
Deliverance!

All of God's commandment-keeping children will eventually be in either prison cells or hidden away in wild forests and mountainous areas. From these locations, God's people still earnestly pray for His protection. All around the world, gangs of armed, demon-possessed men search for and prepare to kill every commandment-keeping Christian. It is now, in this hour of greatest danger, that God Himself takes complete charge of the rescue of His children. "The Lord will cause men to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail." Isaiah 30:30.

All around the world, gangs of armed men are closing in on their targets. But before they can pull the triggers on their guns, God covers the entire earth in a dense blackness, darker than the darkest midnight, without moon or stars. Then it seems as though a searchlight of magnificent colors appears. It is the brilliant searchlight of God's rainbow, but unlike any rainbow ever seen before, so bright and powerful it is.

God speaks. "Look up, my children, look up." We see the symbol of God's power and protection, and it brings joy to our hearts. But wait, we not only see the rainbow, we see the heavy clouds open, and to our aston-

ishment we see Jesus sitting on His throne, talking with His Father and saying, “Father, I want these, my children who have come out of great tribulation, to be given crowns as kings and queens with me. I want them to share our throne and sit with us.” We all join together in a great shout of victory. Revelation 3:21.

The Earthquake! Mountains and Islands Disappear!

All nature responds in celebration to this announcement from the Creator. It appears to be midnight, but the clouds roll back, and the sun breaks through in all its splendor. Rivers and creeks stop flowing. Then God speaks again and shouts, “It is done!” His voice causes the earth to shake; the mountains shake so severely that jagged rocks seem to be torn out and hurled through the air. Colossal tidal waves spread across the oceans. Hurricane-force winds destroy everything in their path. The earth itself is moving. The surface of the earth rolls up and down and cracks apart. Enormous mountain systems sink. The tidal waves swallow up and destroy everything in their path, including all the islands and seaports.

God then destroys everything left standing with enormous hailstones—huge chunks of ice. The elegant palaces and homes of the rich are destroyed. The prison walls that hold His children prisoners are demolished. God’s children are FREE at last! FREE at last! Excitement is in the very air! Graves and caskets are opened, and God’s children who have been sleeping the sleep of death are awakened by their guardian angels. They shout “FREE! FREE AT LAST! Free from the sleep of death! Free from the prison cell of death.”

The amazing things we have seen bring an entire transformation over all God’s commandment-keeping children. We can see it in each other’s faces. Our faces, so colorless, tense, and tired, are now shining with joyful smiles. You can hear that joy in our voices as we sing together the words of the Psalms: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake.” Psalm 46:1-3.

The Hand in the Sky!

Bright beautiful light shines down from the open gates of God’s Holy City, New Jerusalem. As we look up at the beauty of it all, we see a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. “The heavens will announce

His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.” Psalm 50:6. This is the moment when the lost finally understand. For those who failed to prepare it will be too late. The time to prepare is now. The way to prepare for this great joyful event is to search God’s Word with openness and a hunger to understand and obey.

God speaks. He tells us how long it will be until we are all with Jesus again. In astonishment, we notice that our faces are actually glowing with bright light. And then we remember the words of the prophet Daniel. He predicted that “those who are wise will shine like . . . the stars for ever and ever.” And Jesus promised, “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” At Sinai mountain, Moses experienced this exciting power. When he came down from Sinai mountain with the Ten Commandments, his face was as bright as the sun. Our faces are so very bright that the demon-possessed people who were searching for us can’t bear even to look at our faces. God again speaks to us, and we all unite in a great shout of victory. Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43.

He Comes Wrapped in Flaming Fire!

Up to this point, we have heard the voice of Jesus, and we saw Him talking to the Father, but now we know He is coming at last. Looking up, we see the small black cloud in the east. I hold my hand up to the sky, and in the distance the black cloud seems to be about half the size of my hand. The cloud continues to get brighter and bigger as it comes closer and closer. We know Christ will soon be with us forever. We stare at that cloud. The closer it comes, the brighter it gets, until it becomes a great white cloud with the appearance of fire underneath and the most brilliant rainbow ever seen above it.

In astonishment, we continue staring at the cloud. Jesus is coming again just as He has promised in all the great prophecies of His Word. Now we can actually see Jesus coming down through the sky to take us home. “On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:16. “At the sight of Christ all faces are turned into paleness.” The terror of eternal despair falls upon the rejecters of God’s mercy. “The heart melts, and the knees shake; much pain is in every side, And all their faces are drained of color.” Jeremiah 30:6, Darby; Nahum 2:10, NKJV.

Hundreds of millions of angels fill the sky. We read that just one angel conquered an army and killed 185,000 armed soldiers in one night. The power and majesty and bright, beautiful color of it all are so overwhelming! Jesus and the angels are coming, wrapped in flaming fire. Everyone sees

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Jesus and the words, “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” written on His clothing. See 2 Kings 19:32-36.

The rich and powerful and those they controlled try to escape this fiery, cataclysmic event by hiding in the caves of the earth. “Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him, a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people.” Psalm 50:3, 4.

