

[Finding Hope in Crisis: Eternal Promises](#)



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When I finally started studying God's Word, and the Holy Spirit began to lead me into a study of Bible prophecy, I started making discoveries about the future that ministered great hope to my spirit. I had just discovered God's marvelous promises for the future that are designed to give us hope in the present.

An Unjustified Fear

Many people are afraid of Bible prophecy. They say it is full of "doom and gloom." That is true for those who have rejected the Lord. But for those who know Him and love Him, there is only good news.

The Old Testament ends with an example of what I'm talking about. It says, *"For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze"* ([Malachi 4:1](#)). That is bad news. But the very next verse contains incredibly good news for believers: *"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves released from the stall"* ([Malachi 4:2](#)).

Bible prophecy is full of glorious promises that are designed to give God's people a strong sense of hope as they live as strangers and pilgrims in the midst of an increasingly evil, God-rejecting world. When you read these wonderful promises, you can understand why Paul wrote these words in [1 Corinthians 2:9](#): *"No eye has seen, no ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him."*

A God of Hope

As this verse indicates, we cannot even begin to imagine the marvelous blessings God has in store for the redeemed. But the very next verse says that the Holy Spirit has revealed

those blessings to us in God's Word ([1 Corinthians 2:10](#)). The sad thing is that most Christians are ignorant of those promises and therefore have no idea what Paul meant when he wrote: *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* ([Romans 8:18](#)).

In [Romans 15:13](#) Paul wrote: *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Our God is a God of Hope who desires to fill us with hope. If you know Jesus as your Savior, you are an heir to some incredible promises, and if you know those promises and believe in them, you can live in this evil world with hope, joy, and great expectations.

As the world we have built on the dollar collapses around us, let us keep an eternal perspective with our hope fixed firmly on the soon return of Jesus. *Maranatha!*