solomon 2:11-13 For behold, **the winter is past**, the rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers have already appeared in the land; the time has arrived for pruning the vines, and the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land. 13 **The fig tree has ripened its figs**ō

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### Jesus' Promises Are Certain

Mark 13:30-31 Truly I say to you, **this generation** will not pass away until all these things take place. **31** **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**

**X Preterist** = **this generation**+generation of people alive during Jesus' day.

2. **Futurist** = **this generation**+generation of people alive during the future 70<sup>th</sup> week.

**3 Pejorative** = **this generation**+is about a quality of people (unbelieving) which characterizes this age.

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### "This Generation" as a Quality Not a Quantity

Deuteronomy 32:5 They have acted corruptly toward Him, **they are not His children** because of their defect; but **are a perverse and crooked generation.**

Mark 9:19 And He answered them and said, **O unbelieving generation**, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!

Philippians 2:15 prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach **in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation**, among whom you appear as lights in the world

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### Remember the Purpose of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week

Mark 13:8b These things are merely the beginning of **birth pangs.**



Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

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### Application

1. We must learn to wait, by faith, for the Messianic Kingdom!

Genesis 49:18 For Your salvation I wait, O LORD.

Psalms 27:14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Psalms 37:9 For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.

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### Learning to Wait for Messianic Salvation

Isaiah 40:30-31 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 51:5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait for Me, and for My arm they will wait expectantly.

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### Live by Faith Not by Sight

Habakkuk 2:3-4 For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail.

Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

Romans 8:24-25 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

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**Be Patient and Do Not Complain**

James 5:7-9 **Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.** The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 **Do not complain, brethren, against one another,** so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

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