

# The Great Rescue

## PART 3: Escape from Jerusalem

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*The Great Rescue* is a series of stories that lead up to and include the Second Coming of Christ. If you have not read the first two parts of *The Great Rescue*, you should go back and read *Trapped in Jerusalem* and *God Moves a Mountain*.



Glimpses of the sunrise were just appearing in Jerusalem when Preacher arrived back at the IDF command post.

“I need to speak with the general right away,” shouted Preacher.

“He’s in an urgent meeting with the staff about the explosions this morning,” responded the sentry on duty.

“That’s what I need to talk to him about. Interrupt them!” demanded Preacher, “Our survival is at stake!”

Preacher was ushered into the command office where the general and several other officers were meeting. “What’s so all fired important Corporal?” asked the general.

“General, Sir, I am reporting from the recon team sent out last night to gather enemy intel,” said Preacher. “Just as we were moving in on their headquarters office, the earth beneath our feet began to shake so violently it knocked us to the ground. When the dust settled Sergeant Jones moved unchallenged into the rubble of the GUN headquarters office. It was there that he

discovered Antichrist's new plan of attack. We have got to get our troops and our people out of the city immediately!"

"And just how do you suppose that we do that?" questioned the general. "Since the city is completely cut off."

"God has provided a way of escape. He has again parted the sea" replied Preacher in his best preacher voice.

"Talk sense, Corporal!" shouted the general.

"The ground trembling this morning – that was no bomb or earthquake. That was God splitting the Mount of Olives right down the middle, just like He parted the Red Sea for His people to escape Egypt," explained Preacher. "We can safely move everyone in the city out through the split in the mountain."

Preacher continued, "That's the good news. The bad news is Antichrist has found out that most of our people are hiding out in Bozrah, and he is headed there now to destroy them. Sarge and the recon team are trying to outrun them to Bozrah to warn the people."

"If Antichrist's army has moved out it may be better to just hold our people right here in the city," responded Captain Epstein.

Preacher quickly answered, "That might work Sir, but we also found out that Antichrist ordered all of his remaining army out of Babylon. Apparently the plan was to bring everything he had against Jerusalem. Shortly after the troops pulled out, Babylon was attacked and destroyed by Gentile forces. Meantime, Antichrist is headed to Bozrah and the thousands of reinforcements from Babylon are staging in the south for a massive attack on the city. They plan to wipe out everyone in Jerusalem and Bozrah."

The general began shouting orders to the officers in the room, "You heard the corporal! Let's clear every sector of the city still occupied by our people. Get them moving toward the old city and into the Mount. Captain Johns, move your men into position to slow down the enemy forces on the south. Try to lead them north into the city. Just before dark, pull your men back to join us near the old city wall and into the split. Captain Epstein, take your troops and move through the Mount clearing any of the enemy that might still be there. After you have cleared the way, move with all haste to Bozrah and hope we are not too late."

"General, sir. Permission to join Captain Epstein. I have family and friends in Bozrah," requested Preacher.

"Don't we all Corporal, don't we all. Permission granted," replied the general.

Many still in the city were sick, feeble, or disabled or they would have already gone to Bozrah when they had the chance. Their caregivers boarded them on buses, automobiles, and trucks to transport them to the Mount. The able-bodied went on bicycle or on foot. It was quite a sight to see the large buses and other vehicles disappearing into the mount. The people were fearful but were encouraged by the Rabbis and the evangelists who quoted Hosea the prophet, "*Let us return to Jehovah, He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has smitten us, but He will bind us up.*" God has brought us to repentance, and He will not allow His people to perish." Together the people were praying, "Come quickly LORD Jesus."

1500 hours: The Rabbis were assembled with most of the people at the old city wall offering prayers of deliverance for the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Bozrah.

The Rabbis repeated the prayers almost in unison, "Oh LORD we have sinned and turned our back on the true Messiah. As our prophet Isaiah prayed, '*All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to*

*fall on Him.*’ Deliver us Oh LORD from the hands of our enemies. Come quickly LORD Jesus. Blessed is the Savior who comes in the name of the LORD.”

1600 hours: as the gun battles were raging and getting closer by the minute, some of the Rabbis began leading the people through the split in the Mount of Olives while others remained at the wall continuing to pray.

Captain Johns and his men were encountering a constant barrage from the enemy. The GUN reinforcements were attacking in full force. The defenders were outnumbered twenty to one but were doing a miraculous job slowing down the enemy advance. Their strategy was hold then retreat, hold then retreat, until time to join the people at the Mount of Olives. Hopefully, the enemy forces would not catch on until everyone was safely in the split of the mount.

1630 hours: Captain Johns issued orders, “Sergeant Ezran, pull your troops back to the old wall. Sergeant Reeves, you will hold your men here to provide cover, then you will meet us at the wall. From there we will move into the entrance of the split and make our stand there.”

“Yes sir,” responded both men as they hurried away to join their troops.

1655 hours: Arriving at the wall. “Why are you and the other Rabbis still here?” asked Captain Johns.

“We are here to hold you and your men up before our LORD,” answered Rabbi Benjamin.

“Your prayers were heard Rabbi. Our LORD protected us, and we suffered no casualties in some of the most intense fighting that I have ever experienced. Our troops fought with the strength of David’s mighty men,” said Captain Johns.

“Praise our LORD Jesus! We prayed for strength and courage and that He would guide the bullets of our enemy to do no harm to His children,” answered Rabbi Benjamin.

“Well, keep on praying, Rabbi, but do it while you and the others move into the Mount,” commanded the captain. “This fight is not over yet. Our troops will take position at the entrance and overhead on the Mount.”

“God knows how to move a mountain, Captain. There is no need to cover the overhead. The split is in such a way that our people cannot even be seen from overhead. They are safe in the Mount,” proclaimed Rabbi Benjamin.

“Great,” replied Captain Johns, “We will protect the entrance. No one is getting in.”

17:22 hours: Sergeant Reeves and his men reach the wall.

“How far back is the enemy?” asked Captain Johns.

“I would estimate less than an hour before they figure out which way we went,” answered Sergeant Reeves.

“We don’t have much daylight left,” said Captain Johns.” I expect they will wait until dawn and hit us with everything they’ve got when they think we’re blocked in by the Mount and Antichrist’s men. They don’t know that most of the enemy troops who weren’t killed when the Mount split ran away to the valley beyond the Mount.”

“Yes, they will be surprised when they get here and we’re gone,” said Sergeant Reeves.

“We will be gone, Sergeant, but the explosives we set will be here waiting for them,” said Captain Johns.

“Reeves, take your men and dig in at the base of the Mount and stay out of sight,” ordered Captain Johns.

“Sergeant Ezran is positioned on the high ground on both sides of the split. I don’t expect them to attack tonight but we will be ready if they do. I will stay here as long as I can to

detonate the explosives we planted. It won't stop them, but it will slow them down," explained Captain Johns.

As darkness fell on Jerusalem with the people safe in the Mount, Captain Johns wondered how long they could stand against such a large heavily armed enemy force. He sat silently in the darkness praying a brave but desperate soldier's prayer, "O Jehovah, Lord Jesus, your enemies are at our door. They seek our complete destruction. Give me courage and strength to stand against those who come against your people. You and you alone O Lord can deliver us from this wickedness. Come Quickly, Lord Jesus."

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