

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Hope in the Good News (Mark 1:1-3)







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was the
father of
Isaac, and
I s a a c t h e
father of Jacob,
and Jacob the
father of Judah and
his brothers, and
Judah the father of Perez
and Zerah by Tamar, and
Perez the father of Hezron,
and Hezron the father of Ram,
and Ram the father of
Amminadab, and Amminadab the
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father
of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David the king. And
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father
of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and
Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and
Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan
t h e f a t h e r o f J a c o b , a n d J a c o b t h e f a t h e r o f J o s e p h
the husband
of Mary, of
whom was
b o r n

JESUS

who is called Christ.

There will be a quiz at the end!

The Hope of Mark's Gospel Testimony

- Mark's gospel is the earliest (circa 57-59 A.D.)
- "John Mark" was a relative of Barnabas
- "Spiritual son" of Peter (1 Peter 5:13)
- Missionary with Paul – "falling out" (Acts 13:3; 15:37-39)
- Restored in hope! (Col. 4:10 & 2 Tim. 4:11)

Mark at Gethsemane?

“And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away *naked* [emphasis added].”

(Mark 14:51-52, ESV)

“The beginning of the gospel of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

(Mark 1:1, ESV)

The Power of Hope in a Verse

- **εὐαγγελίου** - The “gospel” is the good news of the fulfillment of God’s promises.
- **Ἰησοῦ** - *iēsous* is a transliteration of the Hebrew name Joshua, meaning “Yahweh is salvation” (i.e., is our savior).
- **Χριστοῦ** - The “Christ,” the Messiah and the Anointed one of God.
- **υἱοῦ θεοῦ** - to be of the same nature as God, enjoying the supreme love of God, supernatural ability, authority, united to him in affectionate intimacy, privy to his saving councils, obedient to the Father's will in all his acts.

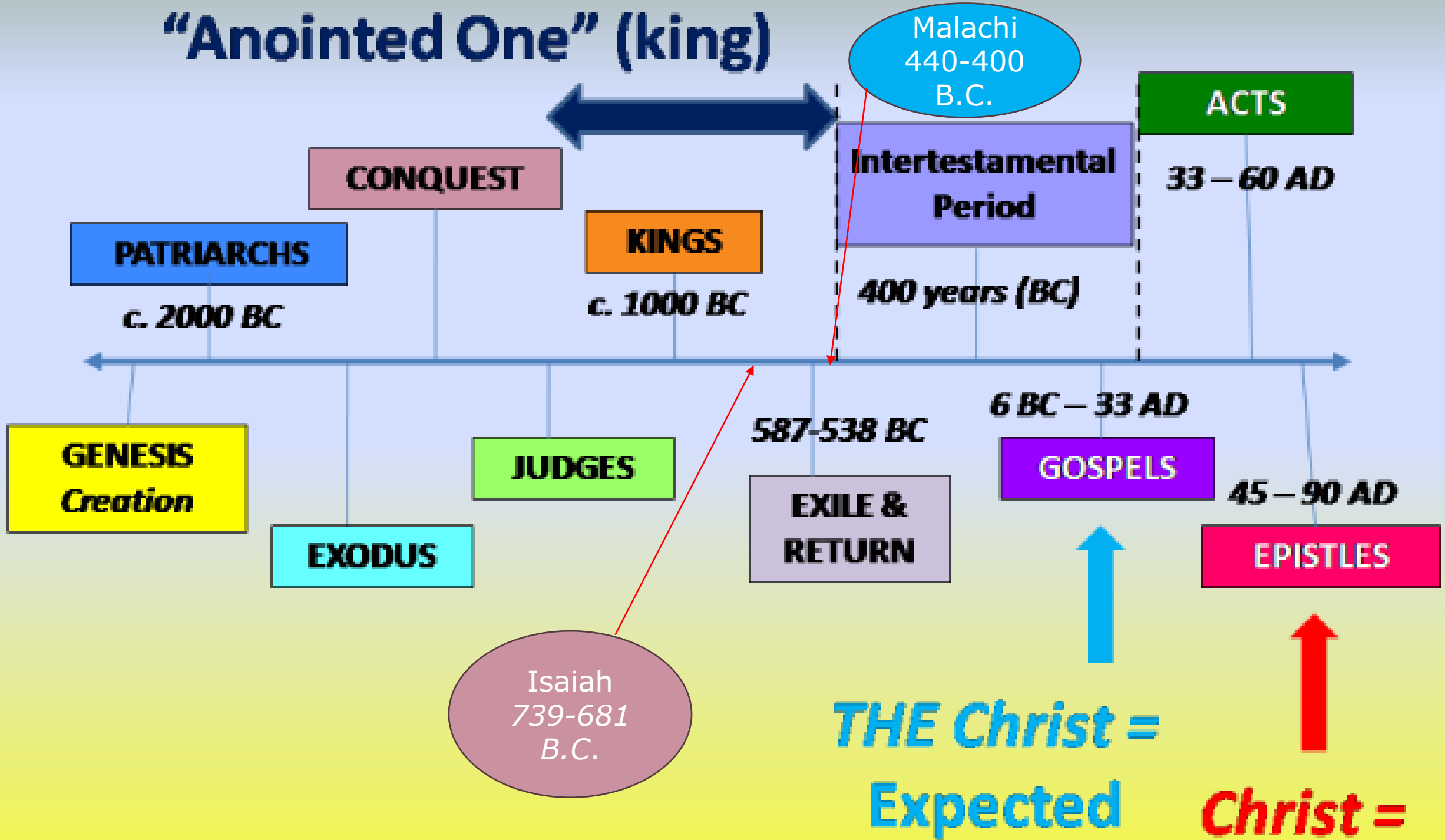
“For in this *hope* [the gospel] we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

