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OUR CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

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A *Confident Expectation* that God will be faithful-bringing His good purposes to completion and giving a better ending than the beginning.

[11] For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing
salvation to all people. [12] And we are instructed to turn from
godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this
evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,
[13] while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day
when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
will be revealed. [14] He gave his life to free us from every kind
of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people,
totally committed to doing good deeds.
Titus 2:11–14 (NLT)

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Living Ready for the Return of Jesus

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WITNESSES

TO THE LORD'S RETURN

Key Scriptural Voices on End-Time Events



1 THE PROPHETS

Daniel, Zechariah, and prophetic writings

Prophetic anticipation of the coming King, final conflict, and God's kingdom.



2 JESUS' TEACHING

Matthew 24–25 · Mark 13 · Luke 21

Jesus' own teaching on His return, watchfulness, and the end of the age.



3 PAUL'S TEACHING

Titus 2:13 · 1 Thessalonians 4–5 · 2 Thessalonians 2 · 1 Corinthians 15

Apostolic instruction on resurrection, the Lord's coming, and the Day of the Lord.



4 JOHN'S REVELATION

Revelation

Prophetic vision of Christ's return, judgment, kingdom, and new creation.

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13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know
what will happen to the believers who have died so you will
not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also
believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him
the believers who have died. 15 We tell you this directly from
the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not
meet him ahead of those who have died. 15 We tell you this
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1 Thessalonians 4:13–15 (NLT)

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16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with
a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who
have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together
with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth
will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the
air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage
each other with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (NLT)

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Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. [2] For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. [3] When people are saying, “Everything is peaceful and secure,” then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman’s labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NLT)

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[4] But you aren’t in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. [5] For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night. [6] So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. [7] Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. [8] But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8 (NLT)

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As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples
pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. [2] But he
responded, “Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth,
they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left
on top of another!” [3] Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His
disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all
this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of
the world?” [4] Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, [5]
for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’
They will deceive many.
Matthew 24:1–5 (NLT)

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[6] And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. [7] Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. [8] But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

[9] “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. [10] And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. [11] And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Matthew 24:6–11 (NLT)

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[12] Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will
grow cold. [13] But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
[14] And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached
throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and
then the end will come. [15] “The day is coming when you will see
what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object
that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place.” (Reader,
pay attention!) [16] “Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. [17] A
person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the
house to pack.

Matthew 24:12–17 (NLT)

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18 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat. 19
How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing
mothers in those days. 20 And pray that your flight will not be in
winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For there will be greater anguish
than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so
great again. 22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is
shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be
shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones. 23 "Then if anyone
tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't
believe it.

Matthew 24:18–23 (NLT)

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[24] For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. [25] See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

[26] “So if someone tells you, ‘Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,’ don’t bother to go and look. Or, ‘Look, he is hiding here,’ don’t believe it! [27] For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. [28] Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

Matthew 24:24–28 (NLT)

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29 “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be
darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the
sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then
at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in
the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the
peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming
on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he
will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and
they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from
the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

Matthew 24:29–31 (NLT)

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32 “Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud
and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.
33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you can
know his return is very near, right at the door. 34 I tell you the
truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all
these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will disappear,
but my words will never disappear. 36 “However, no one knows
the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the
angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

Matthew 24:32–36 (NLT)

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37 “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s
day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying
banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah
entered his boat. 39 People didn’t realize what was going to
happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is
the way it will be when the Son of Man comes. 40 “Two men will
be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other
left. 41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be
taken, the other left. 42 “So you, too, must keep watch! For you
don’t know what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:37–42 (NLT)

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[43] Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. [44] ***You also must be ready all the time***, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Matthew 24:43-44 (NLT)

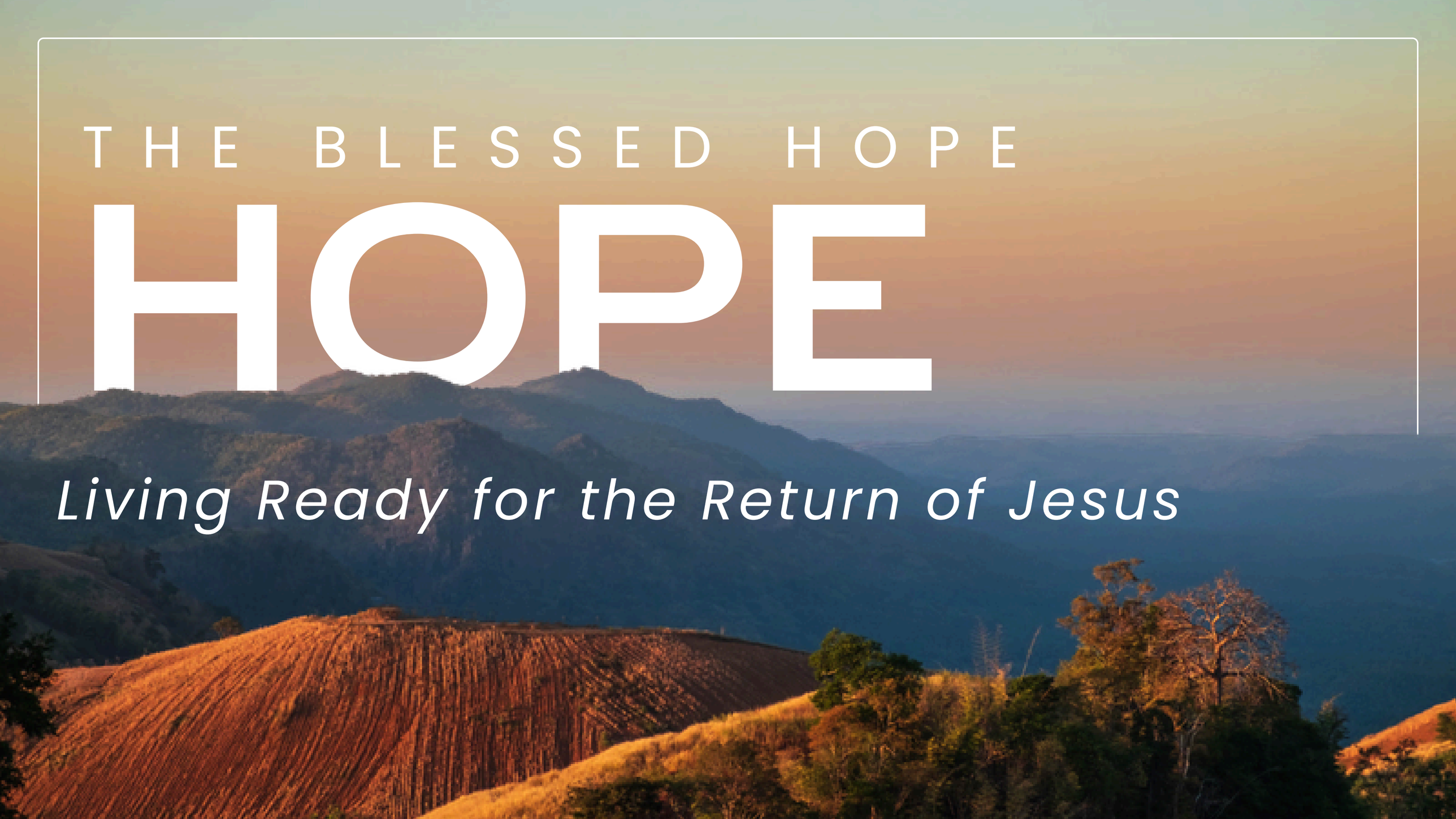
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We Must Live Every Day Ready for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

44 ***You also must be ready all the time***, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Matthew 24:44 (NLT)

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