

Divine Rescue

from

Mankind's Final Crisis

Listening to the Last Prophet



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Dedication

To Almighty God

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our Heavenly Father,

and for the peace of all who learn of His kindness.

Foreword

This publication brings good news in troubled times.

The climate crisis is now recognised as a terminal threat to Mankind, more dangerous than anything we have faced before. For the first time ever we see the prospect of the end of our race on the horizon.

With that cold realisation come worries about judgement from the Heavens, a judgement we had presumed to be in some far-off time beyond our cares. But now that we see danger looming over us, the old presumptions have lost their power to comfort us.

This book describes how the Heavens have long expected us to reach this stage. It shows that there will be a rescue for everyone — not based on belief or religion, but on Mankind's need — and that Almighty God Who has been so cruelly depicted as returning in anger will instead respond delightedly to our call for help.

The climate crisis will be painful, but we can have confidence that it itself will be brought to an end while we will live and flourish — because of God's Divine Rescue.

Part 1



Reasons for Confidence

Introduction

At some time as children we have all called for help. We might have become lost, fallen in a river or tried to do something too difficult. We call out, and our father or mother comes to the rescue.

Now Mankind finds itself in a difficulty too great to deal with. Just like that child we too are frightened, and without help would be swept away. As a race, we also have a Father to call out to, and He will come and rescue us.

So this book is an encouragement to us all to lose our fears. The following chapters will look briefly at the climate crisis, and then consider just what it takes to call for help, who will do the calling, and what our future holds. There are both momentous — and wonderful — times ahead.

Dawning...

A Warm Cloud on the Horizon

As the 21st century dawned with the promise of a new beginning, a backward glance revealed how much we had achieved. We had survived two world wars, avoided nuclear conflict, and learned how to control diseases. We could even recover from the occasional natural disaster given time.

But we were also growing aware of a very different and world-wide problem. News of terrible droughts in the once-bountiful bread-basket of Australia, of glaciers simply melting away, and of weather behaving angrily showed clearly what scientists had known for many years: the very climate of the globe was in crisis.

The problem was so unimaginable that it took a while to grasp the significance. We had always presumed our world to be stable, but the thought that the earth's entire weather system might run out of control was terrifying.

The realisation that we had sown the seeds of this crisis in the industrial revolution was also disturbing. It had taken two hundred years for us to notice the danger, which we had exacerbated by our lifestyle during all of that time. The shock of

this only served to undermine our confidence in our ability to make decisions.

Slow Beginnings...

After this came complacency. The changes to the environment were of a geological scale in a mere fraction of the time, and yet nevertheless the process seemed slow to our eyes.

We became inured to changes in the climate. The deepening heat-waves and floods became “seasonal wonders” to gaze at — as if we were watching some strange herd of beasts migrating through our territory. We saw them as an intrusion, but nothing to worry about.

Later, as we heard repeatedly of Arctic melt, Monsoon failures and great storms we did not feel too alarmed: this was, after all, the new status quo for a society grown used to changes.

Something else happened. Some people began to take responsibility for preventing the climate from degrading further. Good hearted souls urged every effort — not just through fear for their own lives, but out of heartfelt concern for a planet now writhing in pain. Here was the beautiful side of human nature! Our race which had taken so much began to give of itself.

...Realisation Dawns

But those fine efforts were not enough: we were fighting something we could neither predict nor comprehend, each year's changes re-writing what we knew about the climate. There were no "root causes" to address any more — the climate had long ago begun to feed off itself — and our way of life remained too industrial to change. Both scientists and the ordinary good hearted millions surveyed the mammoth task ahead... and saw the picture clearly.

Had we known in the year 2000 the full extent of the consequences of climate change for the decade, we would have been horrified. As the next decade began, we knew that it would only grow stronger and impossible to ignore. The "migrating herd" would leave us with no vantage points from which to observe in safety. This is not like a war or a financial collapse... this crisis is powerful, insidious and beyond our control. This is the mother of all future crises — this crisis is terminal.

We can do many things and are brilliantly inventive but we are also reluctant to change. Our nature prevents our skills from working to save us, and our skills themselves fall short of what is needed. If we are to survive, we will need urgent help from our Creator.

Divine Intervention

A Source of Assistance?

The One Who created the earth is surely powerful enough to heal it! And yet, the thought of involving the Almighty raises mixed feelings in people.

Unease

The concern relates to thoughts of “the end”, about which religion has preached fervently. There is barely a faith which does not portray God’s final intervention as terrifying. This has led many to conclude that the climate crisis might be part of a Divine plan, saying:

“Don’t the scriptures describe such an end to the world? Armageddon? A Day of Judgement?”

They worry that environmental collapse might be a deliberate distraction by God prior to the slaughter of the unfaithful. That notion raises the frightening question of who will be deemed worthy in God’s eyes, and prompts desperate questions such as:

*"Have I been good enough? Which is the
"one true religion"? How do I find out?
What must I believe?"*

Even though we need help, some people would fear to ask for it, saying:

*"Wouldn't we merely be inviting our
demise from a Divine source, in place of
this environmental one?"*

The climate crisis is bad enough, but the thought that God Himself would stand detached — just when His help was most needed — brings a feeling of rejection which is both cold and devastating.

Refreshment

However, these very circumstances — our short-sighted custody of the earth, the earth in consequence writhing in pain, our lives in danger and our worries over judgement — have prompted the timely lifting of the fog from God's reputation by means of His Holy Spirit.

The "time of the end" has been portrayed wrongly for nearly 2,000 years. Almighty God never intended us to suffer life-long stress over salvation. His reputation as harsh and of hiding the path to His favour among the Babel of religions has been overturned.

This time of crisis is also a time of enlightenment, when false teachings dissipate and the old — once well-known — truths resurface. With that refreshing clarity, the truth about Almighty God and His intervention shows itself to be both simple and beautiful...

Lifting the Fog

Religions have long depicted God as harsh and vengeful. They have taught that God's intervention will be the flaming fire of "Armageddon", where only the chosen few will be preserved alive. This preaching has caused generations of people to live in fear of a sudden Divine slaughter.

Consequently, some Christians meticulously watch world events. They look for evidence of the bowls of God's anger, the riding of the "four horsemen of the Apocalypse" and the prelude to the great war of Armageddon. They hope that by seeking "hidden" signs as to where we are in the stream of time, they might prepare for God's arrival and thereby assure themselves of His favour before the great day.

Timing...

