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Anticipation

Everyone needs something to look forward to.

We all live better in the present when we have something we look forward to in the future.

The Power of Hope

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land will show you.

Genesis 12:1 NIV

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:2 NIV

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:3 NIV

Hope is a present confidence in a future reality that isn't yet reality.

Isaac

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Jacob

Sometimes people of great faith have weak moments.

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Jacob

12 Sons

You will never regret treating right those who have treated you wrong.

Jacob & Family Move to Egypt 1876 B.C.

Israelites Enslaved 1730 B.C.

So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor...But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites

Exodus 1:11-13 NIV

They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

Exodus 1:14 NIV

The promises of God don't insulate us from the pains of life.

The Exodus 1446 B.C.

The Conquest 1405 - 1400 B.C.

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for srael.

Judges 2:10 NIV

The Book of Judges

330 Years

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Saul Crowned King 1050 B.C.

David Takes the Throne 1010 B.C.

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:12 NIV

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

2 Samuel 7:13,16 NIV

Jerusalem Destroyed 586 B.C.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 NIV

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever...

Isaiah 9:8 NIV

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Isaiah 11:1 NIV

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

...I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:11 NIV

The Old Testament ends on a note of deep disappointment, unfulfilled longings, with the faint hope of better days ahead.

For no word from God will ever fail.

Luke 1:37 NIV

Every promise God makes God keeps.

God's promises are what your future looks like.