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"The Hope of the World"

Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

Isaiah 40:6-8 (NKJV)

"All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

## Isaiah 55:11 NKJV

"So shall My word be, that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it".

#### Romans 9:4-5

"who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen".

#### Hebrews 9:28 & Zechariah 14:4

"so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation".

"And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east"





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# The Royal Psalms

Psalms 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 144

# Psalm 72

#### A Davidic king

- 1. Promote righteousness and justice in the land (v. 1).
- 2. Defend the cause of the afflicted, weak, and helpless. (v. 2, 4, 12, 14).
- 3. Bring peace, prosperity, and international recognition (v. 3, 5-11, 15-17).
- 4. His anointed King would have dominion over the entire earth (vv. 8-11).

Isaiah 9:6-7

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this".

## Jeremiah 23:5

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS".

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful". Hebrews 10:23.

"Now **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.". Romans 5:5

"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the **hope** of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,". Ephesians 1:18

Josh. 2:17-18 "The men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear, unless, when we come into the land, you tie this <u>cord</u> of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household"

Josh 2:21 "She said, "According to your words, so be it." So she sent them away, and they departed; and she tied the scarlet <u>cord</u> in the window".

# the Hebrew word "tikva":

- •cord
- hope, expectation
  - ground of hope,
  - things hoped for,
  - •outcome.

### Psalm 71:6

'For you have been my hope (Tikvah - cord),
Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.
From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you'.