Trilogy part 2

WHEN THE GOOD NEWS FINALLY REACHES YOU!

A scenario for the greatest hope in human history

Your homeland has been overrun by a coalition of foreign armies. What will happen to you and your family in captivity? Will you heed the message of liberation by the Messiah? How will YOU survive the Great Tribulation?



A new dawn will arise: your Messiah will deliver you from the edge of extinction

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YOUR captivity and enslavement in foreign lands

In part one I wrote the following:

"As troops surround you and haul you off into a truck to go into a camp of starving and beaten people, your anguish increases as you realise that this will be the last time you see your family.

You look over at them – thin from little nutrition; their torn clothes; dirty faces and bodies from the lack of bathing; sobbing and shaking with fear.

The entire Anglo-Saxon-Keltic and Nordic peoples are being slaughtered and sold into slavery until they die out.

Terror awaits **you**! A living hell in concentration camps.

For the Great Tribulation has arrived at your doorstep! It is the 'time of the Gentiles.'

What do you think? What can you do? There is no hope.

In part two we shall follow the hell that the slaves go through and the hope that will arise in their hearts. They will be rescued by their Messiah and brought on a journey into the Promised Land!"

Now what happens to you and your family?



The Anglo-Saxon-Keltic nations have been obliterated

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You look as your family are torn from you – what will become of them? You know that there will be horrific abuses, beatings, bashings, malnutrition, loneliness and despair. Longing for their family, Dad & Mum, a warm home and the good times. Shocking and cruel mistreatment await your wife, son and daughter.

The tears and fears of all members of the family as each are taken to various destinations is overwhelming. Stress, depression, panic attacks and thoughts of suicide flood your mind.

Then the troops start taunting you about what will happen to your family, scattered in to slavery. Then they start beating with clubs and whip you until you are unconscious – a Western sense of mercy is not displayed. When you awaken hours later you are in a truck with others on your journey to India – years of horrific abuse awaits you.

Into slavery

Beaten, bleeding and in pain physically and emotionally, you look around at the others about you. Bedraggled, down-hearted and distraught. Some have been captive for days or weeks. Your first hours have provided a small foretaste of the horrific slave labour camps that you will be sent to.

For several days the convoy of trucks wind their way to a northern Australian port. You can't believe your eyes as you head into the city and you see tens of thousands of others in camps or in queues as you drive by. Some are being openly whipped; others raped; a few shot or hacked to death; the elderly left to starve; little children of all ages crying uncontrollably as they are separated from their parents and subject to all sorts of unspeakable abuses.

It is a scene from hell!

Minimal food and water is provided to the captives to ensure that you are too weak to resist or escape; as well as to break your will. Your eyes are sore and dry from the tears. No tears are left to cry for your family or your nation.

You beg the troops to let you know if you would be allowed to at least write to your family occasionally. Hoots of laughter greet you. No! they tell you. It is a policy of the cooperating invading armies to not register the captives. What they do upon captivity is to immediately separate families and scatter them to various ports for transport to India, China, Indonesia, Japan, East Africa to be used as slaves (including sex slaves) and to prevent the Anglo-Saxon-Kelts and related peoples from breeding – so that they die out as a people forever.

This also means that family members become untraceable – unable to ever get in touch with them again. As there will be millions allocated to hundreds of camps, work gangs, death camps, medical experimentation facilities, space labs, towns and villages – it will be made almost completely impossible to be able to find them.

For the next several weeks you experience continuing abuse and attempts to utterly break you. You witness horrific tortures and abuses.

Now it is your turn to be shipped in a sheep cargo ship to India, the Biblical land of the eastern Cush.



Typical livestock carrier

Unbeknown to you, the destination for your wife is East Africa; your daughter is being sent to Japan; and your son transported to Papua New Guinea. You know that they have overseas destinations but you don't know where.

On the ship to India you and thousands of others are herded together and forced into cramped conditions. After all, the giant ship was used to transport tens of thousands of sheep to Asia from Australia for many years. The stench and filth from the animals still fills the air and saturates your lungs.

Those shocking conditions lead to sicknesses, the spread of disease and deaths. Little children are suffering terribly, choking on their tears, ripped from their loved ones; alone; stressed; depressed and pondering the horrific and abusive fate that awaits them.

You try to console and assist others to the best of your capacity given your own hellish conditions.

For days you, the other adults and children swelter in the heat as the ship transports you to a destination unknown. You know that some ships are transporting human slaves to Indonesia, India, China, Russia, East Africa and other places. Where will you end up? Will you be beaten and in chains? Will you end up in labour gangs or a death camp? Where is your wife and little ones?

Your heart is broken. How could God allow this – if He even exists? Your distraught condition leads to further panic attacks; shivering in fear; and mental depression that you don't even eat the meagre food offered to you by the cruel guards who continue to taunt and abuse you.

Every now and then slapping you and tormenting you about your state and your family's likely condition.

You cannot eat but they flog you until you bleed and pass out from the excruciating pain.

Hours and days pass until you hear the guards scream all to attention – the ship is entering Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay). The city is your 'final destination.'

People panic at the site of the trucks queuing up to take them to slave labour camps. Some struggle and the guards leap on them and drag them away. Horrified you hear their terrifying screams of agony as they are tortured relentlessly – the blood-curdling screams are of innocent victims who know that there is no escape; no ambassador to intervene; no nation to escape to; no family to run to; nothing but hell. After several hours some are dragged back, their mangled and blood dripped bodies are thrown down before all – as a witness not to resist their new 'home.' The children that cry are beaten and punched and some – little boys and girls - are taken into rooms to be abused.

Even in your weakened state, your blood boils and you want to intervene as your hear the screams of anguish, pain and helplessness from these little ones who know they will never see their families again. But you are too mentally depressed and worn out; your body is so weak from malnutrition, lack of sleep and beatings.

