

# LET THE REDEEMED

## PRAISE THE LORD!

**KUMI 'ORI! = Arise! Shine!**

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**For your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen  
upon you!**

**(Isa. 60.1)**

Why can the “redeemed” rejoice this way? Because Yeshua HaMaschiach (Jesus the Christ) has enabled those who believe His message, to participate with a clear conscience in His glorious redemption. The promises contained in the Old Testament text then indeed apply to all who have invested faith in the crucified, risen Jesus (Yeshua) for His sacrificial blood, shed on Calvary, has enabled one and all – therefore both Jew and Gentile – to be redeemed.

To be “redeemed” means that Christ our Lord has regained possession of his freed posterity, having paid the required price for their salvation (=a posterity that was promised to Abraham, namely as “father of many nations” for Christ himself is the seed of Abraham (Gal. 3.16). And the same would then go for His (Christ's) seed, namely ALL believers in Him.

More specifically, redemption means to recover something “as mortgaged property”, i.e. to receive it back and having then full ownership thereof. Another meaning would be to satisfy like a promissory note would serve its purpose. It further basically means “to set free”, to rescue or to ransom and in a theological sense of course, to rescue from sin and its penalties. To fulfil a pledge, like with an oath or promise and just as Jesus (Yeshua) rightly had taken upon Himself, i.e. on man's behalf :

(Ps. 40.6-10) “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced (opened); burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require

(sinful man rationalized God's prescriptive commands and conditions to such an extent that, eventually, what was left of divinely inspired do's and don'ts, was a mere ritualistic form of worship and which, eventually, became so bland and superficial that God just had to drastically intervene in order to bring about true salvation/redemption, something that not just coincidentally fell in place with Christ's coming in the flesh, but which turning point in Israel's history was indeed foretold by God's prophets of old) :

.... Then I said (clearly here speaking of God's Son in his pre-existence) ...Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll (Septuagint or Torah and the Prophets) ...I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart” (TCR, NIV).

Gathering from the aforesaid, Jesus/Yeshua was then born with a definite purpose in mind, namely to engrave the moral and ethical laws contained in Torah on our hearts - the Law of Moses and which would then have been those written laws affecting mainly man's conscience and moral conduct (Heb. 4). And this engraving on the tables of man's heart, was indeed brought about by one perfect sacrifice for the word only in the mouth/in verbal confession, could not work redemption.

Redemption, then also means a true Sabbath rest which those who did not want to or who could not succeed in conforming to God's requirements, i.e. through weakness of soul and spirit, could then not attain and they therefore continually failed to obey God's required prescriptions (Consult the dedicated Apostle Paul's directive given in this regard in his *Letter to the Hebrews* (Chapter 4).

Redemption further means that our Saviour has come to set us completely free from the shackles of continual trespassing, requiring of course of any “good” Israelite to recurrently make amends by bringing the appropriate sacrifice every time to God, yet never getting rid of that sinful “inner nature”, those innate leniencies compelling man to ever so quickly succumb to temptation and sinful conduct. And because Jesus (Yeshua) who carried the laws of God within his heart, could fulfil the (salvation) promise contained amongst others in Ps 40, namely to the proverbial “bitter end” - He emptied the cup that was given Him by His Father in Gethsemane fully on Calvary (Isa 53; Jn 17), therefore paying our ransom fully and completely - you and I can indeed lay claim to redemption!

Note that none of us earned redemption ourselves – that is through piety of soul and spirit – but it was all paid on our behalf by the compassionate Jesus/Yeshua (Paul's *Letter to the Hebrews* is explicit on this, Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10). “Redemption” is then something we may apply to ourselves via the Cross, but the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ (Yeshua HaMaschiach) cannot be claimed in the same manner, i.e. as though we can redeem ourselves by virtue of mere ritual performance, for “redemption”, in order to carry God's approval, requires a definite blood sacrifice. And not just any sacrifice, but a sacrifice brought by a righteous redeemer and who would then have to be approved by God who gave the commandments.

And this is where Ps 40 correlates so neatly with Jesus/Yeshua's coming in the flesh for He came (1) to His own and, (2) as God's Son and Messenger (Phil. 2; Heb. 10; Jn 1; 1 Jn 1; 1 Jn 4; 1 Tim. 3.16).

Fact is, we, human beings, needed a Saviour to redeem us and who was able to pay the mortgage of sin that was held against our names, namely that liability that had to be settled but which is something man could also not himself have done! Considering this statement properly and from all angles, we should realize the great debt we are owing Jesus (Yeshua) yet all He so kindly requires of us in return is to come unto Him for this will give us everlasting spiritual rest ("Come unto me you who are heavy laden for I will give you rest").

The price of salvation was then fully and completely paid for us and therefore we can indeed **rise and shine** in God's presence for Jesus the Christ/Yeshua HaMaschiach is indeed our righteousness (Rom. 1.17; Rom. 3.25-26; Rom. 9.30; Rom. 10.4 – everybody drank from the same spiritual (righteous) rock and this rock was Christ (Paul); Gal. 2.21; Phil. 3.9; Ja 1.20; 1 Jn 2.29; Rev. 19.8). "Righteousness" then implies having a right standing with God (=doing what God demands in His Word of us in a just and Biblically proper way).

