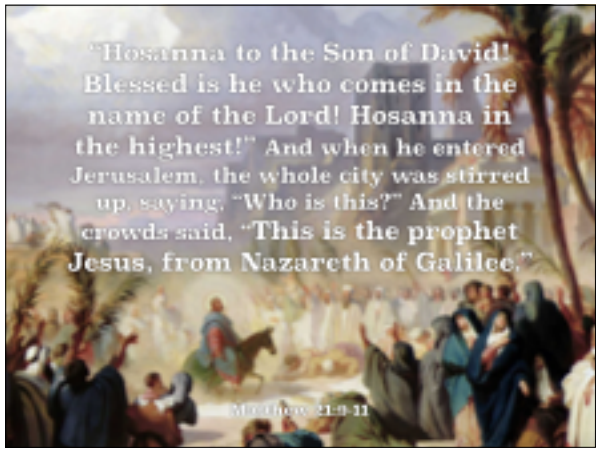


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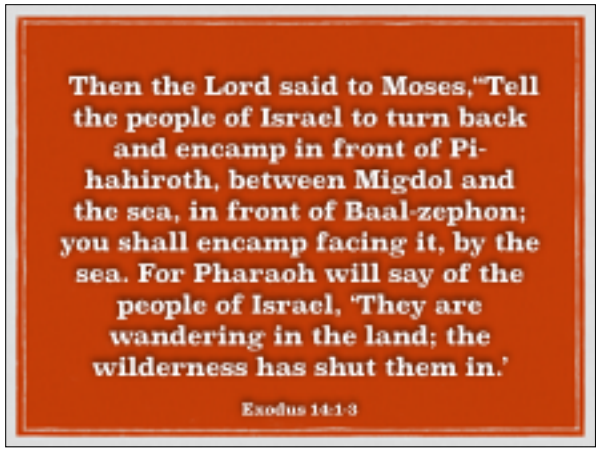
Oh Kaaro
Good morning



And so the people gathered their families, their livestock, their children and headed out. Cries of Freedom. Tears of Joy. Shouts of praise and rejoicing, because they were finally set free from the slavery of the Egyptians. No longer would they be downtrodden, and kicked aside as they had been for so many years. For they were no longer a tribe, but they were a people, destined for a new land, a new home.



And the people cried out, ""Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matthew 21:9-11). They lowered palm branches, they celebrated this coming king - he who was the prophet, who would overthrow the roman empire and bring back the Jewish nation.

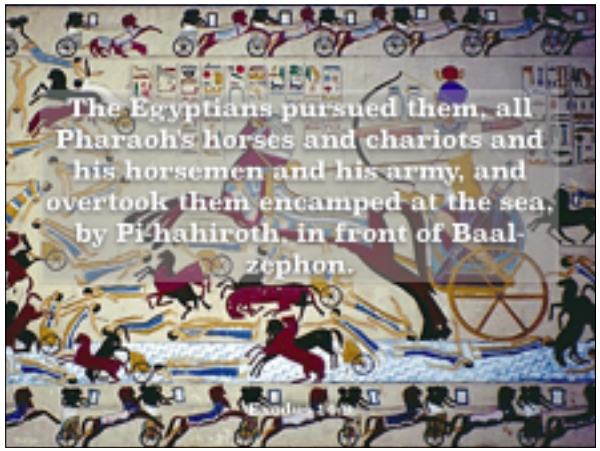


But the Lord led the people back around again, and to camp in front of the sea. He knew they would not have the courage to wage war against the Philistines. He knew their hearts and wills were too weak to face war. So he brought them around, and into the wilderness, camping them before the Red Sea.



He was betrayed by one of his closest, and doubt set in amongst the people. Some who had proclaimed Hosanna to the Son of David, now cried out to crucify Him. For God knew the heart of man was fickle, full of selfishness and pride. The heart of man was tainted by sin. A human king would never be able to lead these people. No, the root of the problem went much deeper.

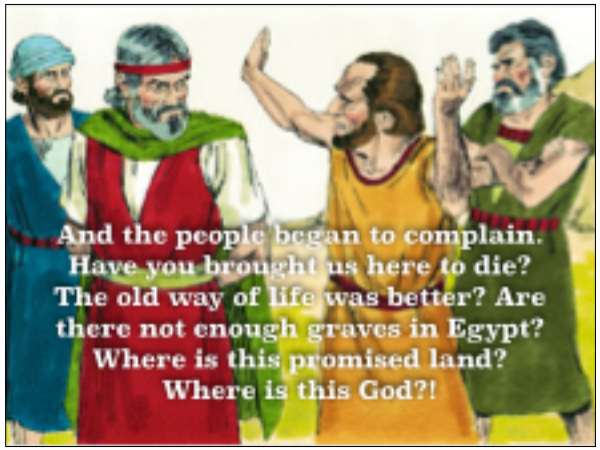
Sin reigned in their hearts. And an earthly king could not heal a spiritual problem.



