

A better world is everybody's dream – a paradise without disease, war or injustice. This utopia is the Hebrew Bible's vision and is carried forward into the New Testament. In God's kingdom, hatred is replaced with kindness, greed with generosity, and worry with confidence. This imagery has sustained the hope of the Jewish people and many others throughout the centuries.

The Jewish people hope for the Messiah to bring His kingdom of *shalom* (peace) to a world desperate for peace. Isaiah said of the Messiah, *"There will be no*

*end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this"* (Isaiah 9:7).

**One day, He will turn hopelessness into hope!**

However, because of the Almighty's great compassion, He allows humanity, which is the pinnacle of His creation, time to change and thereby dwell with

the Messiah in eternal peace. God has already enacted part one of His majestic and everlasting plan through Jesus.

Jesus is the one who fulfills the "messianic" requirements outlined in the Jewish Bible. He was a faithful, Torah-observant man who taught people the ways of God according to the Law of Moses. He said, *"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill"* (Matthew 5:17). His goal was to draw men and women to God.

The prophet also said of Him, ***"He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due"*** (Isaiah 53:8), and ***"He would render Himself as a guilt offering"*** (Isaiah 53:10). He fulfilled every detail of this ancient prophecy and willingly died so that God would forgive our sins.

Jesus offers you, me, and all people on the planet the gift of eternal life in His glorious kingdom of peace and joy, *"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day"* (John 6:40).

Humanity seems to be suffering on every front. The Bible teaches that we have drifted far from God. We are separated from our Creator and do not know why. Isaiah tells us, *"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God..."* (Isaiah 59:2). The





Scriptures also teach that the pathway back to God's presence and His kingdom of peace and joy is receiving the gift of forgiveness for our sins. But how do we find this depth of forgiveness today?

As the New Testament describes Yeshua, He is "*the way, and the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6). He also refers to Himself as "*the door,*" and He invites us to knock and enter His gracious presence forevermore (Revelation 3:20).

He opens the door to a blissful paradise beyond imagination!

He awaits your knocking on His door. He stands ready to give you entrance to His kingdom.

It is time for you to make the most important decision of your life. If you have never received Yeshua the Messiah as Lord of your life, stop and do it now. If you know He is who He says He is, the one who the Bible promised would come, then do not hesitate. Invite Him into your life. You will never be the same!

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