But the events of Revelation have not yet begun. The apostle John who penned the book wrote:

By inspiration [of the holy spirit] I came to be in the Lord's day.

Revelation 1:10

That Lord's Day, which is Christ's reign over the earth, **has not commenced**. It will be preceded by a coronation¹, a great and unmistakable event before Heaven and earth, so that everyone will know that we are entering a new era.

Everything in that vision takes place during Christ's reign and not before. The bowls of anger haven't been poured out, the trumpets haven't sounded, and despite the familiarity of their natures those four horsemen have yet to begin their ride.

All of the searching for signs and the fear of suddenly being destroyed has been without justification. The dreaded Armageddon cannot possibly be the next great event.

A Sudden Judgement?

Undeterred by this, some people fear there will be a "surprise attack" from the Heavens — catching the "unfaithful" off-guard in order to suffer their "due judgement". In justification they cite Jesus' own words from the gospel:

¹ This is explained in the chapter "Our Call & God's Response..."

"Nobody knows the day or the hour, neither the angels in Heaven nor the Son, but only the Father."

Gospel of Mark 13:32

However, rather than denote a surprise attack when a clock in the Heavens chimes midnight, this scripture merely shows that Almighty God can predict our behaviour very well. He knew that we would need to call to Him, He knows to the day how long our flawed nature will take to reach that stage, and He knew which particular crisis would induce us to call...

By Event, Not Timetable

God's intervention must be preceded by a truly momentous event, otherwise He could have intervened at any time during the last 1,900 years. It would have to be something significant on earth, something that ordinary people would see, so that they would appreciate that His intervention had a purpose.

*The climate crisis **is** that event.* At no other time has our race faced a danger which threatened our very survival. Numerous brilliant minds have declared that we are powerless to prevent catastrophe; we can only watch and wait. With no hope of saving ourselves, ultimately we will

Events of the Vision of Revelation

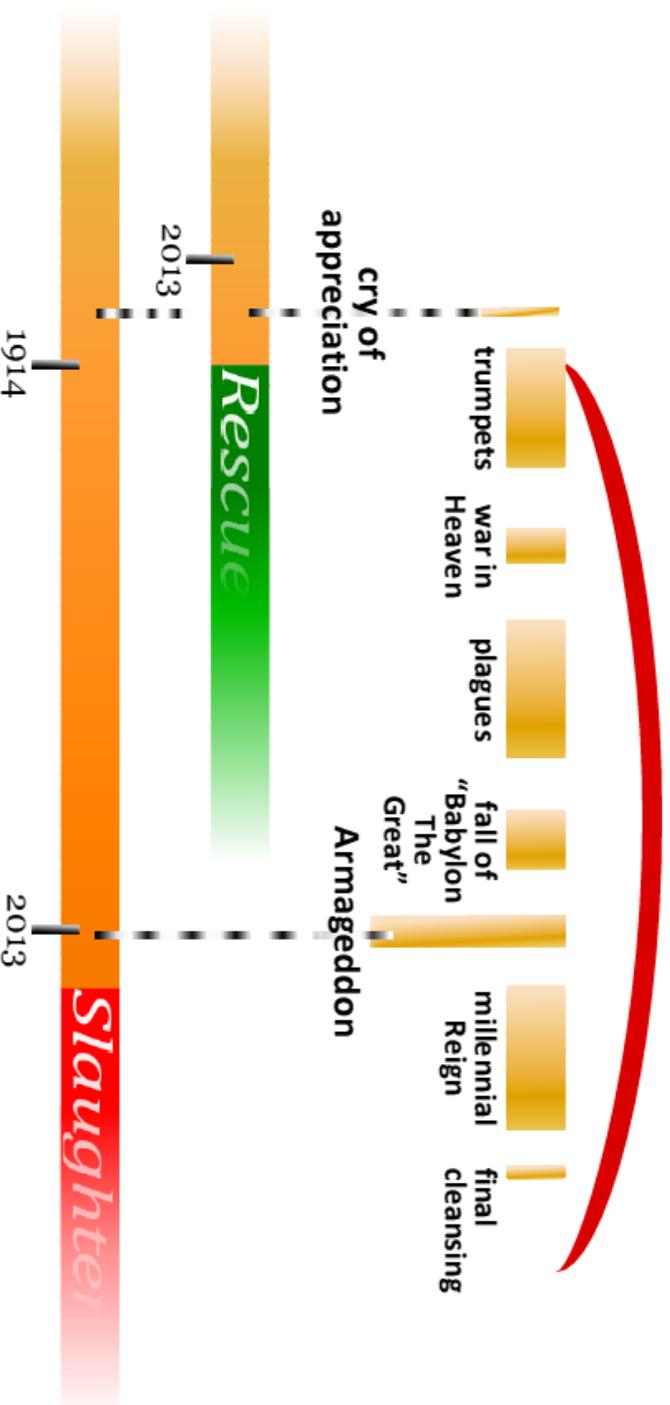


Figure 1 - Events of the Vision of Revelation

Our place in the stream of time determines whether God's intervention will be that of a loving Father saving a Prodigal Son, or of a cruel Herod slaughtering the unwary.

A rescue also means that His action at Armageddon will not be an intolerant show of force, but a *kindness* - saving Mankind from a deranged and potentially deadly rebellion.

have to call for help — but the *timing* of that call lies in *our hands*.

The Wider Context

Some have wondered why the Almighty doesn't simply intervene now. The reason for the delay is because as momentous as the crisis certainly is, *it itself* lies in a context which is far more relevant to us.

While that might seem unlikely to a race facing annihilation, this context explains Mankind's very history. Our appreciation of it will both save us and ensure that the same circumstances will not afflict us again. In doing so it reveals a breathtakingly benevolent and approachable God which centuries of religious doctrines have hidden from us.

This simple and enclosing context — the theme of Mankind's history thus far — is stated plainly, right at the start of the Bible in the book of Genesis.

The Theme of the Bible

Can Mankind Live Without God?

The Bible is an unfinished history of Mankind. It should have been an account of our progress under God's care. Instead, it became a tale of our greatest mistake — but also of our recovery. That theme explains why God will intervene shortly.

A Perfect Beginning...

When the first two humans were created they lived under Divine protection — what many know as the Garden of Eden. Everything was perfect: they had God's help and advice, excellent health, and the whole earth as their inheritance.

Surrounded by all good things, Adam began to wonder what "not good" would be like. God warned him that such knowledge would create too great a conflict in him and advised him against it.

