

~HOPE (804)

[Hebrew, *qa-wah'*, wait for, Greek, *el-pis'*, expectation of good]

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• It can mean trust, reliance, desire accompanied with expectation of what is desired or belief that it is attainable, one on whom hopes are centered, a source of hopeful expectation, or promise, something that is hoped for, or an object of hope. The Hebrew root verb *qa-wah'*, from which come terms rendered hope, basically means wait for with eager expectation.

• I shall indeed wait for salvation from you, O Yehowah. (Genesis 49:18)

• In the Christian Greek Scriptures, the sense of the Greek term *el-pis'* hope is expectation of good.

• No Real Hope Without God

• True hope, as spoken of in the Bible, is superior to mere desire, which may have no foundation or prospect of fulfillment. It is also better than mere expectation, because that which is expected is not always desirable.

• The Bible shows that the people of the world in general have no real, solidly based hope, mankind is going into death, and without knowledge of a provision from a higher source there is no hope in what lies ahead.

• Solomon expressed the futility of man's situation without God's intervention as, the greatest vanity! Everything is vanity.

• The greatest vanity! Said the congregator; Everything is vanity.

(Ecclesiastes 12:8)

- **All are the same in what all have. One eventuality there is to the righteous one and the wicked one, the good one and the clean one and the unclean one, and the one sacrificing and the one that is not sacrificing. The good one is the same as the sinner, the one swearing is the same as whoever has been afraid of a sworn oath. (Ecclesiastes 9:2)**
- **This is what is calamitous in all that has been done under the sun, that, because there is one eventuality to all, the heart of the sons of men is also full of bad, and there is madness in their heart during their lifetime, and after it, to the dead ones! (Ecclesiastes 9:3)**
- **The faithful patriarch Job said that there is hope even for a tree to sprout again, but man, when he dies, is gone permanently. But Job then indicated that he was speaking of man on his own without help from God, for Job expressed the desire and hope that God would remember him.**
- **For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again? And its own twig will not cease to be. (Job 14:7)**
- **If its root grows old in the earth and in the dust its stump dies. (Job 14:8)**
- **At the scent of water it will sprout and it will certainly produce a bough like a new plant. (Job 14:9)**
- **But an able-bodied man dies and lies vanquished, and an earthling man expires, and where is he? (Job 14:10)**
- **Waters do disappear from a sea, and a river itself drains off and dries up. (Job 14:11)**
- **Man also has to lie down and does not get up. Until heaven is no more they will not wake up, nor will they be aroused from their sleep. (Job 14:12)**
- **O that in Sheol you would conceal me, that you would keep me secret until your anger turns back, that you would set a time limit for me and remember me! (Job 14:13)**

- **If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, until my relief comes. (Job 14:14)**
- **You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning. (Job 14:15)**
- **Similarly, the apostle Paul informs Christians that they, having the **hope** of resurrection, should not sorrow just as the rest also do who have **no hope**.**
- **Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who are sleeping in death, that you may not sorrow just as the rest also do who have **no hope**. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**
- **Again, speaking to Gentile Christians, Paul points out to them that before coming to a knowledge of God's provision through Christ, they were alienated from the nation with which God had in the past been dealing, and as Gentiles they then had **no hope** and were without God in the world.**
- **That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had **no hope** and were without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:12)**
- **Expressions common among those who have **no hope** in God and his promise of a resurrection of the dead are similar to the words of the disobedient inhabitants of Jerusalem who, instead of showing repentance and sorrow when faced with the threat of destruction of their city as a judgment from God, abandoned themselves to sensual enjoyment. They said;**
- **But, look! exultation and rejoicing, the killing of cattle and the slaughtering of sheep, the eating of flesh and the drinking of wine, **Let there be eating and drinking, for tomorrow we shall die.** (Isaiah 22:13)**
- **The apostle warns against becoming infected with the attitude of such **hopeless** ones.**
- **If, like men, I have fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, of what**

- good is it to me? If the dead are not to be raised up, **let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we are to die.** (1 Corinthians 15:32)
- Do not be misled! Bad associations spoil useful habits. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
- **Wrong Hopes**
- Paul was not denying that the people of the world have some reasonable **hopes** that they pursue, some of a commendable nature. Rather, he showed that, without God, a person's **hopes** are of **no consequence**, really, they are futile in the long run.
 - But besides the minor, common, normal human **hopes** there are bad ones. There are **hopes** that are wickedly entertained. In some instances these may appear to be fulfilled, but in actuality they are realized only in a temporary sense, for a proverb states;
 - The expectation of the righteous ones is a rejoicing, but the very **hope** of the wicked ones will perish. (Proverbs 10:28)
 - When a wicked man dies, his **hope perishes**, and even expectation based on powerfulness has perished. (Proverbs 11:7)
 - So, selfish **hopes**, and those based on a false foundation of materialism, on lies, on wrong dealings, or on the power or promises of men, are sure to be frustrated.

