

Unwrapping Christmas....now what?
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There is a difference between NO and NOT YET.

*“God has given them a desire to know the future. He does everything Just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.” -
Ecc 3:11 (NCV)*

Waiting is not PACIFISM.

God always keeps his PROMISES.

*“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.’” - **Luke 2:25-32 (NIV)***

*“There was also a prophetess, Anna... Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.” - **Luke 2:36a&38 (NIV)***

They were both waiting. One was waiting for comfort and the other for redemption.

*“That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don’t see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.” - **Romans 8:24-26 (the message)***

Our FAITH in Christ should force us to ACT

What to do:

Keep praying (1 Thess 5:17)

Keep serving (1 Peter 4:10)

Keep connecting (Hebrews 10:25)