Isaiah 52:1-12 God's Plan of Redemption for Zion and Jerusalem

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- 1 Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you.
- ² Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion!
- 3 For thus says the Lord:
- "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money."
- 4 For thus says the Lord God:
- "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
- ⁵ Now therefore, what have I here," says the Lord, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the Lord," And My name is blasphemed continually every day.
- ⁶ Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.'"
- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- 8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the Lord brings back Zion.
- 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 The Lord has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.
- Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the Lord.
- 12 For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

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For thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

- "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." [Isaiah 52:1-3]
- ❖ To encourage His people Israel to return to Him, Yahweh revealed His plan for the Kingdom age of peace and prosperity.

- ♦ This will be a time when Gentiles will no longer occupy Jerusalem and oppress the people of Israel.
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- ❖ Yahweh spans the history of His people Israel by reminding them of their oppression when slaves in Egypt, when the Assyrians carried away the northern kingdom of Israel, and the future scattering of Judah to the ends of the earth by the Babylonians, Greeks, and finally the Romans.
- ♦ They were not purchased as slaves, but carried away as spoils of war.
- ♦ The nations to which they were scattered oppressed them.
- ♦ The name of Yahweh, the God of the oppressed people, is blasphemed continually.
- ❖ Looking forward to the time of the Kingdom, Yahweh speaks of the fact that His people who are found in the Kingdom will certainly know the Name of their God and that He is their Savior Who declared this promise of hope long before it is fulfilled.
- ➡ How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Elohayik (Your God) reigns!"

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- ♦ The feet of the messenger who announces to the people of Israel that their God reigns in Zion over all the earth will be well received and considered as beautiful.
- ♦ This message introducing the Kingdom of God on earth will be perceived as a proclamation of peace, good tidings of good things, the Salvation of all people, thus Salvation will be truly seen and realized.
- ♦ When Yahweh restores Zion and brings back His people, they will finally be in unity of heart seeing eye to eye.
- ♦ The Kingdom age will be a time of singing and rejoicing.
- ♦ That is the time when God will have comforted His people whom He has redeemed.
- ♦ The Power of Yahweh will be obvious to all nations both Israel and Gentile.
- ♦ All the earth will be restored and experientially see the Salvation of Eloheynu (our God) which will be clearly perceived throughout the Kingdom age.
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 - For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For Yahweh (the Lord) will go before you, And Elohey Yisrael (the God of Israel) will be your rear guard. [Isaiah 52:11-12]
 - → Yahweh calls His people to leave the lands of their captivity, touch nothing unclean, and be sanctified for the service of Yahweh.
 - ❖ At the appointed time, it will not be in haste but by the move of Yahweh Himself.