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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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His Spirit is Our Hope

1.) Because His Spirit pursues vs. 1-6

In Verses 1 to 6

And again the LORD gives Witness to His Unique Sovereignty
and plan for His elect, Israel

Verse 1

1 “Yet hear me now, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen.

{ seemingly out of nowhere,
sovereignly - the LORD announces “I have chosen you” }

Does that kind of talk remind you of someone ?

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you

Verse 2

2 Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you: “Fear not, O Jacob My servant; and you, Jeshurun, (*an upright plant or shoot. a straight growing root.*) whom I have chosen.

Verse 3

3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; **I will pour My Spirit on your descendants**, and My blessing on your offspring;

Joel 2:20-32a

“But I will remove far from you the northern army, And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, With his face toward the eastern sea And his back toward the western sea; His stench will come up, And his foul odor will rise, Because he has done monstrous things.” **21** Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things! **22** Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. **23** Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you - - The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. **24** The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. **25** “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. **26** You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. **27** **Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.** (He tells us when this will happen) **28** “And it shall come to pass **afterward (v.21-27) that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;** Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. **29** And also on My menservants and on My maidservants **I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT in those days.** {in The Tribulation Period} **30** “**I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.** **31** **The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.** **32a** **and it shall come to pass {in those days} that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance.**

The Work of the Holy Spirit Yet Promised to Israel – Yet unfulfilled...

In a partial way – this began at Pentecost,
Acts 2:16 – Peter said, this is what was spoken of by the prophet Joel...

But it will not be fulfilled until God pours out His Holy Spirit on
Israel during the Tribulation Period.

But There is a Promise left to us – of His Spirit's work in our lives.

Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:8

And Peter, being filled with the Holy Spirit said...

Acts 4:29-31

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." **31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Ephesians 5:17-21

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Luke 11:9 -13

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11** If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to **those who ASK Him!**"

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship (poem), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Sealing (Possession) of the Holy Spirit

This occurs at the moment of salvation. The Holy Spirit places us into the Body of Christ, the church.

The Baptism (empowerment) of the Holy Spirit

The next step is that the Holy Spirit begins to stir the heart and mind into engagement in spiritual matters for ministry.

The Commissioning (calling) of the Holy Spirit

The third step is that of the Holy Spirit “burdening” or “awakening” the believer to surrender to God’s design, purpose, plan, vision.

Philippians 2:12-13 The Amplified Version

Therefore, my beloved friends, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but even more so now that I am absent, work out, make every effort to show the results of your own salvation with a deep sense of reverence and awe **13** For it is God (The Holy Spirit) who is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. So cooperate with Him.

John 14:15-18

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The Holy Spirit goes to work by;

Increasing our awareness to our spiritual environment.

We have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our decision making.

The Holy Spirit goes to work by;

Communicating to us the deeper things of God.

We have the teaching of the Holy Spirit through The Word of God.

The Holy Spirit goes to work by;

Prompting our need and ability to pray effectively.

We have the assistance of the Holy Spirit while we pray.

The Holy Spirit goes to work by;

Securing us all the way through to the End.

We have the assistance of the Holy Spirit while we pray.

Verse 4-6

4 They will spring up among the grass like willows by the watercourses.' 5 One will say, "I am the LORD'S"; another will call himself by the name of **Jacob**; another will write with his hand, 'The LORD'S,' and name himself by the name of Israel. 6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of **Israel**, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

His Spirit is Our Hope

2.) Because His Spirit protects vs. 7-20

In Verses 7 to 20

And again the LORD takes up His exposing of Idols and the false religious systems of man.

Verse 7-8

And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them. 8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.' "

Because There Isn't One

Verse 9-20

We need to be careful in our day and age because,
like those of old, they did not recognize just how godless and offensive their forms of worship really was.

