

Advent





Prophecy Candle of Hope

The people walking in darkness...

**The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned.**



Be Comforted Pardoned

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:1–2 NIV

Be Prepared Providence

A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:3–5 NIV

Be Assured Promise

A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:6–8 NIV

Be at Rest Peace

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:9–11 NIV



Hope: *Rest in God's Promises*

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Pardon

Providence

Promise

Peace

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Hope is not what we wish for.

Hope is what we wait for.

- Nick Roland

Tomorrow's hope motivates today's faithfulness.

- Mark Schatzman



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The Ride Home

Isaiah 40:1-11

Be Comforted in Hope - His Pardon is Sure.

Be Prepared in Hope - His Divine Providence has Secured our Future.

Be Assured in Hope - His Promises are Sealed by The Word: Jesus.

Be at Rest in Hope - His Shepherd-Heart will Bring us Peace.

**Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”**