To help him, God denoted a tree which, when Adam's thoughts strayed again, would remind him that it was dangerous. He would look at that tree which could enlighten him, would remember God's advice, and in

turning away from it would turn his mind from thoughts which were dangerous to him.

...Independence

But eventually, the angelic overseer in Eden persuaded Adam and Eve that God was impeding their growth.

"All they had to do"

he said,

"was to choose independence"

and then they would be like God themselves.

The foolishness of alienating themselves from God's care didn't occur to them, nor did the fact that their lives depended on Him. So they chose independence, leaving Eden and took authority in the world for themselves. Now, they would be commanders, "free", and answerable to no-one.

A Question...

Some people wonder why the Almighty did not simply destroy them and restart the earth with obedient souls:

*"Would He not have been justified?
Would it not have avoided thousands of
years of trouble?"*

No, it wouldn't. It would not have prevented the same from happening again, because it would not have proved God's assertion and wisdom over the issue. Besides this, no creation made in His image — Heavenly or human — had ever died before. He was their Father and no Father disposes of His children so callously.

Furthermore, God's counsel to Adam was not a threat of punishment, but a warning about the *consequences* of independence. This rebellion was just one mistake from a very young creation. It could learn and recover, just as Adam had made many minor mistakes and learned from them.

So God reminded them of His warning that they would not survive without Him. Then He let them go their own way in order that Adam's descendents might learn through experience what he would not take as advice.

*This has been the **whole theme** of our existence — our learning that we need God in order to survive. For our own safety — for us*

to have a future — this issue has to be settled; we have to understand what harms us.

Were God to return simply to slaughter millions at the very moment of our realisation, as has been His repute, it would prove nothing. In contrast, God's intention is that we, as an entire race, both learn and benefit from learning.

Learning, and Christ's Return

To this purpose God ordained both the nation of Israel and later the 1st century Messiah as guidance for their eras. In anticipation of them He set prophetic events throughout history— such as Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, the Passover, and King Solomon— so that when they arrived, people could have confidence that they were both by God's arrangement. Each became His stepping stone in the world.

Since then, God's intention has been to build confidence in us in preparation for our time of trial, so that when the "significant event" arises — the one which teaches us through experience what Adam would not take as advice — we will know and trust the One to Whom we are appealing. Thereafter, the long-awaited return of the Messiah will provide the third — and final — stepping stone to our recovery.

The Significant Event

Even though our post-Christian history has been turbulent, we had a while to wait for our “time of trial”. That trial does not come from God, but from ourselves. It wasn’t until the 17th century that we sowed the seeds of the climate crisis and later still before we realised that it would destroy us. It had taken that long — or that short — a time for our race to fundamentally damage the entire and only world we have.

Despite this we still have not acknowledged that we need God, nor that He is there to help us. Our independence and our misrepresentation of Him throughout the centuries have made us forget.

Anticipating this, God arranged a support to coincide with our time of need: a prophet — the *last* prophet of Mankind’s era of independence — in order to direct us toward Him for help.

The Last Prophet

of Mankind's Era of Independence

Many generations have passed since the days of the apostles, during which we have had neither Divine guidance nor prophets — and rightly so. Since the time of the Christ we have no longer been under Law, but under God's undeserved kindness. The apostle Paul said:

*the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, so that we might be regarded as righteous due to **faith**... But now that the faith **has arrived**, we are no longer subject to a tutor*

Galatians 3:24-25

The apostle Peter also said:

"We trust to get saved through the undeserved kindness² of the Lord"

Acts15:11

There can be no judgment when under the wings of forgiveness, and Jesus himself had taught us how to build a good relationship with God. We had all we needed to make this era a pleasant one:

² "undeserved" because his sacrifice covered all sins for which the Law demanded sacrifices, and "kindness" because of his giving it, in contrast to the strictness of the Law which demanded of its subjects

we didn't need any more guidelines, and we didn't need any more prophets...

The Need for One Last Prophet

That was until the climate crisis, that "significant event" which would revive the issue in Genesis which is:

"Can Mankind live without God?"

We know that the climate crisis cannot be hindered nor prevented. It has escalated too far to be healed by technology. Even if we had the immense power needed to ease it we wouldn't know how to. It is striving wildly for stability, and will spiral far beyond the point where earth becomes uninhabitable for us.

This is not a "religious" viewpoint: eminent scientists acknowledge that we have become bystanders to a more powerful force. Yes, the question in Genesis has been answered. We are beyond "endgame" — the result is no longer in doubt — we have reached the stage "checkmate in three".

People need guidance in the face of a crisis, but in this case the best human advice can only be ineffectual. However, there is

advice which will save us and it comes from the Last Prophet of our era...

The Last Prophet

Paradoxically, the Last Prophet is the **earth** and the very **climate** is its voice. God has placed His counsel within the very calamity which is threatening us.

The earth which has been witness to everything Mankind has ever done — the earth which Mankind agreed to care for when God said:

"Be fruitful, become many and fill the earth and subdue it"

Genesis 1:28

is testifying against us. It is not only declaring that we have failed in our promise to God, but that we have actually turned the home which He provided into a dangerous place for His creation. And appropriately, although we may not be aware of it *explicitly*, the climate is also raising in our consciousness that very issue in Genesis, the one which is the key to our survival. We now understand that we need help in order to survive.

Like all prophets, it is borne of the consequences of our behaviour. Like all prophets it is declaring a message of judgement — not against us *personally*, but against our

ability to survive without God. However, unlike its predecessors, this prophet cannot be silenced, nor discredited nor ignored.

This is the *only prophet needed* for this message, the perfect witness to the futility of our independence from God. More effective than any man's voice, it speaks directly to the hearts of every one alive, transcending language, intelligence, status and belief. The spiralling nature of the crisis ensures that it will continue to "speak" until we turn to the One we left so many generations ago.

For this very reason, Jesus Christ gave the illustration of the *Prodigal Son...*

The Prodigal Son

A young man asked his Father for his share of the inheritance. Leaving for an independent life away from parental wisdom he eventually squandered it. Finally, destitute and starving, he decided to return to his Father for help...

*...but while he was still some distance from home, his Father saw him and rushed out to greet him. While the son expressed contrition, his Father expressed **unrestrained delight**,*

*welcoming him back **joyfully** as a son and richly celebrating his return.*

*Gospel of Luke 15:11-32
(summarised)*

Mankind is the *Prodigal Son*. Through the first two humans we took our due inheritance — the earth. We have lived independently, and will continue to do so until we too acknowledge that we cannot survive alone. When we return to our Heavenly Father, He will rush to greet us — not with a slaughter, but with delight at receiving us back into His care.

