

A night sky with a star and a manger. The sky is dark green and black, filled with numerous small white stars. A bright star with a four-pointed flare is positioned in the upper center. Below it, a manger filled with straw is visible, illuminated from within. The manger is a simple wooden structure with a flat top and a central opening. The straw inside is a warm, golden-brown color. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the nativity.

VICTORY
IN JESUS

COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE

Romans 8:22-23 (ESV)

22 ... the whole creation has been groaning together ...until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Free from

1. The GUILT of sin (Forgiveness)
2. The Presence of Sin (Perfection)
3. The Effects of Sin (Bliss)

Future Glory

- 1. TRIUMPHANT return**
- 2. Eternal Kingdom**
- 3. Reward of His saints**

Victory = 1st + 2nd Advents

Hebrews 9:26, 28

1st Advent =

**26 ... But as it is, he has appeared
once for all at the end of the ages to
put away sin by the sacrifice of
himself.....**

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Hebrews 9:26, 28

2nd Advent =

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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“Faith in Jesus without the expectation of His Parousia is a cheque that is never cashed, a promise that is not made in earnest. A faith in Christ without the expectation of a Parousia is like a flight of stairs that leads nowhere, but ends

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in the void...without the Coming of the Lord in glory, the new life remains in concealment; there is no consummation for the unredeemed world.”

The Christian Doctrine of the Church, Faith, and the Consummation of Dogmatics: Vol. III

Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

Comfort for God's People

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,

Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

² that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ *A voice cries:*

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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**4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be
made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.**

Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

**⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

“Warfare was an inescapable part of national existence.”

John D. W. Watts, vol. 25, Word Biblical Commentary : Isaiah 34-66, Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 2002), 80.

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How do we get Comfort?

1. Believe God's promises
2. Repent of your sins
3. Hope for the future

Biblical Pattern

Believe, Repent, Hope, Experience, See

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Romans 8:28-30 (ESV)

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:28-30 (ESV)

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Isaiah 25:8 (ESV)

**⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears
from all faces, and the reproach of his
people he will take away from all the
earth, for the Lord has spoken.**