

Getting Started

Would you ever want to know the future? For example, would you take a DNA test, even if it meant knowing that you had a high likelihood of cancer or heart disease?

What would be the blessing of such knowledge? What would be the burden?

Into the Bible

Consider the story of Abraham, that man who walked into an unknown future?

How old was he when the Lord first promised him children (Genesis 12:4)?

According to Genesis 15:1-3, how did Abraham handle the waiting?

According to Genesis 15:4-6, what got Abraham through the waiting?

Skim Genesis 16. What does it tell you about the difficulty of waiting that Abraham and Sarah hatched such a hare-brained scheme?

Read Abraham's response to the Lord's repeated promise of a son in Genesis 19:17-18. How do you think you would have reacted?

Read Genesis 21:1-7. Why is Isaac such an appropriate name?

Consider James 4:13-16. What is the limit of our knowledge? In what ways is that helpful to understand

Read about John in Matthew 11:2-6. Why do you think John sent his messengers? Do you think he had doubts? If so, why might he have them?

Others suggest that it was John's disciples who had doubts and that John sent them to learn firsthand from Jesus. What do you think of that idea? In that case, why might John's disciples have doubts?

According to Philippians 1:21-23, what one certainty do we have for the future?

Digging Deeper

How does the certainty of everlasting life help with the uncertainties of life in this present evil age? Or maybe how does it not?

“Are You the One Who Was to Come?”
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