Redemption and righteousness dovetail for man can indeed not "work" the righteousness of God by imposing God's will on others, even through anger and trying to prove one's zeal for God and His cause this way (Ja 1.20 *seems* to enhance this idea). Redemption then required by God entails something deeper than mere words, even pious actions. It indeed requires a spiritual reawakening and complete renewal of the mind and spirit within man and this only Christ's redemptive work on the Cross could have accomplished (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 2.12-16).

Christ then, through His saving grace (compassion and mercy) worked for us redemption on the Cross in love and obedience to God His Father. We humans then did not in the least earn this act of loving kindness (=redemption) for we were not able to work it for ourselves and Jesus then had to do it for us. He alone could accomplish the impossible for us for fallen man, even including those under the covering of the law yet who could not succeed in keeping all the precepts of the law as God had prescribed them. Man generally was then in need of redemption and more so those who were called by the Name of the Lord. They were called to be holy (Lev. 11.45; Lev. 19.2; 1 Ch 16.10)

A perfect blood sacrifice alone could satisfy the strict demands of the law and this was then, in accordance with Ps 40, the type of redemption that only the Son of God was able to bring. Had this not been the case, the promised Son (the Messiah) would have been a farce. The designations of "redeemer" and "deliverer" (Messiah) are one and the same and therefore true redemption - cleansing the soul from within with a blood sacrifice and bringing forth a new creature serving the most High God in Christ (in God's Anointed) - could only be worked by God's chosen Messiah (Rom. 12.2; Tit. 3.5; Deut. 18.18-19).

And through redemption fully attained by Christ in His own body on the Cross, you and I have made peace with God and He with us.

Man's restless spirit has at last found rest in God through Jesus Christ our precious Savior and Lord – willingly forsaking, since the Cross was planted, our sins and sinful habits for disobedience does not rule our hearts and minds anymore! We have therefore indeed been REDEEMED from the shackles of satan for Christ paid the full price for our redemption through His shed blood (Acts. 10.38).

Therefore those who have found Christ via the Cross can confidently step into that precious, enduring Fountain of Life, getting washed in this cleansing flood continually. It is a fountain that will never dry up! Come then and drink of the waters that are, to this day, offered freely for you and me for these living waters continually flow out to every soul yearning for redemption to this day (Isa. 55)! Christ Jesus (Yeshua HaMaschiach) is then forever the same, loving, caring Saviour who came to save sinners (Heb. 13.8; 1 Tim. 1.15)! Should we forget that we too had been sinners before we came to Christ, we will of course deny REDEMPTION by the blood of the Lamb!

Because of Jesus' act of loving kindness we have then indeed been reconciled unto God His Father. He was the One who, through the blood cord He held out on Calvary, could save the sinner just as Rahab and her people were saved when Jericho was destroyed!

Jesus bridged the gap between us and God when He reconciled us unto God, His Father, through His untainted shed blood ( Lev. 6.30; Col. 1.20-21; 2 Cor. 5.18-19; Rom. 5.10; See also Lev. 8.15; 2 Ch 29.24 being a typology of Christ's sacrificial blood in order to bring about reconciliation for man between God and him; See also Ez. 45.15 & 17 noting that a blood offering works reconciliation between God and man. Reconciliation is atonement; Dan. 9.24; Heb. 2.17 : Christ making reconciliation for the sins of the people...”

Sinful man was then indebted to God as He was obligated to serve God His Creator in righteousness and holiness (to bring Him glory and praise, performing His statutes and commandments). Yet sinful man failed time and time again even loosing God's image in the Garden (true righteousness and holiness, Eph. 4.22-23).

However, through redemption we have been empowered to attain (in and through Jesus the Christ/Yeshua HaMaschiach) righteousness and holiness. Therefore we can now live in spiritual victory being able, through the grace of our Lord and Savior, to separate ourselves from the spirit of a decadent world, yet always acting, in accordance with Paul's directive, in wisdom. As our conscience have been awakened through redemption, we know what Christ desires of us for we just know that we can only be victorious IN HIM. Our actions and our deeds will then, as we keep growing in Christ, agree more and more with what God desires of us for true redemption always contains the seed of spiritual growth.

According to *Standard Dictionary International Edition* Funk and Wagnalls Co (Vol. 2, p. 1056) redemption also means the payment of a debtor obligation; specifically the paying of the value of its notes, warrants, etc., by a government - the latter then implying that the debt must or is paid by a higher authority, something to consider when it comes to spiritual redemption wrought for us by God's Son, our Saviour.

Theologically, redemption is Salvation, i.e. being released from the clutches of sin through atonement wrought by Christ on the Cross (who is indeed the first in everything, i.e. him acting always as the salient authority just as Paul rightly states in his letters for He worked redemption (=salvation) for us eternally!