Yet this turning to God raises the familiar question:

"Who should lead us to God, and which of the many churches speaks for the Almighty?"

Whom Should We Follow?

The Last Prophet neither favours nor recommends any race, religion, preacher or nation, but belongs to God alone. As such, the Last Prophet is not divisive, but appeals to every soul equally — regardless of their beliefs.

There is no-one on earth whom we must follow, nor any church to intercede for us. With such a diversity of cultures and beliefs, it is obvious that the time of our enlightenment and rescue is too momentous to permit the

conjecture and divisiveness which accompanies such distractions.

Instead, the Last Prophet directs our plea straight to Almighty God in the Heavens, and He must be approached in a special manner...

The Manner of Our Approach

Loyally following the Lord's Prayer, lovers of God have prayed for His will to be done on earth. The finest of hearts have called, but God's kingdom has not materialised. Even concerning the climate crisis itself, those prayers have not brought God's intervention.

The silence is not due to any lack of faith by those calling, nor any particular sin on their part. Heartfelt prayer is certainly valuable, but organised religion has no role to play in Heaven's forthcoming intervention. God is waiting for a special call, and it is neither a matter of religion, nor of fine-hearted worship — nor even of good or bad — but of *authority*...

A Question of Authority

When the first man Adam chose independence he became responsible for the direction and well-being of his descendents. Man had assumed God's position over the earth.

Each nation has inherited its own regional portion of that authority down through the ages and its rulers represent their nation's entire population. The scriptures describe

rulers as “the superior authorities” to be respected for their headship, which the apostle Paul stated clearly:

*Let every soul be in subjection to the superior authorities, for there is no authority **except by God**; the existing authorities are permitted by God to occupy a place in that arrangement. Therefore, he who opposes such authority has taken a stand against the arrangement of God; those who **have** resisted such authority **will receive judgement**. For rulers are an object of fear — not to the good deed, but to the bad.*

*Do you, then, want to have **no fear** of the authority? **Then keep on doing good, and you will receive praise from it!** For it is God’s minister to you when you do good. But if you [make a] practice [of] badness, be in fear: for it does not bear the sword without purpose; for it is God’s minister, an avenger to express wrath upon the one practising unrighteousness.*

Romans 13:1-4

This is the way for every national ruler whether they are benevolent or cruel. In evidence of this, during a particularly rebellious time for the Jewish nation, the apostle Peter counselled:

*For the Lord's sake, subject yourselves to every human rule: whether to a king as being superior, or to governors as being sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the **praise** of doers of good. ... Honour men of all kinds, have love for the [spiritual] brothers, revere God, **have honour for the king***

1st of Peter 2:13-17

— “the king” at that time being the dreaded Nero! So the counsel expressed by Paul and later by Peter was consistent: the population is subject to the authority whoever wields it.

Modern-Day Authority

So today, for each nation, its head of state and its national leader comprise the superior authorities for their citizens. These few hundred men and women represent every soul on earth in a way that religious leaders do not, because collectively they represent that *entire authority over the world* which Adam usurped from Almighty God in Eden.

These are the ones who must call for our Divine Rescue. There is no higher power to object to their action, no possible dissention to their call. For the first time in history, by means of their call, the complete authority

which Adam usurped from the Creator will appeal to the Heavens.

As unfair as this may seem to the faithful, this is a time — as when Moses stood on the shore of the Red Sea — when they should simply “stand and observe”. And they will be pleased to be “mere onlookers” when they realise that the justification for this lies in a beautiful name...

... summary

*This section has described what **will happen**. Unlike the promises of many religions, our salvation at God's intervention is not dependent upon believing it, but is a consequence of His grand purpose of caring for us.*

Part Two will describe how God will respond to the call, compare this world-wide preservation to the salvation outlined in the Bible, and show the full extent of His Divine Rescue.

Part 2



Answering Our Call

Our Call & God's Response

When our rulers call to the Heavens, it won't matter that some will be non-believers, nor that others will have different names for God.

"Allah" or "Yahweh",
"Father" or "Jehovah"

— there is only one Almighty God. He will respond not to a name, but to that call from the earth's entire authority.

Trepidation

Some rulers will feel uneasy. They know that there is usually a price to pay for assistance — certainly financial, often a loss of freedom. Some might recall bitter experiences when a helper demanded authority in exchange for assistance, but afterward did not show the same urgent concern over their plight. The prospect of feeling powerless and subordinate can be as painful as the emergency.

This time however, all rulers will be united. There won't be the embarrassment of appearing weak before others, nor

the need to suffer the will of a powerful neighbour. Nevertheless, the worry that calling to God is a kind of surrender will be uncomfortable. After all, they are appealing in desperation to an unfamiliar power and do not know what to expect...

Reassurance

However, God's response will be *supportive and reassuring*, very different from any nation's experiences.

Firstly, His presence will be visible in the skies all over the world for every soul to see. It will dawn on people quickly that this is a far greater power than the climate which has been threatening them. His power will be evident but not grandiose, immense yet not a forced or prominent feature. The rulers will glance at the imminent threat of the climate — held in abeyance like the waters of the Red Sea — and perceive the benevolence behind the power which has come at their own request!

It will quickly dawn on people that there is no cost to be borne, that this is no surrender. This is Someone Whom we have long ignored yet Who has responded quickly; Someone Who, despite His power, has never forced it upon us. His intervention changes the very direction of

humanity! This is something they will wish they could have done generations ago!

Almighty God will act quickly. He will settle the hearts of every soul by announcing that His intervention is not isolated, but is in line with His past dealings with Mankind, that He has been setting events throughout history to prepare us for this day. People will bring them to mind, and everyone will understand in that moment that we have never been alone: God has been waiting for us to call to Him. Then He will announce that our rescue lies in the hands of His Son — the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Some people may wonder:

"Why therefore doesn't Christ himself answer the call?"

The reason is that the world rulers called to Almighty God and not to His Son, and some will have worshipped God through a completely different faith. If the whole world is to accept the Messiah as Heaven's benevolent authority, God Himself will need to introduce him to us.

Understandably, the big issue in many minds will be the healing of the climate, and to them this introduction of the Christ might seem superfluous. However, as we learn the context of God's

intervention, we will understand that it is more than a swift rescue, that He is opening a door to a wonderful future.

