

- (2) Are You Prepared For The Sure Return Of Our LORD And Savior JESUS CHRIST ? (Read Matthew 24:36 thru Matthew 25:46)

LET US PRAY:

"I SURRENDER ALL"

"All To JESUS I Surrender, All To HIM I Freely Give;
I Will Ever Love And Trust HIM, In HIS Presence Daily Live.

I SURRENDER ALL, I SURRENDER ALL,
ALL TO THEE MY BLESSED SAVIOR, I SURRENDER ALL.

All To JESUS I Surrender, Humbly At HIS Feet I Bow,
Worldly Pleasures All Forsaken, Take Me JESUS, Take Me Now.

All To JESUS I Surrender, Make Me Savior, Wholly THINE,
Let Me Feel The HOLY SPIRIT, Truly Know That THOU Art Mine.

All To JESUS I Surrender, LORD, I Give Myself To THEE,
Fill Me With Thy Love And Power, Let THY Blessings Fall On Me."

AMEN! EVEN SO LORD LET IT BE: I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME:

'COMFORT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE'

"JESUS IS COMING AGAIN"

Read Isaiah 40:1-8

I. A VOICE OF ONE CALLING; IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WILDERNESS A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD." (Isaiah 40:3 NIV.)

1. THIS WAS FIRST DECLARED BY GOD UNTO ISAIAH DURING SOME VERY UNCERTAIN TIMES IN THE LIFE AND HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. (Read II Kings 24:1 thru II Kings 25:30 and II Chronicles 35:20 thru II Chronicles 36:23)

- (1) It Was Actually 165 Years Before The Israelites Would Be Taken Captive By Nebuchadnezzar, The King Of Babylon, That GOD Sent Isaiah To Call The Israelites To Repentance. (Read Isaiah 1:1-20)
- (2) For 40 Years Isaiah Prophesied Doom And Gloom Upon Israel But As He Came To The End Of His Life, GOD Gave Isaiah A Message Of Comfort; A Message Of Deliverance. (Read Isaiah 40:1 thru Isaiah 66:24) (Also Read Ezra 1:1 thru Esther 10:3; Daniel 1:1 thru Daniel 12:13 and Malachi 1:1 thru Malachi 4:6)

2. NOW FAST FORWARD 700 YEARS SINCE THE PROPHECIES OF ISAIAH, TO THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS:

- (1) And In Those Accounts We Read Of Another Prophet, (THE COUSIN OF JESUS) A Son Born To A Jewish Priest By The Name Of Zechariah And His Wife, Elizabeth And That Prophets Name Was John Known As "JOHN THE BAPTIST". (Read Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 1:5-25 and John 1:19-34)
- (2) The Call Of GOD Upon The Life Of John The Baptist Was To Declare The First Coming Of JESUS, And To Prepare The Way For JESUS, Calling Men And Women, Rich And Poor, Young And Old To "REPENTENCE". (Read Matthew 3:1-2; Luke 3:1-20 and John 1:24-34)

II AS THOSE MEN OF OLD PREPARED THEIR WORLD FOR THE COMING JUDGMENT, EVEN AS JOHN THE BAPTIST

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PREPARED THE WORLD FOR THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS. WE, GOD'S CHURCH MUST PREPARE THIS WORLD FOR THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS AND FOR THE JUDGMENT OF GOD: (Read Hebrews 9:27-28 and II Corinthians 5:17-20)

1. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! (Read Acts 1:9-11 and Revelation 22:12-13)

(1) Throughout HIS Life And Ministry On Earth JESUS Declared Plainly That YES, HE Would Be Brutally Mistreated, Unfairly Judged, Put To Death Upon A Cross, Buried In A Sealed Tomb, Raised To Life Again On The Third Day, Ascend Into Heaven From Which HE Came But When Least Expected HE Will Return Again To Receive Unto HIMSELF Those Who Believe In HIM. (Read Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:30-31, John 6:60-62; John 3:13; Matthew 24:1-51; Matthew 25:1-46; Luke 17:20-37; Luke 23:26 thru Luke 24:53; John 18:1 thru John 21:25 and John 14:1-3)

