

## Hope

**The Hebrew word for hope is "Tikvah", meaning confident expectation, anticipation, and a lifeline anchored in God's promises. Hatikvah (The Hope') is the national anthem of the State of Israel. Opening stanza: "Our hope is not yet lost, The ancient hope, To return to the land of our fathers; The city where David encamped." Biblical hope is defined as a confident expectation, a trust that Adonai will do what He has promised. It is not mere wishful thinking but a firm knowledge that what God has said will come to pass.**

**John 9:1-4.** As Yeshua passed along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His talmidim asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned -- this man or his parents -- to cause him to be born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Yeshua answered, "His blindness is due neither to his sin nor to that of his parents; it happened so that God's power might be seen at work in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must keep doing the work of the One who sent me; the night **(nux {noox}: night, the time when work ceases, the time of death, the time of moral stupidity and darkness)** is coming, when no one can work.

**First, we see an interesting statement made about why the man is blind. The reality is that we are living in the "night" today, a time of overwhelming moral stupidity and darkness. Then, within the body of Messiah, the only force that's able to overcome this darkness is the Dunamis, resurrection power of Yeshua yet there isn't a lot of power at work as proven by the lack of miracles, signs and wonders. We're not exactly swimming in supernatural healings yet scripture reveals that there are many ways to receive them.**

**I've read so many books and witnessed many ministries that claim they have unlocked the mysteries of healing, that they have the formula. Scripture shares that there are many ways that God's healing powers are released. The key is that there isn't a cookie cutter formula, there isn't a secret formula, a specific set of words, or certain conditions. It's seeking the indwelling, presence of Adonai! His presence will resolve all our current issues and crisis!**

**Divine hope as a motivator for Kingdom holiness and perseverance. Hope inspires believers to live holy lives in anticipation of Adonai's fulfillment:**

**I John 3:3.** And everyone who has this hope in him continues purifying himself, since God is pure.

**Hope provides strength during suffering, fostering endurance, character, and perseverance:**

**Romans 5:3-5.** But not only that, let us also boast in our troubles; because we know that trouble produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> endurance produces character, and character produces hope; <sup>5</sup> and this hope does not let us down, because God's love for us has already been poured out in our hearts through the Ruach HaKodesh who has been given to us.

**Hope is a critical, dynamic component of spiritual truth, guiding moral and ethical action. We need His hope in our Community. Believer's share hope communally, encouraging and supporting each other in trust:**

**Hebrews 10:23-25.** Let us continue holding fast to the hope we acknowledge, without wavering; for the One who made the promise is trustworthy. <sup>24</sup> And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting our own congregational meetings, as some have made a practice of doing, but, rather, encouraging each other. And let us do this all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**This communal aspect of hope strengthens unity and fosters mutual spiritual growth, reflecting God's love within the body of Messiah which can only be received in Congregational Meetings! Yeshua Himself engaged in many different scenarios, He was aware of His communal social environment, He had great compassion for people. With great, focused intentionality Yeshua engaged with people via many different methods that ended with the same result, supernatural miracles, signs, and wonders the result of operating in divine works, the Dunamis power of Adonai.**

**Now more than ever we must live in His divine hope that can only come through the power and works of God! This begins with love! True biblical love for each other results in compassion! The Bible emphasizes the importance of compassion for others, commanding us to show kindness, humility, and patience. Compassion is a caring response to someone else's turis or distress. Compassion is a divine, biblical desire to help alleviate people's distress (sickness, loss of a loved one, aging, loneliness, financial difficulties, relationship issues etc.). We must compassionately engage people with great intentionality as Yeshua did!**

**We often miss the supernatural because we're not aware of our surroundings or the people around us! We often miss the works and power of God because it doesn't fit into our own paradigm, our own preconceived notion of what it should be or look like. I practice immediate prayer, often without asking anymore! As we trust, so it will be for us!**

**Matthew 8:5-10.** As Yeshua entered K'far-Nachum, a Roman army officer came up and pleaded for help. <sup>6</sup> "Sir, my orderly is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly!" <sup>7</sup> Yeshua said, "I will go and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the officer answered, "Sir, I am unfit to have you come into my home. Rather, if you will only give the command **(eipo logos: Eipo: call, command, grant, say, speak. Logos: the sayings of God, word, decree, mandate or order, of the moral precepts given by God, prophecies given by the prophets)** my orderly will recover. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority. I have soldiers under me, and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; to another, 'Come!' and he comes; to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> On hearing this Yeshua was amazed and said to the people following him, "Yes! I tell you, I have not found anyone in Isra'el with such trust!"