“Scream and wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.” Isaiah 13:6.

“Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty! The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled). In that day men will throw away to the rodents and bats their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship. They will flee to caverns in the rocks and to the overhanging crags from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth.” Isaiah 2:10-12, 20, 21.

“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” Revelation 6:15-17.

The mocking jokes have stopped. Lying lips are silent. “Turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die?” Says Jesus: “I called, and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; and you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof.” Ezekiel 33:11, RSV; Proverbs 1:24, 25, NASB.

Jesus raises those from the dead who took part in torturing Him. They see the awesome glory of His return to Planet Earth. They see His face shining brighter than the sun. Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus had told them that in the future, “You will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Matthew 26:64, NKJV. His prophecy has come true!

They laughed then at the idea that He was the king of the universe. In their ridicule they made a crown of long, piercing thorns for His head. They laughed as they beat those thorns into His head and watched the blood run

down His face and His beard. Boastful King Herod, who had mocked Him, looks at Jesus, completely unable to say even one word now. Instead, he stands almost frozen, his only movements all involuntary. His whole body shakes as he stands there trembling in fear.

Those who ridiculed Christ remember their own words. “He saved others; but He can’t save Himself! If He be the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now if He wants him.” Matthew 27:42, 43. Those who crucified Christ scream in anguish, “He really is the Son of God!” They all run as rapidly as they can, hoping to escape such intense heat as they have never felt before. In their fear, they hide in the enormous caves left when the mountains were ripped right out of the ground

The sight of Christ coming down through the sky causes everyone to tremble. We all cry out, “Who can stand?” Our guardian angels are absolutely silent. Everything and everyone is absolutely quiet. It is a period of awful silence. Then Jesus speaks. He says: “My grace is sufficient for you.” Our faces light up with smiles of great joy. We hear the most beautiful music—the voices of angels. The beauty of it all is so amazing. It is indescribable in contrast to the sorrow we have experienced.

Christ calls all His children from their graves. They come out with the freshness and energy of eternal youth. They are forever young, strong, and vibrant! Forever! I look and notice that those from this last generation are so much smaller than our great grandparents, Adam and Eve. We will “grow up” until we are the normal height of man before he rebelled against God—the height of Adam, Eve, and the angels, much larger than people are now. See Malachi 4:2.

Angels, men, women, and children are now united as one family. Angels reunite family members. Angels carry babies and children to their mothers’ arms and bring friends together again who had been separated by death. The trip we are taking is so very exciting! We travel together upward to the City of God, singing songs of joy.

Jesus Himself places the crown of glory on our heads. There is a crown for each of His obedient children. Each crown has a different name—our very own new name. Revelation 2:17. “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Revelation 3:21. “He loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests for ever and ever.” Revelation 1:5, 6

When we finally reach the gates of the Holy City, Jesus opens the gate

wide and says, “Welcome home, children. Your difficulties are over! Come, my children, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.” I look and see the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve first lived.

We all gather about the great white throne, overwhelmed with happiness. Everyone is smiling, and many are singing. There are exciting reunions of those we have won for Christ, with many warm embraces, hugs, and smiles. Everyone is extremely happy—a happiness never felt before!

Jesus and Adam, our great grandfather, walk together through the garden. Adam is astonished to see the very trees from which he used to pick fruit in the garden of Eden. He looks in amazement at the grapevines that he himself had taken care of. And at his feet are the very flowers he had once enjoyed so much. Jesus takes Adam to the Tree of Life, with its dozen different fruits to choose from. Jesus picks one of those brilliantly colored fruits and gives it to Adam. Adam takes a bite and then looks at those around him, realizing this is his own family—his descendants—standing here in this beautiful paradise. Adam is overcome with emotion. He takes off his beautiful crown, dropping it at Jesus’ feet. He throws his arms around Jesus’ chest, hugging his Friend, Redeemer, and King.

Adam, the angels, and all God’s people—you and I—join in singing: “Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again!” We “follow the Lamb wherever He goes.” Revelation 14:4.

The Bible tells us: “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. . . . Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. . . . He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:14-17.

The King of glory, Jesus, wipes tears away with His hand and speaks words of encouragement. Child of God, He is watching over you right now. He knows when you’re unhappy. Be patient—He will make you happy again. You can experience some of that joy and happiness now. Then He will wipe away all your tears, all your pain, all your sorrow. He will flood your life with happiness.

This is time to celebrate! While waving palm branches with great enthusiasm, we sing songs of praise—clear, sweet, and harmonious: “Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.” And all the angels answer, singing: “Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.” Revelation 7:10, 12, NKJV.

“God himself is judge.” Psalm 50:6. The unfair judgments against God’s children are forever over. We are no longer feeble, sick, persecuted, and scattered. From now on we will always be with the Lord. The crowns of earthly kings and popes don’t even compare to the magnificence of the crowns we will be able to wear throughout eternity. Jesus has forever ended long stays in hospital beds and weeping at the graveyards of the world.