God's Intervention in its Context

God's intervention is not an isolated event, but His latest support regarding the theme of the Bible. The current stepping stone — the Christian Way — is to be built upon, just as it itself sprang from the first stepping stone which was the Hebrew nation.

The lingering context of that Christian way is declared by Jesus Christ himself at the end of Matthew's gospel with the words:

*"All authority in Heaven and on the earth
has been given to me"*

Gospel of Matthew 28:18

Since that time, every prayer to the Heavens, every call to God, and every request for Holy Spirit, has been received by Jesus Christ for his Heavenly Father. Not only Christians, but every lover of the Almighty in every faith has been cared for and richly valued by that same Son of God. After 1,900 years of hearing our calls, we can feel confident that the Messiah understands us very well.

Despite God's Own intervention, Christ's tenure of authority has not yet concluded. The next stage of our recovery — Christ's Reign — is about to begin, so when the world leaders subject their authority to God, they will be subjecting it to His Son also. This explains the manner of God's intervention, and heralds a new stage in the life of Christ...

The Role of the Christ

At that moment, with all earthly authority subjected to him, the scriptures in Revelation and 1st Timothy will be fulfilled as Jesus Christ becomes:

'King of kings and Lord of lords'³

*1st to Timothy 6:15
Revelation 17:14 & 19:16*

This is precisely why the world rulers — *and only they* — have the privilege of calling to the Heavens. Their call will justify Christ in this new and beautiful name with authority to heal and shepherd the entire earth.

The Book of Revelation records this Coronation as the first of its events when all creation acknowledges their gratitude to God and His Christ, with the words:

³ 'King of those who reign as kings [Heads of State] and Lord of those who exercise dominion [National Leaders]' - Timothy

*And I heard every creature that is in Heaven **and on earth** and beneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, saying:*

"To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the praise and the honour and the glory and the might forever and ever."

Revelation 5:13

This unanimous shout of praise from the earth has never occurred before, but it will spring from the worldwide expression of relief at our rescue.

And with this matter of oversight settled quickly, Almighty God Himself will withdraw, and allow the new King to begin his reign. Now, the Divine Rescue can begin.

Divine Rescue

Safety

Our new King's first priority will be to sooth the climate, the reason for our call. He had already calmed the elements once on the Sea of Galilee as reported in the Gospel of Matthew:

When he boarded a boat, his disciples followed him. And look! a great storm arose in the sea, so that the boat was inundated by the waves, but Jesus had fallen asleep. And they roused him, saying:

"Lord! Save us! We are perishing!"

But he said to them:

"Why are you afraid, you with little faith?"

Then getting up, he rebuked the wind and the sea, and a great calm set in. So the men became astonished and said to each other:

"What kind of person is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Gospel of Matthew 8:23-27

The climate will be calmed so swiftly that it will seem almost trivial. In truth, as essential as it is to *us*, this is the lesser miracle. The fact that God appeared in the sky for all to see is the

real marvel, because that sight stimulates the healing of human nature...

Divine Rescue

Clarity

God's appearance gives us clarity of vision, dispelling in an instant so many of our misconceptions:

Proof of God

From that day onward, everyone will know beyond doubt that God is there! This will affect the heart of everyone alive. Suddenly we will all realise that we're not alone, and the immense power Which has visited us is here to help. Furthermore, by preserving everyone alive, God has overturned one of the greatest contentions in history...

An End to Religious Confusion

Religion will cease to be mystical and fear inspiring. Each one will see the others still present, and wonder why they — alone — have not inherited the earth. The divisive notion of the "one true religion" will have been broken, and their presumption of being God's "gatekeeper to salvation" will have evaporated.

For many, their fear of religion will vanish overnight because the Heavens will have spoken for *themselves*.

They need never again accept through fear what they do not believe. God will have enabled worshippers to regain the free will He created in us.

Free Will

Our “era of independence” has not lived up to its name. Life has been a treadmill in disguise — promising much, yet unsatisfying. There are so many rules and expectations which lead nowhere and they govern every stage of life.

But now that a benign and wise King has authority over the earth — a King who cannot be bribed or threatened or deceived — we will begin to experience real independence. We will recall Christ’s words to the oppressed when he gave the invitation:

“Come to me, all who are toiling and overburdened, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon yourselves and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart. And you will find refreshment for your souls, because my yoke is kindly and my load is light.”

Gospel of Matthew 11:28-30

God knows that if our love for Him is coerced it is not genuine. Free will is what makes our gifts valuable, and

He will never ask us to relinquish it. Eventually, all of the artificial controls of our era — such as competition, striving for advancement, and being graded by appearance — will fall from our shoulders. In their place we will have a freedom of heart — the perfect basis for our development.

Authority Without Distraction

Larger nations have always held sway over the small. Now that can change, because everyone will realise that there is no favoured nation in God's eyes — all will have the same King over them. Wealth, power, and richness of resources do not buy God's favour. The words "great" and "small" will need to be redefined, because sincerity will be the *new gold* which the King of kings will value most highly.

Leaders will no longer need to solve every problem themselves, nor worry over their limitations because they will have guidance and support from the King of kings himself. Their success will no longer depend upon power and trade. Instead, those who work in harmony with the new King will see their nations flourish, an echo of Isaiah's report to the Hebrews:

"I, Jehovah, am your God, the One teaching you to benefit yourself, the One causing you to walk in the right pathway.

If you would actually pay attention to My commandments, then your peace would become just like a river, and your righteousness [lively] like the waves of the sea.

Your offspring would [dance] like the [wind-blown] sand, and your descendants name would be neither cut off nor annihilated from before Me.”

Isaiah 48:17-19

And in doing so they will begin to understand those who quietly left high office early in Christ’s reign...

...because there will be rulers who, on seeing the Christ’s return, will feel that their tenure of office has come to a perfect conclusion. They will leave their elevated positions and pursue that “peace like a river” for themselves, turning to follow the Divine guidance they had long waited for, knowing that it is the road to Life and that the whole of creation will eventually do the same.

Clarity in Worship

Those who choose to remain self-reliant are free to do so. However, those who choose to learn from Divine nature — God’s spirit — will be seen as pursuing a real goal, and not

merely “finding solace in religion”. Love of God will no longer be a philosophy, because everyone will know that the Messiah himself is God’s guide for us all. For the first time, there will be clarity in worship world-wide.