(2) JESUS Not Only Taught These Truths, But HIS Early Church (HIS FIRST DISCIPLES) Also Believed These Truths And They Were Totally Committed To Proclaim Them. (Read Acts 2:14-42; Acts 3:1 thru Acts 4:22; Acts 6:1 thru Acts 7:60; Acts 8:9-40; Acts 9:1-31; Acts 10:23 thru Acts 14: Acts 16:1 Thru Acts 18:11; Acts 28:30-31; Romans 1: thru Romans 2:16; Romans 3:9-26; Romans 5:32 thru Romans 6-23; Romans 8:1-39; Romans 12:1-21; I Corinthians 1:1-31; I Corinthians 11:23-26; I Corinthians 15:1-58; II Corinthians 4:1 thru II Corinthians 5:21; II Corinthians 7:11; Galatians 5:1 thru Galatians 6:18; Ephesians 1:1 thru Ephesians 6:20; Philippians 1:1 thru Philippians 2:11; Philippians 3:12 thru Philippians 4:20; Colossians 1 thru Colossians 4:6; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; I Thessalonians 4:1 thru I Thessalonians 5:24; II Thessalonians 1:1 thru II Thessalonians 2:17; I Timothy 1:1 thru I Timothy 2:7; I Timothy 6:3-16; II Timothy 1:1-14; II Timothy 2:1 thru II Timothy 4:6; Titus 1:1 thru Titus 3:11; Hebrews 1:1 thru Hebrews 5:10; Hebrews 7:11-28; Hebrew 9:11 thru Hebrews 13:21; James 1:1 thru James 5:20; I Peter 1:1 thru II Peter 3:18; I John 1:1 thru III John 1:14; Jude 1:1-25; Revelation 1:1 thru Revelation 7:17; Revelation 11:15 – 19 and Revelation 14:14 thru Revelation 22:21)

2. "COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE, SAYS YOUR GOD. SPEAK TENDERLY ... AND PROCLAIM ... YOUR HARD SERVICE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, YOUR SINS HAS BEEN PAID FOR, ... IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE

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LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WILDERNESS A HIGHWAY FOR GOD ... AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD WILL BE REVEALED."

(1) One Day, As Isaiah, The Priest Of The LORD Entered The Temple Of The LORD To Worship The LORD, He Heard A Mighty Sound Singing, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY; THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY." (Read Isaiah 6:1-13)

(2) Have You Heard The Call Of GOD And JESUS On Your Life? (Read Matthew 4:17 – 22 AND Revelation 22:17) (Also Read Matthew 28:18-20)

III. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN, AND THERE IS A HIGHWAY, A HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS THAT NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR HIS COMING: (Read Again Matthew 28:18-20) (Also Read Mark 16:15-16)

1. FROM THE TIME THAT JESUS BEGAN HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY JESUS BEGAN TO CALL MEN TO HELP HIM BUILD THAT HIGHWAY THAT WOULD MAKE WAY FOR HIS SECOND COMING.

(1) Now JESUS Was Not Exclusive In HIS Call To Discipleship. (Read Matthew 5:1 thru Matthew 7:29) (Also Read Luke 9:57 thru Luke 10:16)

(2) Now Those Early Followers Gladly Accepted That Call To Make Disciples. (Read Acts 1:8 Acts 2:14-41; Acts 6:1 thru Acts 9:31)

2. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED BY THE GLORIOUS GRACE OF GOD, GOD HAS CALLED YOU INTO THE SERVICE OF PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! (Read Ephesians 4:1-13; I Corinthians 12:1 thru I Corinthians 13:13; I Peter 4:1-11 and Ephesians 2:8-10)

(1) Our LORD Paid A Great Price That We Could Be Saved And HE Did Not Pay That Price That HE Could Have Many Beautiful Trophies Setting On A Shelf But That HE Prepare Us For Service In HIS KINGDOM, Servants That Will Prepare The Way For HIS Second Coming.