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Response One, Bearer of Good News

In the future hope, a text in the first early paragraphs states, “for one day the true King must surely come and put everything right”. There is a prevailing ideal of kingship, crystalized into a present expectation and a specific promise of a definite person. This person is the full realization of the ideal. To this idea, the term Messianic Hope, or Messianic Faith has been applied.

In the Book of Isaiah 9:2; the Prophet begins by giving a picture of the national situation, as night and darkness, at the same time he announces the dawning of the light; the Prophecy of future hope. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep gloom, upon them the light shone. Salvation is described as sunrise, a new beginning, a new morning; as light shining in the night; as the title of the reading states, Future Hope.

There is an extreme contrast in perceptions, how the pagans view salvation or a new future hope. The Canaanite god Baal is supposedly the sun god. The pagans have their own stories of twisted lies. Their story narrates that the Canaanite god was dead and in the realm of the dead, but came to life, rose again, and brought back light into the world. There is no origin of good news to this perception, no understanding of pre-destination, and no oneness with the human soul and body. In contrast, The Messiah is the fullness of all harmony and oneness with humanity. The prophecy in the book of Isaiah 9:6, reveals who is the eternal, the one who is the

bearer of the eternal good news, the one who is the Eschatological Prophet of all Prophets. “Unto us, a child is born, unto us, a son is given, the government shall be upon his shoulders and he shall be called, wonderful, counselor, everlasting father, the prince of peace. The bearer of good news says in the book of John 8:12; I am the light of the world, he that walks in me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

The Egyptian king gods used many similar expressions about the gods they believed in, in their Ugaritic texts, but were empty in the substance of love and harmony with the human soul and body. The good news that was portrayed and offered by the Egyptian gods was some certain victories in this temporal life. The Egyptian gods never addressed the future hope, the salvation of the eternal soul of man, and the need for redemption. The Egyptian gods fueled the pride of humans, appealing to all the diverse desires that stimulate human nature.

The Son that is born and bearer of eternal good news is the Messiah, that would sit on the Throne of King David as the son of man, God with us; establishing eternal salvation for humanity and establishing his Eternal throne and kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, for all eternity.