**Despite being a Gentile, the centurion demonstrated an unwavering trust and belief in Yeshua's ability and power to heal his servant. The centurion's humility shines through as he acknowledges his own unworthiness for Yeshua to enter his home, yet believes that a simple word from Him would be enough to heal his servant. This level of hope and trust challenges us to reflect on our own trust in God's ability to work in our lives. Have you ever felt a deep conviction in your heart that God can make the impossible possible? The centurion's faith serves as a remarkable example for us to emulate. It prompts us to ask ourselves: Are we willing to trust God's power and authority even in the face of adversity or doubt? This is revealed in Yeshua's answer:**

**Matthew 8:13.** Then Yeshua said to the officer, "Go; let it be for you as you have trusted." And his orderly was healed at that very moment.

**Yeshua is amazed by this Gentile army officer who completely understood how authority works and states:** "I have not found anyone in Isra'el with such trust!". **Having said this there is a tendency to tell people: "a healing didn't occur because the afflicted person didn't have enough trust". Yeshua reveals that it is a collective trust of all the people, particularly those who are doing the praying that can cause an issue:**

**Matthew 17:14-18.** As they came up to the crowd, a man approached Yeshua, kneeled down in front of him, <sup>15</sup> and said, "Sir, have mercy on my son, because he is an epileptic and has such terrible fits that he often falls into the fire or into the water. <sup>16</sup> I brought him to your talmidim, but they couldn't heal him." <sup>17</sup> Yeshua answered, "Perverted people (**diastrepho {dee-as-tref'-o}: to distort, turn aside, to oppose, plot against the saving purposes and plans of God, to turn aside from the right path, to pervert, corrupt**), without any trust! How long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!" <sup>18</sup> Yeshua rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, so that from that moment he was healed.

**Healing is the supernatural works and actions from the power of Adonai that cures sickness, disease, injuries, and physical defects without the aid of human intervention, it's the invasion of the natural with the supernatural power of the Kingdom! Trust is the keystone to Gods works of Healing and Power in the Kingdom! Your trust in His word as truth and when spoken will heal! BUT, to receive healing one must trust and want to be healed.**

**John 5:6.** Yeshua, seeing this man and knowing that he had been there a long time, said to him, "Do you want to be made healed (**Whole: hugies {hoog-ee-ace'}: sound, one who is sound in body, to make whole, to be restored, teaching which does not deviate from the truth**)?"

**So many have come through our doors in the last 25.5 years seeking, desiring healing while refuting wholeness. We, CZS, wre a place of being made whole if you'll allow Him to do so! So back to John 9 from the beginning, 'what happened?**

**John 9:6-7.** Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, put the mud on the man's eyes,<sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash off in the Pool of Shiloach!" (The name means "sent.") So he went and washed and came away seeing.

**Yeshua employed a different method, but the person born blind was supernaturally delivered and healed! One of the four miracles proving Yeshua was the Messiah! I want to go back to verse 4.**

**John 9:4.** As long as it is day, we must keep doing the work of the One who sent me; the night **(nux {noox}: night, the time when work ceases, the time of death, the time of moral stupidity and darkness)** is coming, when no one can work.

**Yeshua said that the "night" is coming, a time when work ceases, a time of death, a time of moral stupidity when no one can work! What is Yeshua saying to us? That we shouldn't be wasting our time with apologetics, religion, bureaucracy, programs, political machinations, personal agendas or motivations, and various other polarizing schisms that are severely dividing us, causing our current anarchy, chaos, and powerlessness. These issues inhibit God's work, Yeshua was only about His Father's business, period.**

**Being about Adonai's, Father's business, His work gives us a superlatively great hope; even a sense of awe that He allows us to participate in His divine works. He doesn't want us to be spectators, He wants us to be participators, partners with Adonai. Through this He gives us worth and dignity.**

**In scripture, hope is never static or passive. Hope is dynamic, active, intentional, and life sustaining. Biblical hope is not an escape from our current reality, situation, or our problems. Biblical hope is centered upon our trust in Adonai's covenant promises that moves us to action! We've been in active, continuous ministry for almost 26 years! Few have greater hope than we do! We've been maligned, slandered, gossiped about, had our character assaulted, be slandered, ben the target of false and slanderous Facebook Videos, posts, and various other social media onslaughts. The wolves are always attempting to scatter the flock! Yet we come back week after week because we have a superlative, divine hope others don't! We didn't start this congregation to discover our roots, or because we were disgruntled from somewhere else! We answered a Divine Call from Adonai! We had a road to Damascus encounter.....IF He be for us, who could possibly be against us!**

**The Psalms offer a rich tapestry of expressions of hope. In times of adversity, the psalmists proclaimed confidence in God's deliverance:**

**Psalm 42:5.** My soul, why are you so downcast? Why are you groaning inside me? Hope in God, since I will praise him again for the salvation that comes from his presence.