If there is a God, you think, why doesn't He intervene? Why is this happening – for the Western nations were led to believe that globalisation, laissez faire trade, immigration, membership of the United Nations and Australia's integration with south-east Asia would be an integral path toward a New World Order of peace, plenty, equality and mass religious and ethnic mixing into one.

Instead, the liberal-leftist ruling elites were not only self-deceived by a false philosophy, they then deceived the Western nations. The New Class – unlike the Old Class, believed that the old ways of patriotism, ethnic identity, Christian values, strong families and such like, were bad. Through media propaganda, university and school teachings, Government programs, policies and legislation, they virtually outlawed Christianity and Caucasians.

Now they and society – their victims in general, pay the terrible price for such madness. The plans and motivations of President Obama, former Presidents Clinton, Carter, John F Kennedy, former Prime minister Blair of Great Britain and Prime Minister Gillard of Australia and others, have backfired massively.

Their plans led to the destruction of their own nations!

Your family suffers

Then you are herded off the ship into the overwhelming heat and humidity of India. The land of Cush beckons and greets you with a twisted smile. Hundreds of you are roped together and pulled into the streets.

Curious crowds gather and taunt you, hurling verbal abuse. But also garbage and faeces are thrown into your face and you tumble and fall. The crowds have seen all of this before and evidently enjoy viewing the timidity of the captives of nations who once ruled or led the world.

The Anglo-Saxon-Keltic nations are finished. The race will be allowed to die out or will be slaughtered.

After an hour of excruciating and exhausting pushing, shoving, dragging, pulling and walking, the captives finally make it through the crowds – hundreds of thousands of taunting, laughing and screaming Cushites, gloating over your fate.

Your destiny is sealed – you know that as you enter the camp bedraggled and resigned to your fate.

You are not alone. There are tens of thousands also experiencing physical, emotional and mental hell.

The gates shut and you and eighteen others are shoved into a small shack that is enough space for only six to move about adequately. The heat is unbearable; the smell appalling; the 'toilet' is a bowl in one corner.

Welcome to slavery! The Great Tribulation is well underway.

As the weeks and months drag on many die around you, succumbing to disease, beatings, executions, rapings, suicides and such like. Others are transported to East Africa, Arabia, Russia, China, Vietnam, South America and the distant reaches of India itself.

The guards keep the slaves updated as to the fate of their nations: the global coalition of a German-led European Union and their Russian allies, have successfully torn apart Britain and North America. Europe has taken the bulk of North America, offering Alaska to Russia because Russia has faithfully supplied them with the necessary resources for the war effort. Various South American nations have taken south-west United States; Japan has taken the Hawaiian archipelago; and the Caribbean islands have taken Florida. Europe has the rest.

Australia has been divided up between India, China, Japan and Indonesia. New Zealand has similarly been divided up – between Japan and the Pacific Islands.

The guards gleefully tell the slaves that around a third of their peoples have died of famine and consequent disease epidemics; a third died in the wars; the rest were taken away into captivity and scattered all over the world so that they could never re-form as a people. They would eventually die out.

But in the meantime, they would be used as slaves – to work the land and mines; sex slaves abound too. The end of the entire Anglo-Saxon-Keltic peoples is imminent.

Satan hates God's people, Israel, to such a degree, that he wishes to completely destroy them, thus undermining God's plan of salvation. A plan that can only succeed because Israel is so crucial to it, so deemed by God.

Satan-inspired political correctness, crackpot immigration programs and now the Great Tribulation have seen to it that Israel will be destroyed, thereby defying God Himself.

Your peoples have been scattered to the four winds. And so has your family. What has become of them?

Your lovely wife is now in East Africa (the African Cush), forced into sex slavery. Your son is in Papua New Guinea (Havilah), living with a family which has a long tradition of good memories of Australian protection during World War Two and subsequent Australian rule and economic assistance for decades thereafter.

Your son is fortunate enough to be reasonably well looked after, at least initially. But after some time is transferred to work in the mines. What an horrific ordeal for a young boy to endure.

Your little daughter is shattered by the horrific experience and finds herself in a country town in Japan (the eastern Tarshish)

Describing the conditions of your family members would be too heart rendering even for this article. Let alone your other extended family members and friends.

During the course of your enslavement you are able to befriend others and try and comfort them to the extent you can. But your slave masters have a strict policy to prevent any form of cohesion and camaraderie among the captives. To this end captives are often sent to other camps or destinations every few months.

Within three months you are sent to the deep south where you notice that the people look very similar to the Australian Aboriginals. Later you are sent to the filth and squalor of Calcutta and now you find yourself in a small camp of only eighty others in the Punjab region of north-east India.

The climate is fierce – terribly hot in summer but rainy and cold during winter. At least there is some relief from the unrelenting heat of the south and west of India.

With you in the camp are other Australians, but also a smattering of New Zealanders, Americans, South Africans and Britons.

All of them relate tales of horror, torture, grief and relentless beatings. The work load is overwhelming and the injuries sustained lead to amputations, arthritis and disease.

Many of them commit suicide; others cannot bring themselves from doing so but wish they could.

You know from your experience that of the hundreds or so in the camp, only around a tenth will survive. This is the story of all the other camps in India and around the world.



The eastern land of Cush

All whom you have met are strangers. But one day you eyes light up! A group of around a dozen slaves are led into the camp. The familiar rags and tattoos are borne by them. But one of them you actually recognise under the scars and dirty face – it is George!

You can hardly believe it! But you dare not provide any outward show of joy or surprise because the guards will immediately send you to another camp. You realise that by some sort of miracle you now actually know someone else in captivity; but this must be tempered by wisdom.

