

What Are You Anticipating?

1. The Jewish people anticipated the Messiah.

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

What Are You Anticipating?

1. The Jewish people anticipated the Messiah.

Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end...

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1. The Jewish people anticipated the Messiah.

John 1:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

**2. Joseph and Mary anticipated a _____
life together in Nazareth.**

Luke 1:26-28 (NIV)

²⁶ ...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

**2. Joseph and Mary anticipated a _____
life together in Nazareth.**

Luke 1:29-31 (NIV)

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

**2. Joseph and Mary anticipated a _____
life together in Nazareth.**

Luke 1:32-33 (NIV)

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

3. The Magi anticipated finding a king.

Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

3. The Magi anticipated finding a king.

Matthew 2:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

4. King Herod anticipated a rival for his throne.

Matthew 2:3 (NIV)

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed...

John 18:36 (NIV)

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

5. What you can anticipate if you invite Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior.

- **Adoption** into the family of God.

Romans 8:15 (NLT)
¹⁵ **So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family —calling him "Father, dear Father."**

5. What you can anticipate if you invite Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior.

- **Adoption** into the family of God.
- A life of **purpose** and **significance**.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)
⁹ **But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

5. What you can anticipate if you invite Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior.

- **Adoption** into the family of God.
- A life of **purpose** and **significance**.
- The second **advent**.

Acts 1:11 (NIV)
¹¹ **"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."**