**This poetic psalm illustrates true, heartfelt hope in Adonai's faithfulness that transcends all sorrows, pain, sickness, and suffering. The psalms as preserved in the Tanach highlight their longstanding role as a beacon of profound hope for all believers.**

**Biblical hope is a confident expectation rooted in faith and trust in Adonai. It is not merely wishful thinking but rather an expectation with certainty that Adonai will fulfill His promises (unity, the One New Man, the end of Jew and Gentile separation). This hope is characterized by His steadfast assurance, anchored in His faithfulness, offering believers a firm assurance regarding things that are not yet but will be! Things that aren't as though they are!**

**Hebrews 11:1.** Trusting is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

**Yeshua is our great hope, expectation, and trust that all creation is waiting for. He is the hope of the sick, the broken hearted, the downtrodden, the prisoner, the oppressed, the poor and needy. His name; "Yeshua" literally means "salvation." His name is not just a title. It is His very identity, purpose, and destiny. From the angel's message to Yoseph:**

**Matthew 1:21 (TLV).** She will give birth to a son; and you shall call His name Yeshua, for He will save His people from their sins.

**In this we see God's redemption plan revealed. His name is His promise: salvation for all who call on Him. That is our hope! Life is hard, filled with bad news and disappointments, it often feels like a barren desert. Dry seasons, difficult choices, enemy attacks, and various unknowns that come at us from left field stretch us thin, pushing us to the brink. But Yeshua doesn't just point the way to hope, freedom, and liberty; He is the Way, He is our only Hope. He doesn't just reveal truth; He is the Truth. And He doesn't simply give life; He is Life itself.**

**Yeshua is our hope in times of darkness, despair, hurt, rejection, grief, loneliness, and emptiness. Yeshua unconditionally loves us, He accepts you where you are, but He doesn't want you to stay there. Our hope and trust in Yeshua can move throw the mountains in our lives into the sea.**

**Yeshua is our eternal hope in every trial and situation. Life is filled with challenges and uncertainties, but Yeshua is our steadfast anchor during these times.**

**Romans 15:13 (TLV).** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and shalom in trusting, so you may overflow with hope in the power of the Ruach ha-Kodesh.

**When you cry out to Yeshua, you are calling on the eternal Deliverer who already conquered sin and death. His name itself proclaims, declares, and gives us the victory. He is the light of the world! Yeshua's commitment to His Father and**

mankind resulted in a man born blind having his sight restored. The blind man's hope of deliverance was fulfilled, those who place their hope in the Lord will inherit the Land:

**Psalms 37:34.** Put your hope **(Kava: to bind together, collect, to expect, gather together, wait, hope, a variant is Tikva- Our National Anthem Hatikvah is "Our Hope")** in ADONAI, keep to his way, and he will raise you up to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

**This is profound, when we are bound together in Yeshua, gathered together in unity as the bride, waiting upon Him, bound, intertwined with Him He becomes our hope that will be realized! We will see the wicked cut off! What's interesting is that hope and trust are interchangeable. It's the same in:**

**Matthew 12:21.** In him the Gentiles will put their hope **(elpizo {el-pid'-zo}: to trust, to hope, to have full confidence in, expectation: from the root word elpis: The author of Hope).**"

**Hope isn't wishing or a desire, hope is an indication of certainty, boundless trust. Hope in Scripture means "a strong and confident expectation." We must strive to achieve and live this hope! Hope isn't wishing God will intercede on your behalf, it's the expectation and knowledge that He will.**

**Isaiah 40:29-31.** He invigorates the exhausted, he gives strength to the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Young men may grow tired and weary, even the fittest may stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope **(Kaw'vaw: hope, to wait, eagerly look for, expect, to be bound together with)** in ADONAI will renew their strength **(Ko'akh: strength, might, Power of God)**, they will soar aloft as with eagles' wings; when they are running they won't grow weary, when they are walking they won't get tired.

**Mi'Camocha Adonai; Who is like Adonai? He will invigorate us, strengthen the powerless-restoring to us His power unto us!!! Ah hah! The key here! The power is the source of all the supernatural, of signs, wonders, and miracles! If your hope is based on Adonai, if we are bound together with Him, if we wait upon Him, if our Trust and Hope is in Him, He will renew our strength (His power working in and through us), we will soar with eagles wings! We will run but not be weary, walk but not get tired! We are able to do His works without becoming weary! In these chaotic, troublesome, and riotous times we live in our hope that is bound together with Adonai, the source of our SHALOM! A state of national tranquility!**

**I Timothy 4:9-10.** Here is a statement you can trust, one that fully deserves to be accepted <sup>10</sup> (indeed, it is for this that we toil and strive): we have our hope set on a living God who is the deliverer of all humanity, especially of those who trust.

