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PART 2: THE GREAT RESCUE OPERATION

THE GREAT RESCUE OPERATION

Jesus is God's great rescue operation. **John 3:12-21**

But this was not revealed to Adam; instead, he was given a promise of salvation that would come sometime in the future. This rescue from sin was not revealed until Jesus had been resurrected. **Genesis 3:15**

REVELATION GIVEN TO ENOCH

The next revelation of salvation was given to Enoch who lived before the flood (born around 3,494 B.C.). This man walked in the righteousness of God and the Bible gives a strong testimony of his life. **Genesis 5:18-23; Hebrews 11:5**

Here is what Enoch wrote about the salvation to come:

“...At that hour, that the Son of Man was given a name, in the presence of the Lord of the Spirits, the Before-Time; even before the creation of the sun and the moon, before the creation of the stars, he was given a name in the presence of the Lord of Spirits.

He will become a staff for the righteous ones in order that they may lean on him and not fall. He is the light of the gentiles and he will become the hope of those who are sick in their hearts. All those who dwell upon the earth shall fall and worship before him; they shall glorify, bless, and sing the name of the Lord of Spirits. For this purpose he became the Chosen One; he was concealed in the presence of the Lord of Spirits prior to the creation of the world, and for eternity.

And he has revealed the wisdom of the Lord of the Spirits to the righteous and the holy ones, for he has preserved the portion of the righteous because they have hated and despised this world of oppression and its ways of life and its habits in the name of the Lord of Spirits; and because they will be saved in his name and it is his good pleasure that they have life...” **1 Enoch 48:2-8**

“...In those days, there will be a change for the holy and the righteous ones and the light of days shall rest upon them; and glory and honor shall be given back to the holy ones, on the day of weariness. He heaped evil upon the sinners; but the righteous ones shall be victorious in the name of the Lord of Spirits. He will cause the others to see this so that they can repent and forsake the deeds of their hands. There shall not be honor until them in the name of the Lord of Spirits.



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But through his name they shall be saved, and the Lord of the Spirits shall have mercy upon them, for his mercy is considerable. He is righteous in his judgment and in the glory that is before him..." **1 Enoch 50:1-4**

Portions of the Enoch's two books have been quoted by Moses, Jesus and Jude and become part of the Bible. The above quotes from First Enoch are in complete harmony with the Bible and give a deeper understanding about the coming Redeemer who we now know as Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Job lived at the same time of Abraham (around 2160 B.C.) but was of no relation; he had a full knowledge that his Redeemer lived and that he would be resurrected. The account of creation found in Genesis had been preserved by Noah and so had the books of Enoch. Once we have this knowledge, it is easier to understand Job's confidence. **Job 13:15-16; 19:25-27**

REVELATION GIVEN TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The prophet Isaiah was born around 766 B.C., some 2,728 years after Enoch. During his lifetime, Isaiah was given revelation knowledge of the coming Redeemer but not how the atonement would be accepted by God the Father. **Isaiah 53:1-10**

JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNOUNCES THE COMING REDEEMER

John the Baptist was a second cousin to Jesus since their mothers were cousins. **Luke 1:34-36)**

John began to speak that the Redeemer had finally arrived and was setting up his Kingdom. **Matthew 3:1-12; John 1:19-34**

The great rescue operation had finally begun and John the Baptist was the first preacher to announce the good news to the people in Judah.

DID JESUS HAVE A PROGRAM FOR HIS MISSION?

In order to do the works of God on this earth, we need to know what kind of program Jesus set up for Himself and His disciples. Jesus mentioned it immediately after He had been tempted by Satan in **Luke 4:14-21** when He quoted the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD..." (Isaiah 61:1-2a)

Jesus came to:

- ❖ **Preach the Gospel**
- ❖ **Heal the brokenhearted**
- ❖ **Preach deliverance to the captives**

- ❖ **Heal the blind**
- ❖ **Heal people with emotional problems**
- ❖ **To preach that God will forgive**

The people filled their hearts with hate instead of joy. **Luke 4:22-30**

Jesus repeated His program and made it clear as He called the apostles and told them what was expected of them. He also applied this to the 70 other men who were part of his ministry. **Matthew 10:1; 5-8; Luke 9:1-2; 10:1-2, 9, 17-22**

ARE YOU A PART OF THE GREAT RESCUE OPERATION?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?