

How Long Did The People Wait?



Since the creation of the world, God in his love wanted to have communion with people. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, everything changed. Sin brought as a consequence the need for a Savior. Genesis 3:5 is considered the first prophecy that suggests God's plan to send a special Savior.

Because of the terrible sin of the people, God sent a flood. However, he saved Noah and his family. God spoke with Abraham and promised him that he would bless the whole world through him. Joseph and Mary, Jesus' parents, were descendants of Abraham.

God always cared for his people. He freed them from slavery in Egypt. Then he gave them laws so they would know how they should live. The law showed people their disobedience, and that they could not save themselves.



When the people of God disobeyed, he sent prophets to admonish them. Then, he sent enemy armies to invade them as a way to punish them. Along with the warnings, God made promises of freedom. The prophets told the people that God would send a Messiah or Savior.

After the people of God returned from exile, they spent 400 years without prophets. They only had the promises that God had made years before. Some forgot the promises and stopped trusting in God. However, many continued to wait for the promised Messiah.