But over the next few days you abide your time as you agonise how to talk to your old friend. How much you used to share in far away Australia. How much to share in bondage.

You wait to talk to George in a quiet corner of the camp during a rest period and quietly see to it that you sit next to him under a tree out of ear reach of the others. The bored guards in the distance stare into space, knowing none of the slaves have the strength, will or wherewithal to be able to escape.

You quietly whisper in George's ear not to give anything away and remind him who you were.

A rough smile comes across his withered face as he looks you in the eye. His face is engrained with dirt as is yours. Wrinkles have appeared years before they should have and he is hunch backed – drooping from despair, the workload and injuries. Arthritis is setting in.

Will he see it through another few weeks you wonder? Will you?

There is something different about George – you always knew that. His religious practice back in Australia was rather strange and could be categorised as an Hebraic form of Christianity. Other friends of his were members of another similar church group also Hebraic but more conservative and well-known to issue a blistering warning to Australians of a World War that the Anglo-Saxon powers would lose.

George was aware of all this as you recall, but pooh-poohed that message as too offensive to proclaim. George's particular Church of God group had completely watered-down or dismissed this belief and you can recall that you and he discussed this even though you did not fully comprehend his teachings. It was interesting to you that such religious beliefs existed and some of it made sense to you.

But you were too busy for religion and were fearful for you and your family. The politically correct establishment was persecuting many for their beliefs. George's group had adopted politically correct ideas or at least was compromising with them. The other Church of God group was uncompromising, small but potent. You had read and heard their messages and was impressed by their zeal.

Yet George's group wanted to be accepted by the establishment and seemed more moderate and reasonable to you. Their magazine was 'smooth' and booklets didn't 'offend' anyone.

You can also recall that both groups held similar basic beliefs, but various differences on social issues, prophetic pronouncements and such like kept them apart.

You asked George whatever happened to these two Church of God groups.

"Well," he said looking very coy, "one group that was trumpeting a warning message followed in the traditions of Herbert W Armstrong while my group pooh-poohed him and watered-down the original Church teachings considerably. It had absorbed worldliness and political correctness, unable to be used by the Creator much. It was large, but impotent" he confessed. "It attracted many to its church services but the truth is that they lacked zeal."

However, "the much smaller group was full of zeal and stood up to political correctness and false doctrines."

"Whatever happened to them?" you ask in curiosity.

"They were whisked away to a place of safety, divinely protected by the Lord. We – and the nation – refused to listen to them" he answered, his head cowered in shame.

He looked around and saw the guards on patrol getting ever closer.

"But the Messiah is coming to rescue us and the entire world" he managed to whisper. "We are the 'lost' tribes of Israel" and at that point you clammed up and let the guards pass by without drawing their attention and consequent wrath.

Over the next few days and weeks you meditate on this message and further conversations you have with him. His explanation of God's Plan and prophecy all made sense.

After all, these Church of God groups got it right. They predicted that these particular nations would fall; that Germany would rise again; that a coalition of various nations would arise to conquer and enslave your peoples.

As the truth of God is gradually revealed to you, it dawns on you that you have a responsibility to tell others what you have learned. You don't have a Bible to check all of this, but you can recall some parts of it from your youth and the message you sometimes read in magazines or on the internet.

Everything the Church of God groups predicted came to pass!

A Gospel of Hope proclaimed during the Great Tribulation

It is now two years since your captivity and the message has spread throughout the camp. Two years of shocking conditions, pain and suffering.

Simultaneously this message – The Israel Message - has also spread amongst the slaves all over the world.

Even in their beaten down states they begin to brighten and feel a bit more confident.

"For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. *[ie the Great Tribulation]*

I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: **in their affliction they will seek me early**. *[in captivity they will begin to seek out God and be remorseful for their personal and national sins]*

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. [they begin to awaken to their national origin and destiny

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. [here we have a spiritual awakening – a spiritual resurrection]

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. *[ie He will rescue them]*

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. [ie any goodness in their conduct or appearance of repentance lasts a very short time. Repentance is more durable]

Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. [a warning went forth prior to the Tribulation and remnants of the Church continued in this vein during the Tribulation]

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me." (Hos 5:14-6:7) [Israel broke the Law and now pays the most terrible price for their sins]

And what may these sins be? Here is a list of some of them:

• Breaking the 10 commandments including adultery and Sabbath breaking

- Homosexuality/lesbianism; same sex marriages and their adoption of children
- Abuse of women and children
- Hoarding of worldly possessions and wealth
- Oppression of the poor and mistreatment of the workers
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Surrogacy
- Polygamy
- Liberal divorce and remarriage
- and much more

But now the scattered, captive remnants of Israel and the Church of God within their midst begin to soften their hearts toward God Almighty and His Way.

Repentance is emerging!

They begin to slowly awaken to the reality that the Messiah **WILL** be returning soon. He will free the slaves and gather your peoples together like a kindly Shepherd. He is coming to rule the world to bring peace and harmony to all nations and ethnic groups.

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young." (Is 40:11, NLT)

You intensely listen to the message of hope that is quietly brought to you. You are excited and begin to fill with hope. Hope that the hell you are going through will finally lift.

But alas! Some weeks later you and some others are forcibly transferred to another camp. You will miss the secretive Bible lessons and explanations of why this captivity happened to Australia and other certain Western nations. Of what repentance is all about.

Repentance, you learned, is not about loving a long-haired 'Jesus' who abolished the Law of God and who introduced Sunday observance, Christmas and Easter.

Nor a 'Jesus' who was a leftwing rebel, applauding globalisation, homosexuality and radicalism etc.

Rather, he was sent by the Father to continue His religion or Way of Life and to both uphold and enrich the teachings of the 'Old' Testament. To die for humanity; and to lead the repentant to eternal life.