· **The Source Of Hope**

- Yehowah God is the Source of **true hope** and the One able to fulfill all his promises and the hopes of those trusting in him. It is through his undeserved kindness that he has given mankind comfort and **good hope**.
- Moreover, may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting **comfort and good hope** by means of undeserved kindness. (2 Thessalonians 2:16)
- He has been the **hope** of righteous men in all ages. He was called **the hope of Israel** and **the hope of Israel's forefathers**.
- O you the **hope of Israel**, the Savior of him in the time of distress,

why do you become like an alien resident in the land, and like a traveler that has turned aside to spend the night? (**Jeremiah 14:8**)

- O Yehowah, the **hope of Israel**, all those who are leaving you will be put to shame. Those apostatizing from me will be written down even in the earth, because they have left the source of living water, Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 17:13**)
- All those finding them have eaten them up, and their own adversaries have said; We shall not become guilty, due to the fact that they have sinned against Yehowah the abiding place of righteousness and the **hope of their forefathers**, Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 50:7**)
- And many are the expressions of **hope**, trust, and confidence in him in the Hebrew Scriptures. In his loving-kindness toward his people, even when they were going into exile for disobedience to him, he said to them,
- For I myself well know the thoughts that I am thinking toward you, is the utterance of Yehowah, thoughts of peace, and not of calamity, to give you a future and a **hope**. (**Jeremiah 29:11**)
- Yehowah's promise kept alive the faith and **hope** of faithful Israelites during the Babylonian exile, it greatly strengthened men such as Ezekiel and Daniel, for Yehowah had said,
- And there exists a **hope** for your future, is the utterance of Yehowah, and the sons will certainly return to their own territory. (**Jeremiah 31:17**)
- That **hope** came to fruition when a faithful Jewish remnant returned in **537 B.C.E.** to rebuild Jerusalem and its temple.
- And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, that Yehowah's word from the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yehowah roused the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia so that he caused a cry to pass through all his realm, and also in writing, saying; (**Ezra 1:1**)
- This is what Cyrus the king of Persia has said; All the kingdoms of the earth Yehowah the God of the heavens has given me, and he himself has commissioned me to build him a house in

Jerusalem, which is in Judah. (**Ezra 1:2**)

- **Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God prove to be with him. So let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of Yehowah the God of Israel, he is the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 1:3**)**
- **As for anyone that is left from all the places where he is residing as an alien, let the men of his place assist him with silver and with gold and with goods and with domestic animals along with the voluntary offering for the house of the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 1:4**)**
- **Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and of Benjamin and the priests and the Levites rose up, even everyone whose spirit the true God had roused, to go up and rebuild the house of Yehowah, which was in Jerusalem. (**Ezra 1:5**)**
- **As for all those round about them, they strengthened their hands with utensils of silver, with gold, with goods and with domestic animals and with choice things, besides all that which was voluntarily offered. (**Ezra 1:6**)**

•• **Hope Of Reward Proper**

- **The **hope** of the servant of God that he will receive a reward is not selfishness. For a true view and proper understanding of God, a person must know that loving-kindness and generosity are outstanding qualities of God, the individual must believe not only that God is but also, that **he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him.****
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he **becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him.** (**Hebrews 11:6**)**
- ****Hope** keeps the Christian minister balanced and in God's service, knowing that Yehowah will provide his daily needs. The apostle Paul points this out, drawing on the principles set forth in the Law. Paul quotes the Law at**
- **You must not muzzle a bull while it is threshing. (**Deuteronomy 25:4**)**
- **He then adds:**

- Or is it altogether for our sakes he says it? Really for our sakes it was written, because the man who plows ought to plow in **hope** and the man who threshes ought to do so in hope of being a partaker. (**1 Corinthians 9:10**)

•• Essential To Faith

- **Hope** is also essential to faith, it is the groundwork and basis for faith.

- Faith is the assured expectation of things **hoped** for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld. (**Hebrews 11:1**)

- In turn, **faith** makes the **hope brighter and stronger**. The apostle Paul, in order to strengthen Christians, cites the fine example of Abraham.