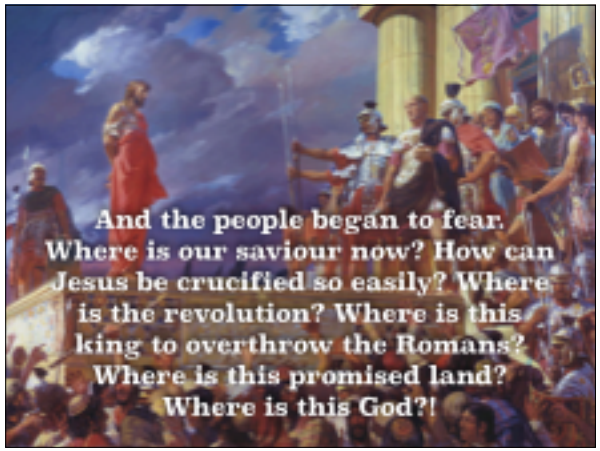
And the Egyptians, regretting letting the people go. They would not let them go so easily. These people were their slaves. So they gathered 600 of their chariots. they called together their army. And they went to pursue and overtake the Israelites. Trapped between the Red Sea and the Army of the Egyptians. There is no way out.



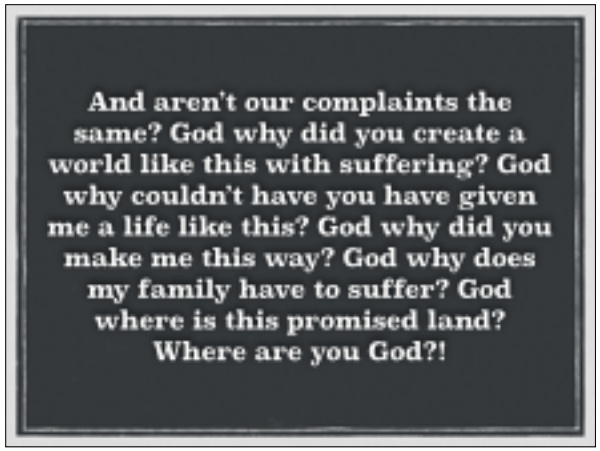
And Jesus, taken before Pilate, was condemned to die. The Pharisees, and Jesus' enemies had conspired to condemn this innocent man to death. They would not let him live. This "king" would never reign over them. His death would end their problems. There was no way out.



And the people began to complain. Have you brought us here to die? The old way of life was better? Are there not enough graves in Egypt? Where is this promised land? Where is this God?!



And the people began to fear. Where is our saviour now? How can Jesus be crucified so easily? Where is the revolution? Where is this king to overthrow the Romans? Where is this promised land? Where is this God?!



And aren't our complaints the same? God why did you create a world like this with suffering? God why couldn't have you have given me a life like this? God why did you make me this way? God why does my family have to suffer? God where is this promised land? Where are you God?!



But God does not defend himself. He does not need to. And Moses tells the people, "The Lord will fight for you."
The Lord will fight for you.
The Lord will fight for you!

The Lord will fight for you, you only need to be silent.
The Lord will fight for you, you only need to be still.



And Jesus hangs on the cross.
He fights against the sin of this world.
He fights against the sin of this people.
He fights against the sin of your heart.
He will defeat it.
He has defeated it.
He is defeating it.