He was a man; not a 'girl-boy' or some hippie. He was clearly the opposite to what He is portrayed by modern religion.

And now, as you learn about repentance, you are ripped from your mentor George and told to pack your few meagre belongings (old blankets, cup, plate and some craggy clothes) and be ready to depart the next day.

But before that, you and the others travelling with you must be broken again.

You are whipped and beaten for 10 minutes and left severely hurt and bruised. But in your heart you know that this will not go on forever.

After reviving late at night, your mentor gives you a little hug – but not wishing to hug too hard given your pain and affliction.

He whispers one last time in your ear: "the Messiah is coming soon, Hang on. Spread the news to others in the camp you will be going to even unto the sacrifice of your life if need be." In fact it may be that you will find other Church of God members in captivity – repentant – and quietly spreading the message.

You will learn that this is indeed the case!

For several months the signs have been showing up in world developments that the end for the Gentile powers is nigh.

Soon after entering your new 'home', you learn that the fascist German-led United Europe and its allies have invaded Russia!

Russia and its allies consisting of China, India and other Asian forces are pushing back. The greatest war in world history is erupting.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. **For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease,** and mine anger in their destruction." (Is 10:24-25)

The greatest race war – utter hatred – is unleased upon the world. It is terrifying. It is not now just the survival of the Anglo-Saxon-Keltic-Nordic peoples. It is now the entire human race.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt 24:22)

For two and a half years you have endured a living hell not fit for an animal. Even animals should not suffer such madness.

At the new camp there is a buzz – the word has been spreading to the inmates. What they can recall of the message broadcast several years previous by the Church of God groups was completely accurate. Everything they predicted – based on the Bible – has come to pass.

So why not the other predictions of the clash between East and West; signs in the heavens; Day of the Lord; return of the Messiah and His rescue of Israel – the second Exodus?

The guards in camps and overseers of slaves in town all over the world once oppressed anyone with these beliefs as they were beginning to emerge.

So now they scoff. Others quietly wonder if there is some truth to it all.

In any event they are unable to control the situation as they are themselves now consumed by the war that has erupted.

They begin to be a lot more lenient toward the slaves. They are allowed to even practice their religion in captivity!

There will be no work for believers on the seventh day Sabbath, Biblical Feast days and you will not be offered unclean foods to eat!

"Who knows, we might even release you some day" same captors state remarkably.

It has been 2 ½ years of captivity for you and millions of others. But a new chapter is being written.

Something wonderful is dawning ...

Your and Israel's awakening to identity

The nations are undertaking the greatest race war ever. The hatred is spewing out across the world as the nations and races go insane with bloodlust, under the influence of Satan and is demonic cohorts.

The raging is getting worse and worse (cp Ps 2:1) and you hear the announcements and see the killings on news bulletins that the captives are permitted to view.

You know exactly what is happening as you spread the word to others. Simultaneously, all over the world, the word is spreading among the captives.

Fascist Europe and her allies are in a death dance against the nations of the East. If they cannot come to a cease fire, then no human or animal life will be left alive on the earth! (Matt 24:22)

There is a growing realisation spread by captive Church of God Christians and converts such as yourself, that

"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments *are as* the light *that* goeth forth." (Hos 6:1-5)

There have been 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of horrific Tribulation – an absolute hell on earth. Yet hope is arising among the slaves. National repentance is on the horizon:

"The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*? Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob." (Is 49:22-26)



Female sex slavery conveniently ignored by the globalists, media and universities will be extinguished

And now more terrible and wonderful developments are striking the earth. Fear grips all nations; including those involved in the most awful massacres and bloodlust:

"For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." (Matt 24:28-29)

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28)

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Ps 27:14)

From what you have been taught by the Church of God captives that have joined you and millions of others in captivity, the Tribulation is a $3\frac{1}{2}$ year period. After around $2 - 2\frac{1}{2}$ years of the Tribulation, frightening signs appear in the heavens – demonstrating God's awesome power and call to repentance. It is a warning of His devastating intervention in world affairs – to save man from himself and Satan. It heralds the fearsome Day of the Lord.

Christ is returning. He is your personal Saviour; He is also Israel's Saviour. And now He will soon be the world's Saviour.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt 24:30-31)

Israel will be gathered by the Great Shepherd in the coming Exodus. As will the Church.

It is happening! Just as you recall from the literature that you casually read or browsed through years previously. You also vividly recall the warning and witness that you received in the camps from George. The Lord is coming to liberate you, Israel and other peoples in cruel captivity. He is coming to save man from himself.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." (Is 11:11-12, 16) [cf Zech 10:10-11]

Thoughts of your loved ones come flooding back. Oh why did you shout at your wife? Why did you spank your children unnecessarily when other forms of discipline were available? You miss them so much.

Their precise whereabouts, safety and physical condition continues to haunt you. The lack of knowledge of what has happened to them is torturing you, adding to your misery.

You are not alone. Millions of others are suffering similarly in this dark vacuum. A vacuum of doubt, unknowns and terrifying thoughts for your family. What could have happened to the little ones? Where is your wife?

Your wife had died under the most horrifying conditions and abuse. Her mistreatment and abuse is criminal and all those that engaged in the horror of what happened to her and others deserve the death sentence under God's Law. The Lord is coming to reward the righteous and punish the wicked. These abusers know that they have committed terrible crimes. Little do they know that the Messiah Himself is going to punish these wicked ones in accordance with His righteous standards – His Law.

As such, they will be brought in front of an Israelitish war tribunal after His return and judged worthy of the death penalty. The judgment will be carried out swiftly. There is no excuse for their conduct, unbecoming of wild beasts.