- When Abraham and his wife Sarah were, from a human standpoint, beyond the hope of having children, it is said,

- Although beyond **hope**, yet based on hope he had faith, that he might become the father of many nations in accord with what had been said; So your seed will be. (**Romans 4:18**)

- Abraham knew that as far as producing children was concerned, his body and that of Sarah were deadened. But he did not grow weak in faith. Why? Because of the promise of God he did not waver in a lack of faith, but became powerful by his faith.

- And, although he did not grow weak in faith, he considered his own body, now already deadened, as he was about one hundred years old, also the deadness of the womb of Sarah. (**Romans 4:19**)

- But because of the promise of God he did not waver in a lack of faith, but became powerful by his faith, giving God glory (**Romans 4:20**)

- The apostle then applies Abraham's example of faith and **hope** to Christians, concluding;

- Through whom also we have gained our approach by faith into this undeserved kindness in which we now stand, and let us

exult, based on **hope** of the glory of God. (**Romans 5:2**)

- And the **hope** does not lead to disappointment, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given us. (**Romans 5:5**)

•• The Christian Hope

- The **hope** of the Christian and, indeed, of mankind **lies in Jesus Christ**. The gaining of lasting life in heaven or on earth was not open to any of humankind until Christ Jesus, shed light upon life and incorruption through the Good News.
- But now it has been made clearly evident through the manifestation of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death but has shed light upon life and incorruption through the Good News. (**2 Timothy 1:10**)
- The spirit-begotten brothers of Christ are told that they have heavenly **hopes** because of the great mercy of God, who gave to them a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (**1 Peter 1:3**)
- To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you. (**1 Peter 1:4**)
- Because of the **hope** that is being reserved for you in the heavens. This hope you heard of before by the telling of the truth of that Good News (**Colossians 1:5**)
- To whom God has been pleased to make known what are the glorious riches of this sacred secret among the nations. It is Christ in union with you, the **hope** of his glory. (**Colossians 1:27**)
- Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the accurate knowledge of the truth which accords with godly devotion. (**Titus 1:1**)
- Upon the basis of a **hope** of the everlasting life which God, who

cannot lie, promised before times long lasting. (**Titus 1:2**)

- This spirit he poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. (**Titus 3:6**)
- That, after being declared righteous by virtue of the undeserved kindness of that one, we might become heirs according to a **hope** of everlasting life. (**Titus 3:7**)
- This happy **hope** is to be realized, **at the revelation of Jesus Christ**.
- Hence brace up your minds for activity, keep your senses completely, set your **hope** upon the undeserved kindness that is to be brought to you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ**. (**1 Peter 1:13**)
- Who through him are believers in God, the one who raised him up from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and **hope** might be in God. (**1 Peter 1:21**)
- While we wait for the happy **hope** and glorious manifestation of the great God and of the Savior of us, Christ Jesus. (**Titus 2:13**)
- Christ Jesus is therefore called, **our hope**, by the apostle Paul.
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus under command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus, our **hope**. (**1 Timothy 1:1**)
- This **hope** of everlasting life and incorruption for those who are partakers of the heavenly calling.
- Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. (**Hebrews 3:1**)
- Is solidly based and is something that can be confidently relied on. It is supported by two things in which it is impossible for God to lie, namely, his promise and his oath, and the **hope** resides with Christ, who is now immortal in the heavens.
- Therefore this **hope** is spoken of as, an anchor for the soul, both sure and firm, and it enters in within the curtain, as the High Priest entered the Most Holy on the Day of Atonement, where a forerunner

has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever.

- In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath. (**Hebrews 6:17**)
- In order, that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on the **hope** set before us. (**Hebrews 6:18**)
- This **hope** we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and firm, and it enters in within the curtain. (**Hebrews 6:19**)
- Where a forerunner has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever. (**Hebrews 6:20**)

·· **Must Be Developed And Maintained**

- The necessity for Christians to hold on to the **one hope**.
- One body there is, and one spirit, even as you were called in the **one hope** to which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:4**)
- Is constantly stressed in the Bible. It requires continued industriousness and the **exercise of freeness of speech and boasting over the hope** itself.
- But Christ was faithful as a Son over the house of that One. We are the house of that One, if we make fast our hold on our freeness of speech and our boasting over the **hope** firm to the end. (**Hebrews 3:6**)
- But we desire each one of you to show the same industriousness so as to have the full assurance of the **hope** down to the end. (**Hebrews 6:11**)
- **Hope** is developed by endurance under tribulation, this leads to an approved condition before God, from whom hope comes.
- Through whom also we have gained our approach by faith into this undeserved kindness in which we now stand, and let us

exult, based on **hope** of the glory of God. (**Romans 5:2**)