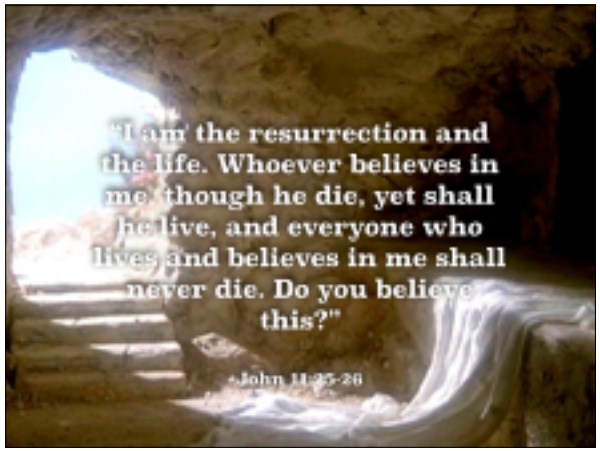
And Jesus hangs on the cross. And he cries out.
It is Finished
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"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord"

And God tells Moses to "Tell the people of Israel to go forward"
And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

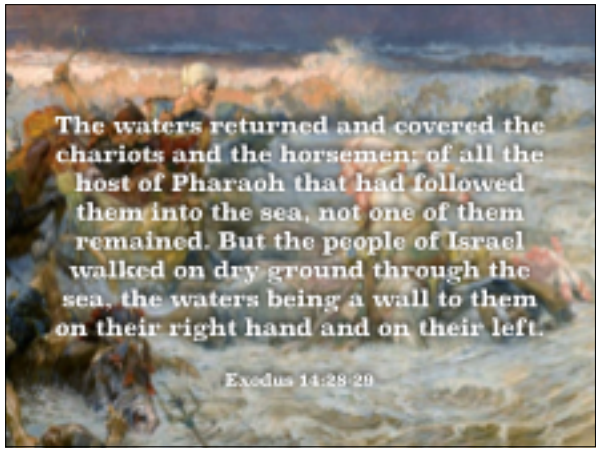
This sea should be their tomb, and yet here, it is parted. It is a pathway to the promised land, to a new journey and adventure, a new beginning with God.



And Jesus was crucified, dead and buried. He was placed in a tomb.
But he did not stay there.
"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26

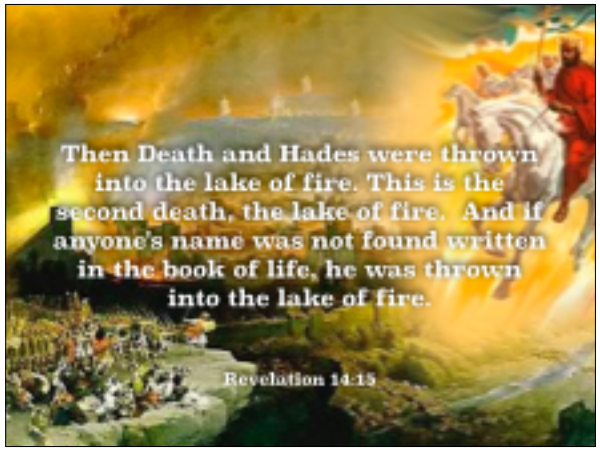
6" He is not here, for he has risen."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and



The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. 29 But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Exodus 14:28-29

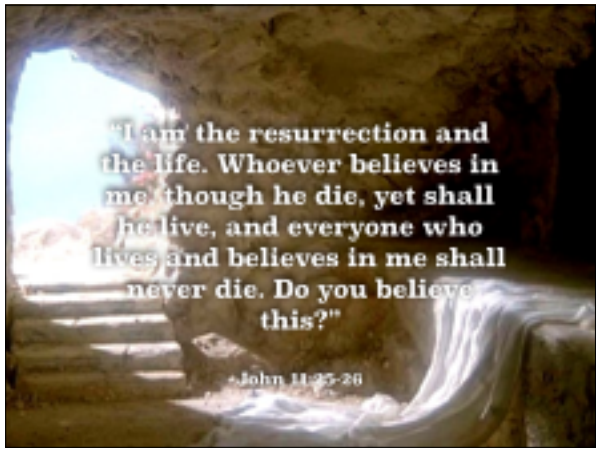
The enemies of the Lord were destroyed.
The horse and rider were cast into the sea.



And Jesus, defeated sin and death.
And the enemies of the Lord were cast into the sea.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
Revelation 14:15

And as Jesus resurrected, so he comes now as reigning conqueror. He is the coming King.



"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"



"The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it."

And as the Red Sea parted, and the curtain was torn from top to bottom, we who were once separated from life and we who were once separated from God the Father, are now brought into his kingdom and invited onto his journey.

We who were once slaves are now called children of God.
We who were once in darkness, are now in his light.
We who were now condemned, are now forgiven.



So why do still long for our days of Egypt,
why do we still complain against our God,
why do we still yearn for the things which hold us back,
why do we close our eyes to the life of God.

The Lord has fought for us.
The Lord is victorious.
The Lord is Risen!



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