It is best that you were not cognisant of her terrors; the pain and suffering; her malnourishment and tattered clothes; her tears as she strained under the physical pain; her mental trauma crying in depression for you and the children. Her mental condition was edging toward insanity and suicide.

But her weakened and famished body could not hold out and she collapsed one night and died of heart failure. It was just too much for her to bear.

It is best that you did not know. It would have sent you completely insane.

Your children are likewise suffering. Your little boy is made to work in mines with the adults. The whipping, screaming, heavy loads and long hours were too much for his little body and it finally gave out. It gave out whilst being kicked and bashed by massive armed guards finding glee from his agony and the sense of hatred they had toward the Anglo-Saxon-Keltic peoples.

To them it was just fun. To him it was the end. For those around him – his fellows who could do nothing to help, it was so sad. So very sad. It is best that you were not aware of this situation either.

What of your loving, happy little daughter? She just adored her Daddy and her tears for you and the rest of the family are immeasurable.

But there is hope: she is alive! Not flourishing, but alive and in reasonable condition. The Japanese family that took her in have pitied her and treated her like a distant relative. She can play with their children and has living quarters. They have come to pity her more and more over time. They demonstrated a repentant attitude and will be rightly rewarded for their kindness by the great Deliverer of Israel.



Your daughter survived the tribulation!

Others have also begun to pity the captives and their conditions, but there is little they can do for them except alleviate their conditions where they can in their homes or businesses.

In the slave labour camps, however, there is no pity. There is no mercy. There is no hope.

Unless you had heard the message from scattered remnants of the Church of God and believed, there is truly no hope.¹

¹ "Believed" mentioned here is the Biblical sense of belief - the true sense of repentance and beginnings of Law abidance.

Let My People Go! The Coming Exodus

Due to the warning ministry of the Church of God for years prior to the captivity, you are aware of the prophecies of the two witnesses. These leaders of the Church of God and Israelites, have been appealing to the political/military ruler of the European fascist empire and their allies to repent. As well as to let go the captives of Israel.

But the self will of the European leaders – their utter refusal – leads to plagues being poured out on Europe and its allies. How similar to Moses and Aaron's role thousands of years prior.

Israel has been scattered into captivity to foreign lands – Assyria; Elam; Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Shinar, isles or coastlands of the sea and from the north country - only 3.33% of Israelites survive the Tribulation to partake in the Second Exodus.²

Israelitish survivors gather together and eke out an existence in the camps. More and more are allowed to leave the camps and other places of captivity as managing the camps becomes impossible. Thousands escape and manage to survive in wilderness areas while chaos reigns.

Where to go? What to do?

How will you find your way to the Promised Land? How will the Exodus actually come about?

And then it happens to the remnants of Israel. Mighty angels appear to many and explain that help is on the way. Miracles are happening and national salvation is on the way. For they are a special people assigned by God Himself to rule the world under Him and His church. Together with the church they constitute the saints.

Others receive visions of God's rescue plan for them.

In many cases, the guards or army generals order the release of the prisoners lest they be destroyed by this mighty God and strange spirit beings. They cringe in fear knowing that supernatural forces are in operation and a great Being is intervening in international affairs.

Gradually the remnants gather together with the aid of these mighty and awesome spiritual creatures – supernatural angels who have actually known God Himself and appeared in His magnificent presence and who are the agents of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

² See Is 27:13; 10:20-22; 11:11-12; Jer 16:14-15; 23:3, 7-8; 31:8-9; 50:3-5. Refer also to Zech 9:14; Matt 24:30-31; Is 13:10; Ezek 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15. Appendices one and two refer.

The Great Tribulation is petering out and the much more destructive Day of the Lord now devastates the planet.



The Day of the Lord will devastate the earth

The gentile overlords are shaking in absolute fear of what they witness. The angels terrify them and roar:

"These people are Israel – the very sons and daughters of God. You **will** assist in taking them to the Promised Land or face dire consequences."

Shaking in fear and trembling in terror, many Gentile political and military leaders relent and begin to care for the remnants. They clothe and feed them; allow them to wash and groom themselves properly; and they even find Bibles in their libraries and in storage and begin to distribute them to the Israelites who devour the knowledge God's Word presents.

The Gentiles offer to transport the captives to the Promised Land in return for protection from this Great God's wrath.

"Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. (Is 49:22-26)

Now you find yourself being transported back to the port of Mumbai where Japanese ships – what is left of their once glorious naval and commercial fleets - await you and thousands of others. The news is out: gentile forces that were once active in destroying Israel have been crushed. In true repentance, they offer any means they have to help the captives and learn that Israelites are God's saints – His holy nation (Ps 50:5; 52:9; 79:2; 148:14; Dan 7:18-27). No political correctness will be tolerated. No social Marxism. No left-liberalism.

The excitement is extraordinary. The sense of awe that you are witnessing, experiencing and participating in one of the greatest events in human history and your heart sings with sheer happiness that the hellishness of the past few years is fast disappearing. The Second Exodus of Israel is happening and you are part of this extraordinary event.

You stand in wonderment at what God has wrought and offer up prayers of thanksgiving for His liberation of yourself and the others. Tears of joy and songs of happiness fill the air – hundreds of thousands of Israelites (and other peoples) scattered around the world and on the verge of extinction as a human species – are being freed from conditions that can only be described as hell.

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; **he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to** *them that are* **bound**;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: **all that see them shall acknowledge them**, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed." (Is 61:1-9)

The remnant of Israel is on the way to the Holy Land – the massive effort to relocate God's saints is on underway!

You are among those that repent of their sins are permitted to enter the Holy Land.³

But what of your family? Are they also on the way to the Promised Land?

Upon exiting the ship setting foot upon the land, you are met by administrative officials of the ruling class of Israel – the tribe of Judah. These pale skinned but red and dark haired people brief you and the others on what is to transpire.