(Romans 8:24-25, ESV)

“As it is written in Isaiah the prophet [*the prophets*], “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,”

(Mark 1:2, ESV)

"Anointed One" (king)



“the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the *way* of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

(Mark 1:3, ESV)

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

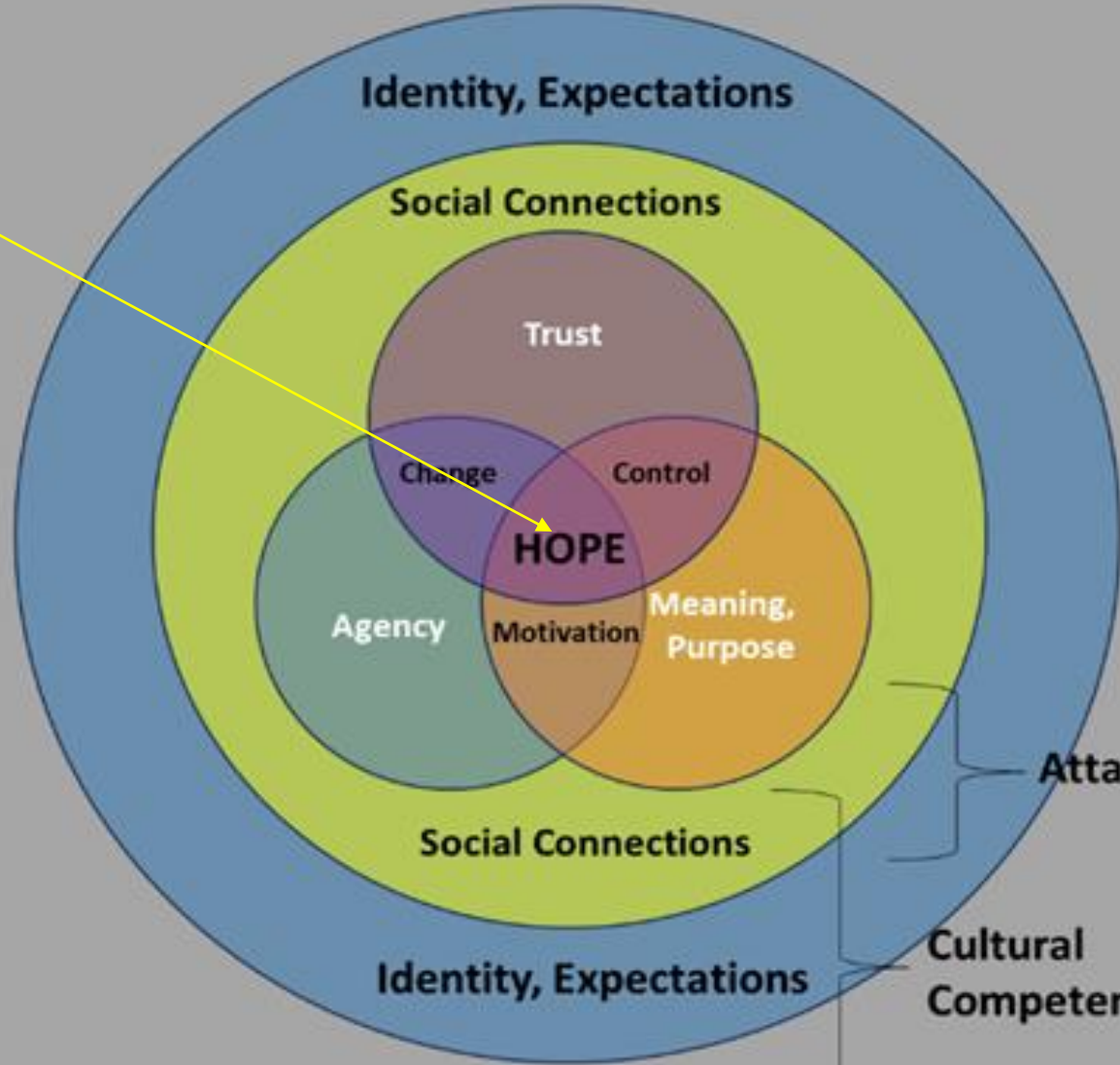
(Isaiah 53:5-6, ESV)

“There is no earthly hope that lasts, that can sustain us. We are ultimately let down by people, events, injustice, and sadly... even our own selves.”

The Five “D’s” of Hope Destruction

1. Disappointment
2. Discouragement
3. Dread
4. Distancing
5. Despair

Jesus



Attachment

Cultural Competency

World View

Identity, Expectations

Social Connections

Trust

Change

Control

HOPE

Agency

Motivation

Meaning, Purpose

Social Connections

Identity, Expectations

World View

Takeaways of Hope

1. Hope abides (*is rooted in*) God (1 Cor. 13:13)
2. Our hope is the Gospel (Rom. 8:24)
3. Hope requires patience (Rom. 8:25)
4. Remember God's faithfulness (Lam. 3:21-25)
5. We must "prepare the way" (1 Peter 3:15)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.** And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “**I am the way,** and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

(John 14:1-7, ESV)