- And not only that, but let us exult while in tribulations, since we know that tribulation produces endurance. (**Romans 5:3**)
- Endurance, in turn, an approved condition, the approved condition, in turn, **hope**. (**Romans 5:4**)
- And the **hope** does not lead to disappointment, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given us. (**Romans 5:5**)
- It is placed alongside faith and love as one of the three qualities characterizing the Christian congregation since the disappearance of the miraculous gifts of the spirit that were present in the **First-Century** congregation.
- Now, however, there remain faith, **hope**, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love. (**1 Corinthians 13:13**)

•• **Qualities And Benefits**

- **Hope** is indispensable to the Christian. It accompanies joy, peace, and power of Holy Spirit.
- May the God who gives **hope** fill you with all joy and peace by your believing, that you may abound in **hope** with power of Holy Spirit. (**Romans 15:13**)
- It promotes freeness of speech in the approach to God for his undeserved kindness and mercy.
- Therefore, as we have such a **hope**, we are using great freeness of speech. (**2 Corinthians 3:12**)
- It enables the Christian to endure with rejoicing, no matter what the conditions may be.
- Rejoice in the **hope**. Endure under tribulation. Persevere in prayer. (**Romans 12:12**)
- For we bear incessantly in mind your faithful work and your loving labor and your endurance due to your **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father. (**1 Thessalonians 1:3**)

- As a helmet protected the head of a warrior, so the **hope** of salvation protects the mental powers, enabling the Christian to maintain integrity.
- But as for us who belong to the day, let us keep our senses and have on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet the **hope** of salvation. (**1 Thessalonians 5:8**)
- **Hope** is a strengthening thing, because, while the anointed Christian **yet on earth does not possess the reward of heavenly life**, his desire with expectation is so strong that, despite severe trials and difficulties, he keeps on waiting patiently for the **hoped-for** thing with endurance.
- For we were saved in this **hope**, but **hope that is seen is not hope**, for when a man sees a thing, does he **hope** for it? (**Romans 8:24**)
- But if we **hope** for what we do not see, we keep on waiting for it with endurance. (**Romans 8:25**)
- **Hope** helps keep the Christian in a clean way of life, for he knows that God and Christ, in whom the **hope** lies, are pure and that he cannot hope to be like God and to receive the reward if he practices uncleanness or unrighteousness.
- Beloved ones, now we are children of God, but as yet it has not been made manifest what we shall be. We do know that whenever he is made manifest we shall be like him, because we shall see him just as he is. (**1 John 3:2**)
- And everyone who has this **hope** set upon him **purifies himself just as that one is pure**. (**1 John 3:3**)
- It is closely allied with the greatest quality, love, for one having the true love of God will also have **hope** in all of God's promises. And he will, additionally, **hope** the very best for his brothers in the faith, loving them and trusting their sincerity of heart in Christ.
- Love is long-suffering and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (**1 Corinthians 13:4**)
- It bears all things, believes all things, **hopes** all things, endures all things. (**1 Corinthians 13:7**)

- For what is our **hope** or joy or crown of exultation, why, is it not in fact you? Before our Lord Jesus at his presence? (**1 Thessalonians 2:19**)

· Superior To Hope Under The Law

- Prior to the giving of the Law to Israel, the faithful forefathers of the nation had **hope** in God.

- And yet now for the **hope** of the promise that was made by God to our forefathers I stand called to judgment. (**Acts of Apostles 26:6**)
- Whereas our twelve tribes are hoping to attain to the fulfillment of this promise by intensely rendering him sacred service night and day. Concerning this **hope** I am accused by Jews, O king. (**Acts of Apostles 26:7**)
- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)
- You will give the trueness given to Jacob, the loving-kindness given to Abraham, which you swore to our forefathers from the days of long ago. (**Micah 7:20**)
- I am grateful to God, to whom I am rendering sacred service as my forefathers did and with a clean conscience, that I never leave off remembering you in my supplications, night and day (**2 Timothy 1:3**)
- They looked for God's provision for life. When the Law came, it appeared at first that here would be the fulfillment of their **hope**. But, on the contrary, the Law exposed all as sinners before God and, by making transgressions manifest, condemned all under it to death.
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
- What, then, shall we say? Is the Law sin? Never may that become so! Really I would not have come to know sin if it had

not been for the Law, and, for example, I would not have known covetousness if the Law had not said; You must not covet. **(Romans 7:7)**