Those who make an image, all of them are useless, and their precious things shall not profit; they are their own witnesses; they neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed. 10 Who would form a god or mold an image that profits him nothing? 11 Surely all his companions would be ashamed; and the workmen, they are mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; yet they shall fear, they shall be ashamed together. 12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint. 13 The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, And makes it like the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. 14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak; He

secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it. **15** Then it shall be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. **16** He burns half of it in the fire; with this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." **17** and the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" **18 They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, And their hearts, so that they cannot understand.** **19** and no one considers in his heart, nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; and shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" **20 He** (the "He" here is unidentified) **feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside; And he cannot deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"** (Antichrist?)

**They didn't ignorantly embrace idols and icons;
"isn't this fake worship great? I love being in a false religion"**

At least they attributed their existence and purpose to
some deity or a collection of **gods – personalities !**

We don't even do that anymore. Our culture worships
"The Great Nothingness"

We were created by the **Nothing**. The **Nothing** is what gave us life.
and The **Nothing** caused us to evolve into this something.

Romans 1:22-23

Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and **changed** the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

changed grk: **allasso**, *al-las'-so*;

to take one thing and make it into another thing. to re-model,
re-manufacture, re-define. (a form of reverse engineering)

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3.) Because His Spirit feels

vs. 21-22

In Verses 21-22 - It is as if the LORD cannot contain His emotions that He feels for Israel and He reminds them to be encouraged by His devotion to them.

Verse 21-22

“Remember **these** (truths), **O Jacob**, And **Israel**, for you are My servant; **I have formed you**, you are **My servant**; **O Israel**, **you will not be forgotten** by **Me!**
22 I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, **for I have redeemed you.**”

Wait just a minute here –
it sounds like the book of Isaiah was written after
Matthew Mark Luke and John.

Just as sure as He has “**formed Israel**” He cannot “**forget Israel**”. Just as sure as He has “**blotted out**” her transgressions, He has “**redeemed Israel**”.

But how has God done this {in the past tense}?

Turn in your Bibles to Isaiah 53

(Matthew, Mark, Luke & John in Isaiah)

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4.) Because His Spirit is vs. 23-28

In Verses 23 to 28

The LORD restates His relationship to Israel and projects that fact all the way out into the future both in the near and far.

Verse 23

Sing, O heavens, for the **LORD** has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! for the **LORD** has redeemed Jacob, **and glorified Himself in Israel.**

(Ezekiel 36-39)

Verse 24

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

Verse 25

25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers (forecasters), and drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolishness;

It is God who sits upon the circle of the earth before we knew it was a circle.

This is a Video

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24:45 to 26:01 and then 33:48 to 34:54

Verse 26-28

26 **Who** confirms the word of His servant, and performs the counsel of His messengers; **Who** says to **Jerusalem**, ‘You shall be inhabited,’ to the cities of Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ and I will raise up her waste places; 27 **Who** says to the deep, ‘Be dry! and I will dry up your rivers’; 28 **Who** says of **Cyrus**, ‘He is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure, saying to **Jerusalem**, ‘You shall be built,’ and to the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’ ’

**We have King Cyrus mentioned here in print –
150 years before he was born. He will come to power and reigned over
Persia from 539—530 BC.**

But first, The Babylonian Empire must arise and conquer.

That will happen by General, turn King Nebuchadnezzar in 606, 597 and finally in 586. Isaiah authored the prophecy of his book from 701 to 680 bc.

This is absolutely wild to consider.

Jerusalem was not only “built” at the time of Isaiah’s prophecy, it was extremely blessed and prosperous and desirable.

**Jerusalem, 'You shall be built,'
and to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid." '**
(it was all there then – in real time)

Isaiah 45:1-7

“Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, (*never spoken of a gentile but cyrus*) **whose right hand I have held** - to subdue nations before him And **loose** (put fear in the heart) the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:

(if you wanna see this fulfilled, read Daniel 5 as Daniel records the fall of the Babylonian Empire to Cyrus)

Cyrus had his military engineer-general divert the Euphrates river upstream from Babylon which caused the river to be lowered. The Persians literally walked in to Babylon, walking under the Great Double Doors that were hung over the river.

Verse 2-6

Dear Cyrus;

2 “I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. **3** I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. **4** For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. **5** I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, **6** That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;

!!! Ask The LORD for more of His Spirit !!!

End of Study

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