

Prisoners of Hope

Text: Zechariah 9:9-12 ESV

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The HOPE offered in God's Word is unlike any other type of hope.

It is a BETTYER hope, a BLESSED hope, a LIVING hope, the HOPE OF GLORY

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Zechariah 9:9-10 ESV

Jesus fulfilled these words spoken over 500 years earlier

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. Zechariah 9:11-12 ESV

Valley of Dry Bones:

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Ezekiel 37:11 ESV

The waterless pit: Joseph, Jeremiah,

On the cross JESUS faced the ultimate waterless pit, in our place

We can choose to keep hoping

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23 ESV

3 IMPACTING RESULTS FROM MAINTAINING OUR HOPE IN HIM

1. It Gets Our Lord's Attention – *Psalm 33:18 ESV*
2. It Is Pleasing To The Lord – *Psalm 147:10-11 ESV*
3. It Stands Out In A Hopeless World – *1 Peter 3:15 ESV*