Jesus Christ then did not at all come to redeem himself for He did not need redemption but He worked redemption on the Cross as our “righteousness”! In and through Him and His mediation on the Cross, He reconciled us unto God His Father once and for all. Those who then reject faith in Jesus the Christ/ Yeshua HaMaschiach have dislodged themselves from redemption for man cannot and will never be able to work redemption for himself! It cost the Father's decision, namely to send His Son into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1.15)!

Therefore, let the redeemed NOW rise and shine!

KUMI 'ORI, is the message brought freely to you and so that you will again acquire that right standing in Christ. This is where Christ wants all of us!

REMEMBER!

The Year of Jubilee was the year when the slaves (the captives) were set free.

You and I are redeemed! The bondage of being held captive in slavery to sin and separation from God was broken by our precious and only Lord Jesus (Yeshua HaMaschiach) on the Cross of Calvary.

Let the redeemed step forward to worship in one accord!

Let us dance and praise before the Lord for He has been good to us!

Let us offer our sacrifices of prayer and jubilation for we have surety that our sins have been washed away and our spirits have been unshackled from satan's control (Acts 10.38; 1 Jn 1.7-9).

Let us thank God exalting His faithfulness and moving then with confidence into the Presence of the Almighty for He has sent us Jesus (Yeshua) to

redeem us (Jn 1; Phil. 2). Thank God for precious redemption for without this ultimate and complete blessing we would still have been clothed in sin and iniquity (Isa. 53).

However, now we have been set free to worship our God with a clean conscience, walking in the path of light of redemption. And because we, both Jewish and Christian believers in Jesus/Yeshua HaMaschiach are redeemed, we can indeed arise and shine for our God, laying claim to the full blessing we have in and through the Son of God.

Gentile Christians are therefore also able to apply the Old Testament (the Scriptures), i.e. to bolster their faith in a living God, for these Scriptures carry the seal of God's Holy Spirit reality and they indeed breathe with eternal Life, also going out to the Gentile believers in Jesus/Yeshua for we are now living in the Year of Grace! (Isa. 61; Isa 55.5). Yeshua HaMaschiach (Jesus the Christ) is indeed the very important bridge between God's Old Testament flock and His New Covenantal followers, a precious, righteous era which dawned with Christ's coming into the flesh, namely *at the right time* (Gal. 4).

The Scriptures are then indeed not only applicable to God's Old Testament People – a People of God indeed separated unto God via statutes and commands - but Jesus/ Yeshua came to once and for all break down the strong barrier of alienation (the wall of separation, Paul in Eph. 2.14) between Gentile and Jew, redeeming all alike, i.e. in and through one, precious, perfect blood sacrifice and so that all of us, before Him in whom there is no shadow of turning, can confidently rejoice!

God then required a perfect, unblemished blood sacrifice and that Jesus/Yeshua, His Son, indeed brought for the law was engraved within Him and for this very reason He could bring the required “redemption” for man on Calvary (Isa. 53)! This was the very necessary first phase of redemption, i.e. before the people of Israel will be able to, once again, as a redeemed people, experience their former glory and when the reign of Messiah within their midst will fully be restored by God Himself .

Without this “first-phase redemption”(=with the Jewish nation in mind) entailing the blood atonement wrought by Jesus/Yeshua on a Roman Cross (Isa 53!) for one and all, Israel's desire to taste restoration of her former glory, i.e. as a nation called to serve the living Most High God ages before the New and Better Covenant was established by the Son of God made flesh, would not have been able to materialize (in other words, it would not be able to take place in time to come) for redemption extending to all nations, had to be dealt with by God Most High first and foremost (See Paul on Israel's future, Rom. 11). Therefore we are now expectantly awaiting the day of Yeshua's (Jesus') return, i.e. to deliver His People and reintroducing Himself to them as their great Messiah (Dan. 12; Zech. 13.6 portraying Him as the One who wrought redemption on Calvary and therefore showing His People the scars in His hands whereas Dan. 12 brings Him as their great Warrior God from of old, namely as Michael – He who is equal to God – Compare Paul, Phil. 2 with the former in mind) .

Let those who feel sad and who are mourning, then lift up their heads for God is a compassionate, kind and forgiving God and He has given us Jesus (Yeshua) serving now before God the Father, namely the Most High God, as our Great Advocate, interceding for us 24/7 at God the Father's right-hand (Heb. 4; Heb. 7.25).

### **Kumi 'Ori! Arise! And Shine!**

For your redemption was not bought with silver or gold but by the precious blood of Jesus our Lord (Yeshua our Adon).

### **Hallelujah! He is indeed our righteousness!**

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**To help us forgive and to move on in HIM**

**To forsake all foreign gods and so that He will grow stronger for us by the day**

**To help us overcome sinful habits forsaking everything that separates us from Him who is surely coming again on the clouds of heaven**

**To, RISE and SHINE for Jesus/Yeshua our precious one and only Lord and Messiah!**

And to receive God's blessing continually, let's bless Israel and pray for them so that God can reveal Himself all the more stronger to them as their mighty God of old! (Gen. 17.5; Gen. 12.2-3)

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