Temporary housing and provisions are provided to the liberated captives. But still you wonder about your family and ask around after them.

Some days later a Priest and his assistant Levite ask to see you in the temporary, make-shift office. There they unveil to you in a sweet and tender way what you have always feared – the death of your loving wife and little boy.

The depth of emotion as you break down and cry is uncontrollable.

But there is one spark of hope – at the end of the traumatic and tearful revelation they bring in your little girl.

You almost faint with joy. You are overcome with happiness. Your tears of happiness pour forth like a torrent as you hug each other for what seems like an eternity.

You remember the depths of despair a year earlier when you had given up all hope of surviving or seeing any members of the family again.

Your will was totally broken and your sins were purged upon repentance through this experience in the land of Cush and you were purified and are now available for God to use you and the remnant of Israel to rule the world under the Messiah and the resurrected Church of God (spiritual Israel). As are most of the remnant of Israel.

Over the next few months the priests and Levites teach the Israelites the Way of the Lord – His Laws and how you must fully repent to permit you to be baptised and to receive the gift of eternal life, the holy spirit.

This wonderful gift will greatly enhance your spiritual capabilities such as extolling the beatitudes, fruit of the spirit and spiritual gifts as well as your natural talents. Obedience to the Law is not enough you are taught. You must also be a loving, kind, empathetic and outgoing person.

³ (a). Deut 4:26-29 (cp Is 55:1; Hos 6:1-3; Lam 3:23-24; Deut 30:1-5), 30-31; 30:4 (cp Matt 24:31); Is 10:20-22; Zeph 3:18-20. (b). Is 1:11-16; 27:12-13 (it would appear that this will begin at the 7th Trump of Revelation). See also Zech 9:14; Is 10:20-22; Jer 16:14-15; 23:3, 7-8; 31:8-9; 43:1-6; 50:3-5; Ezek 20:42-43. (c). Is 42:1-6 (Israel then becomes a light to the world). Appendix three refers.

In addition, any of the ministerial class who exhibits false doctrines or ideas, political correctness, dirty sex talk and perversions and who jealously oppresses people will be purged. Carnal leaders will be quickly dealt with – there will be no national council to cover up the oppressions, lies and jealousies of their peers. This sort of sin is so toxic and creates such misery that the Lord will severely deal with anyone practicing it.

You will now be able to use your spiritual gifts for the benefits of others; as well as your natural talents. The Priests and Levites will not be jealous of you; there will be no activity to undermine you or to spread gossip and false rumours about you to others in this ministerial class. No more sinful and anti-God nepotism and cronyism – God's Will be done, not man's.

The true doctrines concerning the mortality of the soul, heaven, hell, healthful living, national preservation, male-female roles and such like are also taught.

Gradually the returning Israelites are sifted through and tested to see whether they meet the criteria for entry into the Promised Land. A part of the test is undertaken in the wilderness.⁴



The wonderful world tomorrow

About 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of ministry by the Messiah and His servants teaching Israel the true Way of Life, the New Covenant⁵ is entered into between Israel and her Messiah – this is when He (Christ) completes His ministry of Dan 9:24-27.⁶

This event also signals the completion of the union of Israel and Judah.⁷ The covenant is confirmed and completed with Israel which forms part of His bride (for the spiritual bride which is not only the church – that is a false doctrine of replacement theology).

⁴ Ezek 20:38, 42-44 refers to this purge. It seems that much of this may occur in the Valley of Jezreel (Hos 1:4-11) also know as the plain of Megiddo.

⁵ Refer to Is 54:9-10; 55:3; 59:20-21; 61:1-11; Jer 31:31-34; 32:36-41; 50:4-5; Ezek 16:60-63; 20:33-38; 34:23-26; 37:15-28; Heb 8:8-12; 10:16-17.

⁶ Refer to Is 59:20-21; Jer 31:31-34; Heb 8:8; Ezek 16:59-60; 36:26-28; Hos 2:16-19.

⁷ See Jer 31:1, 7-9; 50:4-5; Ezek 11:17; 34:12-13; 37:19-22. Other related scriptures include: Jer 12: 14-15; 16:15; 23:3-4, 7-8; 24:6-7; 30:3, 8-10; 33:6-9; 50:4-5, 19-20; Ps 14:7; 53:6; 68:6; 30:4; Lev 26: 42-46); Jer 3:17-19; Zech 12:10-14; Rom 11:26; Acts 15:16-17; Hos 1:11; 2:14; Mic 2:12; 5:4-7; Zech 8:7-8; 10:9-12.

"For if thou wast cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and wast grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in**; and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, **There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob**: And this is my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins. As touching the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but **as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake**." (Rom 11:24-28)

Under the leadership of the Messiah, you are recruited as part of the Israelite armies which swoops upon many nations – these include her former captors and other nations that are deemed to require direct Israelitish administration.⁸

Now the absolutely gorgeous Millennial Temple may be established and God's glory fills the Temple.⁹ The millennium is underway bringing peace, security and prosperity to the entire world. An entire new set of Laws, standards, economic values and environmental care will be implemented and enforced.

There will be no feudalism, communism, extreme socialism, globalisation, laissez faire, libertarianism and oppression of the workers. The new system will be a sort of capitalist-social-environmental system so different to man's way of GET – the selfish gene and other various isms. True prosperity will reign without the extremes of poverty, low pay, poor conditions and on the other, multimillionaires or billionaires. No more worshipping of the self and money.

An entire different world of the way of GIVE will prevail.

You and your daughter enjoy a time of beauty, splendour, prosperity and happiness that one can only dream about today.

Utopia has arrived and the fulfillment of the Good News of the Kingdom of God – the World Tomorrow – is alive within your life and all around you.