We will all understand that worship is about neither fear nor guilt, but about God’s development of *us*. We’ll understand the true meaning of God’s intentions when He made us in His image, that we are not as supplicants, but as children to Him — children to whom He has sent Divine nature as a guide and protection.

Divine Guidance

For the first time, there will be active Divine guidance in the earth. Human nature — so long left to its own devices — will have Divine nature as both support and as competition: “support” to bring us to the real Life, and “competition” to show that there is something better than self-reliance. Once present, Divine nature will be here to stay. We will never need to rely on ourselves again.

We will quickly discover that learning from the Christ is completely different from following our religions, just as the gospel reported at his Sermon on the Mount:

the crowds were astounded at his way of teaching, because he was teaching them as

one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Gospel of Matthew 7:28-29

Every kindness he showed in Palestine, every encouragement, and every humour is still part of his character. He will guide people with kindness and not with threat — knowledge of good without the comparison of evil — knowing that every step along the way will be refreshing to us.

These realisations — this clarity of vision — is just one part of God's Divine Rescue. It forms a foundation for the future, touching the very heart of every soul alive. Our route there from our present era involves no personal judgement at-all, not even an expectation of belief. And when we have arrived, great things which were impossible in the past will be within our reach...

Divine Rescue

Real Salvation

Although our race has been saved from annihilation, this is not the same salvation which was preached by the apostles. Our rescue from the climate saved good and bad alike, whereas the real salvation comes later through appreciation of God.

Christ's reign is for precisely this purpose: to upbuild not just the Jewish nation, nor just Christians, but the whole world. He will build on our appreciation for God's intervention while it is fresh in our hearts. The climate crisis brought fear of *death* into every soul, but we will have been rescued by Ones Who know what *everlasting life* is. That was Man's ordained future in the beginning, and God intends that it will be ours again.

Only our new King can show us the real benefits of staying close to the Heavenly Father. The apostle Peter stated:

"There is no salvation in anyone else [except Jesus Christ], for there is no other name under Heaven that has been given to Mankind which bears our deliverance."

Acts 4:12

And with good reason, because Jesus Christ knows better than anyone that life without his Father is no life at-all, as he explained to his apostles:

"He that sent me is with me; He did not abandon me to myself..."

The Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he sees the Father doing."

Gospel of John 8:29 & 5:19

Even though immortal, our King would never leave his Father because he would lose his very Guide to life. He understands that real Life is neither fleshly nor spiritual but is being nurtured by the One Who can make us flourish. Without God to help us grow, we would merely exist.

And so, patiently, over hundreds of years, our Lord will gently guide each of us away from independence — so recently exposed as the road to death and disappointment. He will lead us to share in the same never ending development which he enjoys, which is only possible through everlasting life under our Father's care. As our Lord's reign draws to a close, we will have gained our salvation from our own limitations. The King of kings will have rescued us spiritually, to complement the earlier Divine Rescue of our flesh.

And yet our salvation will not really be a *rescue* in the conventional sense of the word. Christ will have guided us in transforming both our way of life and our environment. At the end of his reign, souls will not be “plucked to safety” in escape, because the *entire world* will have become beautiful and safe. Rather than march to it, the Promised Land will have been constructed around them!

However the Bible tells of another side of our Lord’s reign: of “Armageddon”, the bowls of God’s anger, the devil being cast to the earth and the fall of “Babylon the Great”. Therefore we might ask ourselves:

“What about the events in the Book of Revelation? How will they affect us?”

How hard must we work for salvation? What if our efforts are not enough?

And what about the Day of Judgement?”

These thoughts have frightened people for generations, but there is no need for concern. Just as there was no surprise slaughter at our call for help, so there will be no unexpected trials from God on our journey to Him, because both the Day of Judgement and the tempestuous events of Revelation *also* lie within a very specific context...

Divine Rescue

Judgement & Revelation

The key to Life is heartfelt appreciation for the One
Who provides it.

That is the only route and the only requirement for Life. There is no pressure, neither compulsion nor threat upon those who are reluctant to trust God. His good qualities will become increasingly evident, and will unquestionably become attractive to every heart in due course. God has made salvation easy to gain and it will only be unpalatable to those who are resolutely opposed to Him.

Both Judgment Day and the events of Revelation lie in this context. They are not a trial imposed on good hearts, but — like God's warning to Adam — are the *consequences* on those who want to re-take the world for themselves.

Judgement

God showed real justice at the time of our rescue. He knew in advance that Mankind, having neither prophet nor holy nation since the apostles, would soon drift away. Our isolation proved that knowledge of good was not enough to sustain love of God in a race which had already acquired

knowledge of evil. He understood that our final generations were not to blame. We were the victims of the ingrained independence which had become an inherent part of our society. God would not judge us individually, His only judgment was an echo of our rulers' confession that Mankind was unable to survive without Him.

However during Christ's reign, Divine nature will be established in the world for the first time. Whatever we may have done in the past, those who appreciate it will naturally drift into the real salvation which Peter spoke of. Christ's own words to Nicodemus assured us of this, when he said:

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only-begotten Son, in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed, but have everlasting life.

*For God actually sent forth His Son into the world — not for him to judge it, but for the world to be saved through him. He that exercises faith in him is **not** to be judged. He that does not has been judged already, because he has not exercised faith in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.*

***This is the basis for judgement:** that the light has come into the world but men have loved the darkness more than the light,*

because their works were wicked. For he that practices badness repels the light and does not approach the light, in order that his works may not be reprov'd.

But he that does what is true does come to the light, in order that his works may be made manifest as having been worked in harmony with God."

Gospel of John 3:16-21

With these words Christ showed that the feared Judgement Day does not touch those who appreciate God's provision. This immunity is easy to gain: there is no standard to reach, nor finishing line to cross. Hearts of every depth and progress will be safe — simply because they come to value Life under God rather than the allure of independence.

God's Warning of the Road to Judgement

In contrast, those who prefer the old ways will feel very uneasy in the changed world. It won't provide the competition and opportunities for superiority which have proved so lucrative to them. This Divine reformation will be too uncomfortable for those who want a return to independence.

Ultimately, two separate branches of humanity will develop. Whereas fine-hearted souls will appreciate the Heavens for having cleansed the planet, the unreformed

will only covet the planet itself. Just as the Hebrews in Egypt multiplied in the only region which was not owned by Pharaoh, so too those who love God will continue to increase. The earth cannot simply be partitioned into two separate lands, because the very nature of the rebels is one of acquisition. And as they watch the world changing around them, they will emulate those ancient Egyptians by fighting to retake it.