- **But sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, worked out in me covetousness of every sort, for apart from Law sin was dead. (Romans 7:8)**
- **In fact, I was once alive apart from Law, but when the commandment arrived, sin came to life again, but I died. (Romans 7:9)**
- **And the commandment which was to life, this I found to be to death. (Romans 7:10)**
- **For sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, seduced me and killed me through it. (Romans 7:11)**
- **The Law itself was holy, not bad, yet by its very holiness and righteousness, it exposed the imperfections of those under it.**
- **Wherefore, on its part, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. (Romans 7:12)**
- **As foretold through the prophets, it was necessary for God to bring in, a **better hope**, through Jesus Christ, setting aside the Law and enabling those putting faith in Christ to draw near to God.**
- **Certainly, then, there occurs a setting aside of the preceding commandment on account of its weakness and ineffectiveness. (Hebrews 7:18)**
- **For the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in besides of a **better hope** did, through which we are drawing near to God. (Hebrews 7:19)**
- **As God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made perfect apart from us. (Hebrews 11:40)**
- **Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. (Jeremiah 31:31)**
- **Not one like the covenant that I concluded with their forefathers**

in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of mine they themselves broke, although I myself had husbandly ownership of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 31:32**)

- For this is the covenant that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (**Jeremiah 31:33**)
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. (**Jeremiah 31:34**)

· Hope For All Mankind

- The undeserved kindness of God is further magnified in that the wonderful **hope** that he opened up for the spiritual brothers of Jesus Christ, to be joint heirs with him in the heavenly calling
- Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. (**Hebrews 3:1**)
- Is also closely tied in with a **hope** for all mankind who desire to serve God. The apostle Paul, after outlining the hope of those who have the expectation of becoming the heavenly, sons of God, and joint heirs with Christ, explains,
- For all who are led by God's spirit, these are God's sons. (**Romans 8:14**)
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. (**Romans 8:17**)
- For the eager expectation of the creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. (**Romans 8:19**)
- For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but

- through him that subjected it, on the basis of **hope** (**Romans 8:20**)
- That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
 - According to Paul's words at;
 - For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of **hope** (**Romans 8:20**)
 - That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
 - Yehowah God did not destroy man's forefather Adam at the time of his sin, but he allowed men to be born from an imperfect father, with futility facing them not because of any deliberate fault of their own, but because of inherited imperfection.
 - However, God did not leave them without **hope** but kindly set forth **hope** through the **promised seed**.
 - And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
 - And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)
 - **Who is Jesus Christ.**
 - Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed. **Who is Christ.** (**Galatians 3:16**)
 - Doubtless because the time of Messiah's first coming had been forecast in prophecy, the preaching of John the Baptizer roused the expectations of the nation of Israel.

- Now as the people were in expectation and all were reasoning in their hearts about John; May he perhaps be the Christ? (**Luke 3:15**)
- There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (**Daniel 9:24**)
- And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)
- And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (**Daniel 9:26**)
- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)
- Jesus fulfilled that **hope** by his ministry, death, and resurrection. But the great hope for mankind in general, both the living and the dead, lies in the Kingdom of Christ, when he and his joint heirs serve as heavenly kings and priests.
- Then mankind exercising faith will eventually be released from the corruption of imperfection and sin and will come to the full status of children of God. Their **hope** is reinforced by God's resurrection of his Son more than 1,900 years ago.
- Because he has set a day in which he purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and he has furnished a **guarantee** to all men in that he has resurrected him from the dead. (**Acts of Apostles 17:31**)

- Now when Paul took note that the one part was of Sadducees but the other of Pharisees, he proceeded to cry out in the Sanhedrin; Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. Over the **hope of resurrection of the dead** I am being judged. (**Acts of Apostles 23:6**)
- And I have **hope** toward God, which **hope** these men themselves also entertain, that **there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous**. (**Acts of Apostles 24:15**)
- Yehowah God has provided his Word the Bible with its instruction and examples, so that all men may have **hope**.
- For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the **comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope**. (**Romans 15:4**)
- Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (**1 Corinthians 10:11**)
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:17**)
- This **hope has to be proclaimed** to others by those possessing it, in so doing, the possessor of **hope saves himself and those who listen to him**.
- But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to **make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope** in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect. (**1 Peter 3:15**)
- Pay constant attention to yourself and to your teaching. Stay by these things, **for by doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you**. (**1 Timothy 4:16**)