In part three we will follow the lives of the survivors of the Great Tribulation as they experience the millennial reign of the Messiah. Believe it of not, the 1,000 years of His reign will not be a 'bed of roses' although 100 times better than today's corrupt world. What will happen during that time? How will peace and happiness be enforced? How will they inherit eternal life? Will all accept His rule or will there be rebellions? What will the world be like 100, 500 and 1,000 years after the enforcement of His reign?

⁸ This is similar to the British Empire's reign, it would seem. See Is 14:1-2; 41:15; 60:5-16; 19:17; 61:4-9; 66:19-

^{21;} Ezek 25:13-17; Ob 1:17-21; Zech 9:11-14; 10:3-10; 12:7-8; 14:14; Amos 9:11-12; Zeph 2:7-13.

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Prepare to read When Utopia finally reaches YOU!

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A new day will dawn!

Appendix 1: Relevant Scriptures on the Second Exodus

Captivity in Foreign Lands:

Jeremiah 16:13 therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

16:14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

16:15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Hosea 5:8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, [and] the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud [at] Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin.

5:9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

Millions to be Delivered!:

Zechariah 9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

9:14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall **blow the trumpet**, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

9:15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar. {with...: or, the stones of the sling} {be...: or, fill both the bowls, etc}

9:16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

9:17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids. {cheerful: or, grow, or, speak}

Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again **the second time** to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

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11:16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] **the great trumpet shall be blown**, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

10:21 The remnant shall return, [even] the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

10:22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, [yet] a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this [is] his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23:7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

23:8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

23:9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn. {supplications: or, favours}

23:10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.

23:11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.

23:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

23:13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

23:14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 50:3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace. {restingplace: Heb. place to lie down in}

7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. {expert...: or, destroyer}

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

Repentance and the New Covenant:

Zech 13:9 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God. [cp Amos 5:3; Zech 12]

Ezek 20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

20:36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: {bond: or, delivering} [cp Lev. 27:32]

20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

20:42 And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country [for] the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

20:43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. 20:44 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Isaiah 40 - A prophecy about the Second Exodus:¹⁰

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her **warfare is ended**, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness **prepare the way of the LORD**, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [return of Christ]

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [symbolic and literal]

And **the glory of the LORD shall be revealed**, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings [ie Good News]; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, **fear not**; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" [Christ setting up His Government on the earth]

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, **his reward is with him**, and his recompense before him. [return of Christ]

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. [the Second Exodus]

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as his counselor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the isles like fine dust." (Is 40:1-15) [destruction of rebellious nations]

"Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. [destruction of rebellious nations again]

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

The idol! a workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts for it silver chains. He who is impoverished chooses for an offering wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skilful craftsman to set up an image that will not move.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nought, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. [the overthrow of this world's leaders and governments]

¹⁰ NB: this, like so many prophecies, is dual and refers also to your personal exodus and the 'exodus' of this world at the resurrection.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hid from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Is 40:16-31) [cp Rev 3:8. Refers to both the refreshing of God's people and the resurrection]

Appendix 2: Scriptures on Deliverance

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. (Psalm 34:17)

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. (Psalm 91:3)

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. (Psalm 91:5,6)

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. (Isaiah 9:4)

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Revelation 12:11)

Thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away. (Job 11:16)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:32, 36)

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (Romans 6:22)

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. (II Corinthians 3:17)

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. (Psalm 91:11)

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. (Psalm 121:5-8)

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. (Psalm 18:2)

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. (Isaiah 60:18)

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. (Isaiah 41:10-13)

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Hebrews 13:5-6)

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. (Exodus 14:13)

Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. (Genesis 50:2)

"A Song of degrees. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Ps 121:1-8)

Appendix 3: Israel's Plea for Deliverance

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Introduction

Isaiah 64 is a confident prayer for deliverance by the believing remnant. It begins with a plea for the LORD to intervene to deliver His people in His characteristically powerful way (1-4). Their confidence is based on the LORD's great demonstrations of power in the past. Their recalling the works of the LORD is followed by the acknowledgment of their complete sinfulness (5-8). And yet, in spite of their guilt, they could appeal to God because He was their Father and Creator (= potter); He would change their estate by His grace (9-12).

The prayer is similar to <u>Isaiah 53</u> in that the exiled people confess their sin as a nation before God. Here they pray for the advent of the LORD to end their afflictions through some powerful intervention. Although the nation had rejected Him by their idolatry and wickedness and brought the exile on themselves, He had not finally rejected Israel. There would be a remnant that would return. Nevertheless, if the people were to be part of that remnant, they had to confess their sin and pray for deliverance before He would deliver them from the consequences of sin.

Exposition

I. The Demonstration of God's Power: The people of God desire the direct intervention by God (64:1-4).

A. They long for a great deliverance (1, 2).

The prayer recorded here is a national lament. It begins with the request for divine intervention—in a spectacular way. They are praying for divine intervention to deliver them from bondage in exile; but the language goes far beyond that. The people want a dramatic show of power as the LORD intervenes on their behalf. "Rend" the heavens in <u>verse 1</u> would be a <u>hypocatastasis</u>, an implied comparison to tearing open a curtain. The epiphany language that follows is drawn from "Day of the LORD" prophecies (Joel, Amos) and the Sinai experience. The "mountains" would represent any obstacle that stood in the way of their deliverance (another implied comparison, or <u>hypocatastasis</u>); of course, in the actual eschaton (end of the age) something far more dramatic is in view according to the other prophets who see geological changes in the earth (Zechariah). When the LORD literally rends the heavens and comes down to the Mount of Olives, it will be split in two, and all sorts of geological changes will take place. The mountains "trembling" is a poetic description of an earthquake.