This is the reason for the book of Revelation: to provide a warning in advance — just as was given to Adam — of the consequences of trying to re-establish independence. The trumpet blasts and the bowls of God's anger are His counsel to them concerning their dangerous course. Likewise the descriptions of both Armageddon and the final assault forewarn rebels how violent their behaviour will *inevitably* become as they become more desperate.

Revelation of an Eventful Journey

The rebellion will disrupt the lives of good and bad alike, but Revelation assures us that God will protect those who love Him. He will even rescue those who have been swayed into opposing Him, those whose hearts are not truly rebellious.

Despite the reproofs, the truly inflexible will harden their hearts. Seeing no other way to prevent the influence of Divine nature, they will join forces and convene against the immortal King of kings in the action known as — Armageddon.

Armageddon — Eden Revisited

Back in Eden, Adam was allowed to pursue independence because God's warning — that it would lead to disappointment and death — had not been proved. That warning which foretold of consequences would not be accepted until they had transpired in our day with the climate crisis.

But when that same striving for independence is made *again* during our Lord's reign, the circumstances will be different:

The theme of the Bible will have already been proved — there will be no need to wait thousands of years for us to prove it to ourselves again. This time it will not be the entire human race demanding change, as happened in Eden, because millions will be living contentedly under Christ's care. In contrast to the rebellious overseer in Genesis, the King of kings will not support the revolt — there will

be no consensus against God as there had been in Adam's day. Furthermore, there will be no vast wilderness "East of Eden" for the rebels to be driven into: the *entire world* will be being transformed into a new Eden.

Despite knowing all of this and knowing that independence leads to death, the desire for competition and gain — which had dominated the old era — will be too great a temptation for them.

***This** is the difference between the two natures — not "independence" per se, but addiction to the unwise licenses which are a harmful consequence of independence. These traits which began Man's downfall in Eden are the very antithesis of the healthful existence chosen by those on the road to Life.*

Thus, during Christ's reign — the final stepping stone to Life — the rebels will re-introduce death from which he saved them at the start of the Divine Rescue. They will strive vigorously to retake the earth, but the death they threaten against the faithful will become the wages of their own sin as Heaven protects those on the road to Life.

Neither Judgement Day nor the events of Revelation will harm the faithful. The rebellion will affect everyone, but Heaven's disapproval does not fall on those who love Him. With the earth cleansed of the rebels, Mankind will enjoy a thousand years of recuperation — the "Millennial Reign" of Christ's co-rulers in the Heavens. Thereafter the devil will be released, and proving unrepentant, will finally be removed by Almighty God Himself.

Heaven's protection through these difficult times is assured if we simply hold on to the key, which is:

**Heartfelt Appreciation for the One Who provides
Life.**

That is certainly within the grasp of everyone — and as Christ's reign reaches its conclusion that Life appears Majestically on the horizon...

Divine Rescue

Stepping Into Life

As Christ's reign draws to a close, people will look back at the journey.

The Divine Rescue will have saved us from the climate crisis, and given us the chance to learn from our mistake. The rescue will have brought us protection from every trait of human nature which threatened our recovery. We will have realised that friendship with God is much more satisfying than isolation, resulting in the privilege of helping to beautify the earth — as co-workers with God — in the completion of His planet creation. And we'll have realised that our love for Almighty God is a gift which He *genuinely cherishes*.

Our Lord will reign until we are safe from harm. The apostle Paul wrote:

Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing every [contentious] ruler, influence and power. For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. As the last enemy, "death" is to be brought to nothing.

1st to the Corinthians 15:24-26

At that hour, with the earth and its people beautifully prepared, Christ's reign will come to a glorious conclusion. *At long last* Mankind will be ready to have **Almighty God Himself** as their King.

From Safety... to Life!

Christ's reign will have brought both our recovery from human nature, and a valuable apprenticeship for our future. Like the Christ, everyone will have everlasting life before them, with the prospect of working for our Heavenly Father. The Christ will have saved us from both fleshly and spiritual death...

...but now Almighty God Himself will give us the same vivid taste of Life which our Lord Jesus Christ relies on. We will wonder how Mankind could have tolerated life without God for so long, as we experience the difference between merely existing and really living. Those years of isolation will fade from our minds, for as long as we stay close to Him, we will be guided into an increasingly richer and fulfilling life.

... summary

Part One of this book explained Mankind's call for God's intervention, and Part Two explained the depth of the Divine Rescue and what lies beyond.

*The third and final section will explain how this good news can help us **today** to rise above our fears during these last days of our era.*

Part 3



Our Role in God's Intervention

Appreciation

*What can we do, we ordinary people, while we wait
for that call to the Heavens?*

In our time of need, God's Holy Spirit has revealed clearly that He has a rescue prepared for us. Now that we understand in advance why things are happening, we have an assurance that we're going to be safe, something which brings immense relief to ourselves and confidence in our children's future. The more we consider it, the safer we will feel, because — as with every prophetic word from God — its *benefit* depends on *how we respond*.

And this has been His aim: that we reap the priceless benefit of foresight *now* and thereby free ourselves from the fear of the crisis while it surrounds us.

Relief!

These past few decades have brought the darkest of fears: a blighted future for our children, the very end of Mankind! the ruin of the planet we love, imminent Armageddon and God's Judgement. But now, by His kindness, we can breathe easily. His message is in harmony with Jesus' words to his apostles concerning a time of widespread anxiety:

"men would become faint in fear and expectation of the things which are disturbing the earth, because the powers of the Heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man arriving in a cloud with power and great glory.

*But as these things **begin**, raise yourselves up and lift up your heads, because your deliverance is getting near."*

Gospel of Luke 21:26-28

Yes, the climate crisis will continue, and yes, it will consume many lives before the rulers call for help. But now that we know there is a rescue ahead we can face the future confidently with our heads held high. There is a genuine new age approaching over the horizon.

Looking Forward to the Future

So in our new-found confidence and relief, we might look at the world with fresh eyes, eyes which dare to foresee a better life. The aimlessness, injustice and futility of life will all change as the Heavens influence our ways. We can almost taste the future already. We might even need to remind ourselves that the deadly climate crisis is still active — because that feeling of relief will be so certain.

By God's kindness, this is our new confidence in our future... all that is needed to bring it to fruition is our call to the Almighty...

When Will We Call?

It will take sudden and massive changes, affecting every nation, before we will call for God's intervention.

