

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 70th week)
A. **Mark 13:32-37 (when the 70th week comes)**

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**



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 70th week.
- 3 Pejorative** = **%**this generation+is about a quality of people (unbelieving) which characterizes this age.

"This Generation" as a Quality Not a Quantity

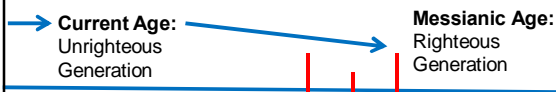
Deuteronomy 32:5 They have acted corruptly toward Him, **they are not His children** because of their defect; but **are a perverse and crooked generation**.

Mark 9:19 And He answered them and said, **%****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

Remember the Purpose of the 70th 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.
