



Waiting for the return of the king

Jeremiah 23:5-6

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Advent: a season of waiting





Waiting...

Not a popular pastime



Waiting... through the barren times for a branch to grow from the stump

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“when I will raise up for David **a righteous Branch,**
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

Jeremiah 23:5



The shoot/branch from the stump

Isa 4:2 “In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel.”

Isa 11:1 “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”

Jer 23:5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.”

Jer 33:15 “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.”

Zech 3:8 “Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant the Branch.”

Zech 6:12 “Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord.””



Branch ► King ► Jesus

Matt. 2:2 'Where is the one who has been born **king** of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

Luke 1:32 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.

Luke 19:38 'Blessed is the **king** who comes in the name of the Lord!'

John 1:49 Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the **king** of Israel.'



Their waiting was...

Long

Barren

Our waiting: often long & barren

- ▶ Waiting for a prodigal child or spouse
- ▶ Waiting to find a marriage partner
- ▶ Waiting for reconciliation
- ▶ Waiting for a job
- ▶ Waiting for healing
- ▶ Waiting for a baby
- ▶ Waiting for a home
- ▶ Waiting for a break





Why does God make us wait?

To develop; grow, mould us

To cause us to pray

To instill absolute dependence

To grow patience in us

Abraham: 25 years for son

Joseph: 20 years for dream

David: king after 14 years

To give Himself in our waiting



How should we wait?

Quietly [Lam. 3:25–26]

In stillness [Ps. 37:7]

In God's strength [Ps. 27:14]

Trusting God acts for those who wait [Is. 64:4]

Remembering what perseverance produces [Rom. 5:4–5]





What to hope in as we wait

God's
promises





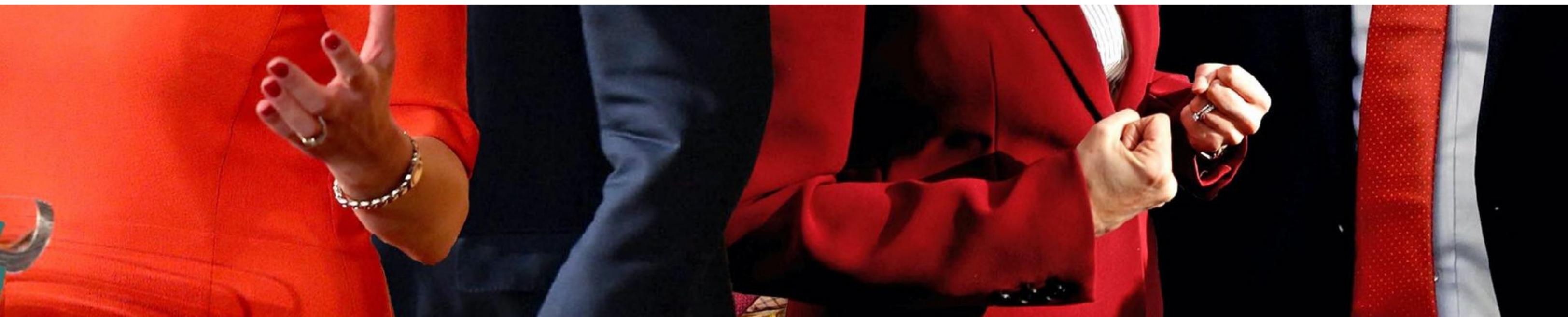
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Jeremiah 23:5—6



Who will lead the UK with wisdom, righteousness, justice and safety?





Yearning for a good king who will keep us in safety

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord.

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**The prophets follow an evil course
and use their power unjustly.**

**“Both prophet and priest are godless;
even in my temple I find their wickedness,”
declares the Lord.**

Jeremiah 23:1, 5—6, 10b, 11



Jesus is...

The Branch



The King