**As Messianic Believers, hope when understood and walked out in God's spirit and truth results in a holy obsession with an eternal hope not based upon fear,**

**timidity, or weakness, but on a living God who will deliver all of us, especially we who trust! True hope in and through Yeshua transforms your life into a whole new dimension, the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension of the heavenly spirit realm. It gives one the power to live life righteously, courageously, a life of power, of love, and of a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7.) in troubled times, if we press in, if we are zealous in seeking Adonai through Yeshua hope turns into trust, hope turns desires into reality! Hope is the first step in receiving from God.**

**Hebrews 11:1.** Trusting is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

**We are confident of a Jewish revival, the salvation of All Israel! Convinced we will experience a sovereign move of Adonai in America! Hope is the possibility; trust is the surety. Trust transforms our hopes into realities. Hope is the raw material from which trust builds the house. Our Hopes shall be realized but we must be diligent:**

**Hebrews 6:11.** However, we want each one of you to keep showing the same diligence right up to the end, when your hope will be realized;

**We must never stop pressing into His holy, divine presence! We must remain diligent and seek the transformation of Gods vision and goal for both your life and the world into reality, that is the purpose of hope and Trust.**

**What causes us to lose hope? Far too often we hope in the wrong things! It's all too easy to do so. The things of this world are somewhat controllable to us. People place their hope in the Government, in our military, in money, in relationships, in retirement, in the Stock Market, in the lottery, in the EU, in the United Nations, in other human beings! All these things will continuously, habitually let your hope down leaving you hopeless! Remember Yeshua's answered to Pilate when he asked Yeshua why he was turned over to him:**

**John 18:36.** Yeshua answered, "My kingship does not derive its authority from this world's order of things. If it did, my men would have fought to keep me from being arrested by the Judeans. But my kingship does not come from here."

**Our hope doesn't derive its authority from this world, it's from another world, we're passing through this one! This world and the things of it do not, and will not provide any hope for a safe and secure life:**

**Colossians 2:6-8.** Therefore, just as you received the Messiah Yeshua as Lord, keep living your life united with him. <sup>7</sup> Remain deeply rooted in him; continue being built up in him and confirmed in your trust, the way you were taught, so that you overflow in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of philosophy and empty deceit, following human tradition which accords with the elemental spirits of the world but does not accord with the Messiah.

**If you are or have feelings of hopelessness you must pause and look to see what your hope is grounded upon. If it's not Yeshua, if it's not Adonai, if it's not the Kingdom of Heaven your hope is misdirected. Commonly, peoples hope rests in the material world, the things of this world which results in fear, despair, and panic. If you experience these behavior's you are bound to the things of this world vice being bound and intertwined with Yeshua! When our hopes are dashed, when they are delayed, we can be overcome by a deep sense of despair. Hope deferred can make you sick, literally:**

**Proverbs 13:12.** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

**The key of hope is to trust God's timing. Sometimes God answers prayers and fulfills our hopes quickly. Though, at times for reasons known only to Him, He allows us to wait. Its one of my hardest areas, to wait! It's difficult to praise, to give thanks, to rejoice while waiting for hope to be fulfilled! Entering and staying before His presence enables Adonai to perfect our imperfections that are unknown, that are unseen to us.**

**Hope is not wishful thinking, but a confident, expectant assurance based on God's character and promises. It acts as an "anchor for the soul" providing stability and endurance during trials.**

**Hebrews 6:19 (TLV).** We have this hope as an anchor of the soul, both firm and steady—a hope that enters the inner place behind the curtain.

**Rooted in the death and resurrection of Yeshua, biblical hope provides eternal perspective, joy, and spiritual strength. Our Hope is anchored in Yeshua, a hope that enters into the holy of holies to the presence of God. Hope stabilizes believers during life's storms, preventing them from being swayed by uncertainty. Hope is an "patient, and expectant" assurance that God will fulfill His word. Hope allows followers to persevere through suffering, knowing it is not worth comparing to future glory. Yeshua is our only hope! Never give up hope! It's our foundation, our stability:**

**Hebrews 10:23.** Let us continue holding fast to the hope we acknowledge, without wavering; for the One who made the promise is trustworthy.

**Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible! Now more than ever we need HOPE! HOPE, is our victory! Yeshua who paid the price for the promise of our hope IS TRUSTWORTHY!**

**I Peter 1:3 (TLV).** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah! In His great mercy He caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Messiah Yeshua from the dead.

**This reveals that through Yeshua immense love and compassion, we are given a fresh start, a new beginning; a rebirth into a new, fresh life filled with a living**

**hope and promise. A hope that is alive! Regardless of our past or previous struggles, God's HOPE is always available to bring about a profound, dramatic transformative, miraculous change in our lives. God isn't behind the scenes of our existence, He is existence, He is our hope! He's omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, and is at work and interceding on YOUR behalf, right this very moment!!!**