The purpose of such a great display of God's power is that the name of the LORD might be known. This is a theme that began with the plagues of Egypt and continued throughout the Bible—that He might make Himself known. All acts of God are revelation; His great acts of redemption are likewise to be revelatory so that others might find salvation.

B. They recall the way God intervenes (3, 4).

The people recall how God did amazingly mighty things in the past (verse 3). And in it all they know that the work of the LORD was truly unique. No one ever heard of a God like this who makes a covenant with people and keeps it, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him (verse 4). God delights in doing the impossible, the unexpected, on behalf of His remnant. Here is our theme of waiting for the LORD again—faith, endurance, obedience, expectancy, all rolled into one (see $\frac{1saiah 40}{3}$).

The Church prays "Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven." It also prays, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus." Verses 1-4 are essentially what we are calling for God to do. And when it happens, when the heavens open and the LORD descends, it will not be just to deliver people from the exile in Babylon, but will be to deliver the redeemed in the Lord, dead or alive, from all bondage, and to make all things new—things that we could never imagine.

Living in the expectation of the LORD's coming to deliver His own, the people of God have the opportunity to reflect on God's past interventions. Thus it was with Israel in exile; and so it is today on the eve of the Second Coming. And that reflection should inspire greater faith and obedience and devotion.

II. The Forgiveness of Sin: The people of God acknowledge their unworthiness (64:5-9). *A. God blesses the righteous (5).*

Beginning in <u>verse 5</u> the prophet acknowledges that God champions the cause of the righteous, but that the nation (for which he speaks) sinned against Him, and those who rebelled against God also sinned against the righteous in the nation. And, if God intercedes for those who choose righteousness ("meet" = intercedes, as in Isaiah), then there is not much hope for sinners who oppose the righteous. "How then can we be saved?" he asks. God was angry for the sin of the nation, and the only hope the nation now had was to plead for forgiveness.

B. They confess their unworthiness (6, 7).

So <u>verse 6</u> is the central part of the confession. Drawing upon Levitical terminology they confess that they are unclean. The terminology means that they would have been barred from fellowship in the Sanctuary. Moreover, any acts of righteousness that they had done were no better than polluted rags (the language comes from ritual uncleanness through bodily function). This recognition of sinfulness is the expression of a contrite heart. According to <u>verse 6</u> they know that their own sins sweep them away like the wind sweeps the leaf away, for God does not come to their rescue. And because God has hidden Himself from them, no one calls on His name (<u>verse 7</u>). And so their confession of sin is a plea for divine grace so that they can be forgiven and delivered from bondage. There would be no deliverance from bondage without the forgiveness of sin (which is why Christ died at His first advent and will release us from bondage at His second).

C. They build their confidence (8).

Their only appeal is the relationship they have with God (verse 8). God is their Father (stressing the covenant relationship); God is their potter and maker (stressing their submission to Him).¹⁴⁰ So while acknowledging their sin, they appeal to the close relationship they have with the LORD, how much He has invested in them, and what plans He has for the nation. To call God Father and Potter is to express submission to the will of God—both refer to God's creation and God's sovereign will. They will accept His plan for their lives, and so they pray for forgiveness and intervention.

III. The Bestowal of Favor: The people of God appeal for divine favor (64:9-12).

This passage closes with an impassioned appeal for God to look favorably on them, forgetting their sins against Him, and remembering that they are His people.

The prayer is that God will not remember their sins. The word "remember" is <u>anthropomorphic</u> (here not remembering is equal to forgetting if we say it positively). God knows everything perfectly well; so the expression must mean to hold something against them. When God forgives, it means that He will never bring that issue up again. People may have troubling forgetting; other people may make it difficult for them to forget—but if they confess their sins to God, God will never mention them again or hold them against them.

The plea for God to "look upon" them is also <u>anthropomorphic</u>; it conveys the idea of turning with grace and compassion. The idea is reflected very well in the High Priestly benediction which is a prayer for the bestowal of grace, a prayer for God to lift up His face and look on them so they would have grace and peace (<u>Num. 6:22-27</u>).

They motivate God to answer their prayer with the appeal that the Temple has been destroyed, the Temple in which praises were given to God. This holy and glorious Temple has been burned down. After all this, will God still hold back and punish them more. It is time for this divine discipline to end, and the restoration of all things to begin, so that Zion can once again be the center of worship and praise it used to be.

Conclusion

This prayer follows the pattern of many Israelite prayers. It contains the introductory cry, the lament, expressions of confidence, and the prayer proper with its motivations for God to work. We need to study the structure and compare it with other lament psalms, for it does follow the pattern.¹⁴¹ The prophet, speaking for the people, acknowledges both their humility and their confidence as he prays for swift intervention by God for the fulfillment of the covenant promises.

Likewise, people today eagerly anticipate and desire the Second Coming of the LORD in which He will deliver His people from bondage (even that which they have brought upon themselves) and make everything new by destroying oppressing nations. But that expectation should prompt people to confess their sin to the Lord and avail themselves of His mercy. Then their confident prayer will come from holy lips: "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus." But the prayer will not be for purely selfish interests, but for the glory of the Lord. For indeed, His work today seems to be in ruins in so many places, and the Church has fallen in disrepute, thanks to the sin of people. God will never let that remain forever. That, then, is our appeal, when we pray for the heavens to be opened and the LORD to descend and bring all this to an end. In the meantime, we walk by faith in the blessed hope of the redeemed.

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¹⁴⁰ Both of these figures, Father and Potter, are straight <u>metaphors</u>, as is the description of the people as "clay." They stress the personal and covenantal relationship the LORD has with Israel.

¹⁴¹ Remember, though, that the pattern is never stereotyped. We should expect variations and rearrangements.

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"Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer." (Rom 12:12)