In his presentation "*An Inconvenient Truth*", Al Gore gave the example of a frog sitting in a pool which was gradually growing warmer and warmer. The frog tolerated the rising temperature — even when it became hot — because it increased so gently. Without a rescue, it would have quietly succumbed to the heat, and died.

Sudden Changes

Unlike that frog, we will experience both gradual and sudden changes. It is those *sudden* changes which will awaken us to the depth of the danger surrounding us.

Professor James Lovelock cited the warming Arctic as an example and compared it to ice cubes floating in a glass of water. The temperature stays remarkably cool as the ice melts — even when there is just a little ice remaining. However when all of the ice has gone, then the water heats up rapidly. Likewise a sudden warming in the Arctic

could change sea levels, weather systems, even the course of ocean currents — with devastating consequences.

There are many potential sudden events: polar ice depletion, sudden release of methane from the permafrost, ocean function collapse, spontaneous combustion of rainforest — each quite beyond our ability to contain them. Even the simpler, more conventional catastrophies — such as crop failures, permanent droughts due to glacial melt, and widespread migration of people — are too great a burden for us.

Any one of these could induce our call... so when we will call to the Heavens? Thankfully, there continue to be world leaders with the willingness to do so.

Concern in High Places

Some rulers firmly believe that God has placed them in their high office for a reason — and who are we to doubt them! men and women who genuinely believe that the Almighty has manoeuvred their career specifically for them to help in a time of crisis.

Although many such leaders will leave office before the great day, they have a most valuable role to play whilst in

power. Their successors will need to know Whom to call to, their office will need to have developed confidence in the Almighty, trust in the Divine Rescue, a willingness to consider God without hindrance, and to think of Him as more than merely the option of last resort. Every ruler who builds this foundation of respect will be performing a *priceless service*. So when that soul leaves office for the last time, they will know that they have safeguarded the future.

And while it is undoubtedly a unique privilege to be the ruler who calls for God's help, those who set the foundations may shine more brightly than their successors. It is worth remembering from scripture that although the King of Nineveh repented and thereby saved his people from God's anger, it is only the earlier *humble messenger* — Jonah — whose name is recorded.

However, there is something that *everyone* can do now, whether ruler or subject. Something which will bring God's intervention closer...

Our Unique & Holy Privilege

*These remaining years of our era are the last ones
in which we can show faith.*

The letter to the Hebrews stated:

Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities, even though they are not beheld. For by means of this, men of times past had witness borne to them.

By faith, we perceive that [different] eras were arranged by God's word, so that what is beheld comes out of things that are no longer seen.

This describes our situation perfectly, and the accompanying faith is the antidote to our fears. In the same spirit, the writer describes prominent faithful people of the past: Abraham, Noah, Moses and many others. Their names live forever because of their faith in the promised Messiah, and that faith sustained them through their role in God's purpose. The author concludes by writing:

*And yet all of these people, although they personally received evidence through their faith, did not get the [actual fulfilment of the] promise, as God provided that better thing for **us**, in order that [these faithful ones] might not be made perfect separately from us.*

Hebrews 11

He is speaking of the Promised Messiah — the “actual fulfilment” which is better than faith. Jesus Christ told his disciples:

"Your eyes are greatly blessed because they behold, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you truly: Many prophets and righteous men yearned to see the things which you are beholding, but did not see them, and to hear the things which you are hearing, but did not hear them.

*Therefore, **listen...**"*

Gospel of Matthew 13:16-18

— and which of us would choose to have lived in Abraham’s day or Noah’s day, rather than in the days of Jesus!

We are very close to that actuality: the fulfilment of the Promise of our rescue, of seeing Christ’s reign, and of experiencing God’s Own presence for the first time. Like Jesus’ disciples, there will be no need for faith when God intervenes: the reality will be there before us. Knowing this, there is a *priceless service* which we can perform before that great day...

The Spirit of John the Baptist

These last days of our era are the last chance we will have to show real faith in God. If we don't show faith now we will regret it for all of our everlasting lives. And as beautiful as the Messianic reign will be, we will always wonder at the power which the Holy Spirit instilled in those who did nurture that confidence.

We have the opportunity to make God's reputation shine before He arrives, by declaring Him as benevolent and welcoming, and by giving people the confidence to approach Him.

This is the spirit which John the Baptist showed in his ministry. And while Jesus declared that John was the greatest man born of woman, it was John's *message* which made him great:

"Prepare the way of Jehovah, make His roads straight. Every gully must be filled up, and every mountain and hill made level; the curves must become straight and the rough places smooth. And all flesh will see the salvation of God."

Gospel of Luke 3:4-6

Likewise, this news of God's Divine Rescue is the valuable news which everyone can bear, and watch as it grows prominently in God's service.

The Time of Opportunity

This kind of foundation cannot be gained afterwards, the unique benefits of this timely friendship with the Heavens cannot be fabricated in future years. The spirit we have so long admired in those who heralded our Lord's arrival — faithful Simeon and Anna, the "wise men from the East" and John the Baptist himself — that spirit can be ours now. This is our unique and Holy privilege, our opportunity to prepare a historic welcome for both the Almighty Himself and for His Son.

We can set the world as a glowing spectacle for the Heavens to see on its approach, bright with faithful light-bearers, like the maidens with oil-filled lamps in Jesus' illustration. Our own "faith like Abraham" will cry out the same confidence he had, which is:

Real life is friendship with God

For our part, we will feel our fears fall away, and our confidence flourish...

...but the Heavens will see a **miracle**: a world which has been so wayward and under such dreadful influence, yet is unable to restrain those hearts which fashion *earth's own prelude* to His Divine Rescue.

We all look back with gratitude at those faithful masses who prepared the way in the past: the Hebrews in Egypt prior to God's rescue; the crowds bearing palm branches for the Messiah's Kingly entry into Jerusalem. *Future* generations will think back of **our** faith prior to the Divine Rescue, the event which heralds the re-uniting of creation under God's care.

This is your opportunity to serve Almighty God, to lose all fears for the future, and to become one of the many faithful faces visualised in the grateful reminiscences of future generations.

Addendum

The simplicity of God's purpose can seem unconvincing when compared to the complexities of evolution, prophetic research, and salvation through the "one true religion". So these and other questions have been addressed at www.worshipJehovah.org from where they are available as an appendix.

In closing, let us give our thanks to

**Almighty God,
our Heavenly Father**

for revealing through His Holy Spirit the beauty and the simplicity of His Divine Rescue.

Amen

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