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The  
**Hope of Israel**

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# The Hope of Israel.

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## Topics.

- The hope of Israel in the Old Testament.
- The hope of Israel in the New Testament.

**INTRODUCTION:** there are only two verses in the Old Testament (Jer. 14:8) (Jer. 17:13) and one verse in the New Testament (Acts 28:20) that use the expression, "The Hope of Israel," this study looks at each of these verses.

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## THE HOPE OF ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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The following verse shows that the Hope of Israel is God their Saviour. The following verses are in the context of the people's sins being so great, they are suffering extreme famine, and a massive lack of water and vegetation, seeing this Jeremiah prays:

- **Jeremiah 14:8:** O you hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller who turns aside to tarry for a night? <sup>9</sup> Why should you be like a man confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot save? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us."

The LORD answers Jeremiah saying:

- **Jeremiah 14:10:** They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore, the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins."

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These two verses shows that God is the Hope of Israel, for only He can Save them from their famine and lack of rain. The sins of Judah are so great they are spoken of as being engraved upon their hearts, so the LORD says, "He will make them serve their enemies in a land that they do not know." Later we read:

- **Jeremiah 17:13-14:** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water. <sup>14</sup> Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

These verses shows that the Hope of Israel is God.

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## THE HOPE OF ISRAEL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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The following verses show that the Hope of Israel is the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 26:6-9:** And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup> to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup> Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? <sup>9</sup> "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

If the hope of Israel was God's promise to Abraham concerning the land of Canaan (the Promised Land) then the Jews would not have him in chains, because they all believed this promise, the reason they have Paul in chains is because he taught Jesus was the promised offspring of Abraham and the Messiah all the prophets said was to come. Jesus is the

hope of Israel that all Jews were waiting for, but in their spiritual blindness, they did not recognise him, but that does not make void that he is the Hope of Israel, meaning their Saviour and the King who will restore their Kingdom to them.

**The following verses also show that the Hope of Israel is Jesus their Saviour:**

- **Acts 28:20:** For this reason, therefore, I (Paul) have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.”

Paul was in chains because he was proclaiming Jesus, now go to verse twenty-three:

- **Acts 28:23:** From morning till evening, he (Paul) expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

Paul had no need to convince the Jews about God’s promise to Abraham concerning the land of Canaan, they already believed that, he is using the law of Moses and the Prophets to prove to them that Jesus is Israel’s Messiah, the offspring of Abraham, and the one all the prophets spoke of. Concerning the Kingdom, consider the following verses:

- **Matthew 13:37-41:** He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.<sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers.

These verses show that Christ’s Kingdom is already here, for it states, Jesus came and planted good seed (the apostles and Paul) in the world and all who receive their message are like them, also counted as good seed in Christ’s Kingdom, the fact there are enemies in this Kingdom shows that it is not referring to Christ’s future Kingdom to come when he returns for those in his Kingdom will be immortal and without sin.

**NOTE:** it should also be mentioned, in all Paul’s letters that he says nothing concerning the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), neither does Jesus and the apostles, in fact there is not one verse in the entire New Testament that mentions and explains teachings concerning the land of Canaan, which means if a sinner seeking salvation has to know and understand teachings concerning the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), it would be pointless to give them a New Testament for it would not contain enough knowledge for them to be saved.

The entire focus of every chapter of the New Testament is Christ or some aspect, feature or characteristic concerning him (i.e., genealogy, birth, death, resurrection, and salvation etc.), and how believers should live, behave, and treat each other. I suspect the New Testament is silent on the land of Canaan, because no matter how good our knowledge is of it, this knowledge has no power to save, for it is Christ who saves us, which is why the apostles and Paul set their entire focus of their writing upon Him.

**Consider the following for a moment:**

1. If you have an immortal eternal sin free body and are with the one you love in a paradise world full of joy.
2. If you are with faithful brothers and sisters where there is no suffering, sorrow, sickness, or money problems and you never have to struggle to survive again.

Do you really care where that place will be? I suspect, most of us would answer this question, saying, “If I am with the Saviour I love, and who died for me, I will be enormously happy, no matter where I am.” This I

believe is why the central focus of the entire New Testament is Christ, rather than the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), for its Christ who saves us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** I am not saying that teachings concerning the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), are wrong, rather the opposite, for it is an enormous blessing to have a clear understanding and knowledge of God's promise to Abraham concerning Canaan, all I am saying is that it is wrong to make it a necessary doctrine for a repentant sinner to know, before they can be saved to eternal life.

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