

“THE LONGING”

_____ longed for the _____ advent of Christ.

- Slavery:
- Oppression:
- The “Hall of Faith”:
- The Prophets
- Roman governance:
- Zechariah

The heavens were _____
with _____!

_____ long for the _____ advent of Christ.

- Inner spiritual “tug-O-war”:
- The suffering in our world:

The heavens will _____
with _____!

_____ longs for the _____!

The heavens are _____
with _____!

Takin’ it “to-go”:

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT
1st Advent Sunday, November 29: “*The Best Advent EVER!: The Longing*”

Thinking about it:

How would you describe the longing an expectant mother has for the birth of her child?

Why does she long for such a painful experience of labor to take place?

What types of things does a couple do to get ready for the arrival of their newborn?

How would you describe the longing of an engaged couple for their wedding day?

What types of things do they do to get ready for that day?

As we long for, and anticipate, the second “advent” (2nd coming) of Christ, what types of things are we to be doing to get ready for that day?

- Romans 8:18-25 (*and what is the comparison to childbirth?*)
- John 9:4
- Luke 19:10
- Matthew 9:35-38
- Ezekiel 3:17-21
- I Corinthians 9:22
- Mark 13:32-37

PRAY: *Thank the Lord that He is preparing a place for His faithful disciples and that He is coming to take us to an eternity that is beyond our wildest dreams! Confess where you have allowed any love of this world and its experiences to diminish your anticipation of this great day. Commit to live in the longing for that day and to live in a way that gets you and others you know ready for it!*

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ISRAEL longed for the **FIRST** advent of Christ.

- Slavery:
- Oppression:
- The “Hall of Faith”:
- The Prophets
- Roman governance:
- Zechariah

The heavens were **BUSTING AT THE SEAMS**
with **THE NEWS!**

WE long for the **SECOND** advent of Christ.

- Inner spiritual “tug-O-war”:
- The suffering in our world:

The heavens will **BUST AT THE SEAMS**
with **THE VICTORY!**

HEAVEN longs for the **BEST ADVENT EVER!**

The heavens are **BUSTING AT THE SEAMS**
with **ANTICIPATION!**

Takin’ it “to-go”: *Are we longing for the 2nd Advent? Are we urgent about getting others ready for “The Best Advent EVER”?*