

The Promise of Hope!

Isa. 9:2,6-7



The Promise of the Messiah Made 700 years in advance!

Why is hope important in the advent season?

This Hope is Jesus

See How Isaiah describes This promise of Hope

Isa: 9:1-7

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

What is the Zeal of the Lord Almighty God?

God's zeal is His firm, deep, passionate commitment to do what He sets out to do-in this case, to deliver His people by means of the Messiah.

The Promise of Hope for Them (Israel)

1. A time of waiting: Never easy-do not quit!
2. A time of relying on God's promises
 - * Noah floated in rain for 40 days
 - * Moses spent 40 years in the desert
 - * The Hebrews wandered 40 years in the wilderness
 - * Israel spent 70 years in captivity
 - * 400 years between the O.T. and N.T.

The Promise of Hope for us (Today)

1. A time of waiting: Never Easy-Do not quit!
2. A time of relying on God's promises: He will provide our need.

Application:

- When we walk in darkness, we too need to be reminded who God is!
- During trials/confusion. He is working His plan

Hope in Christ gets you through the waiting.

- * His zeal is at work! Don't light your own fire Isa. 50: 10-11

Hope in Christ helps you go the distance

The King Is Coming!