A LIVING HOPE Part 4

CELEBRATE JOY! October 22, 2017

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The Southern Kingdom lasted about 334 years—or another 126 years.

I. JOY COMES FROM REVIVAL—BEING RIGHT WITH GOD.

Nehemiah 8:9-12 NKJV

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Joy is your fortification.

II. PETER SAYS "REJOICE!"

1 Peter 1:6-9 NKJV

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire

1 Peter 1:6-9 NKJV

may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love

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Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.

The joy of the Lord is your fortification, your defense, your reward.

III. KEEP LEAPING FOR JOY!

Rejoice with joy unspeakable, inexpressible.
The GREEK literally means you LEAP AND JUMP FOR JOY!

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THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL!

1 Peter 1:8-9 (Passion)

You love Him passionately although you did not see Him, but through believing in Him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory. For you are reaping the harvest of your faith-the full salvation promised you-your soul's victory!

1 Peter 1:8-9 (MSG)

8 You never saw Him, yet you love Him. You still don't see Him, yet you trust Himwith laughter and singing. 9 Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

CELEBRATE JESUS!

AND

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