



The History of His story

We will soon be celebrating the most significant time in all history—two millennia ago in Jerusalem:

*It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
Luke 23:44-46*

The cost God paid to set us free from slavery to sin was incredible, the sacrifice of his one and only son on the cross at Calvary. The torn curtain was proof that God had shredded forever the barrier that separated us from him. The penalty for your sin and mine was paid. But that is only part of the history. His story goes far back in time.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times...

*He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.
And he will be our peace...*

Micah 5:2-5a

Centuries passed before it became clear what keeping that promise would entail. It would require both the cross and the empty tomb—Jesus' death as payment for our sin, and his resurrection to declare his power over death.

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive...

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

May He be your peace this Easter!

Some praises and prayer requests:

- A big praise you already know about is the birth of Wesley Tate Krueger. He and mom Amber are both doing well, other than Wesley's yellow skin tone. Although jaundice is a common condition for newborns, we'd appreciate your prayers that it would clear up soon.
- Joanne is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on May 19. We'd appreciate your prayers for the doctor's skill, a smooth and successful surgery, and a full, uneventful recovery for Joanne.
- Praise for progress writing Translator's Notes on Micah. I finished the first draft of Micah 5 which is now in the hands of my editor. I've also gotten a start on Micah 6. Thankfully, the verses in chapter 6 have thus far not been highly debated by scholars, which makes the writing of the Notes a much smoother process.
- There are a number of ongoing Bible translation projects in the Philippines. One is the translation of the New Testament into Tagakaulo, a language group of about 120,000 people in the southern Philippines. Last year was difficult. A long-term member of the translation team (from the U.S.) died after a long battle with an autoimmune disease. His wife and other team members are now finishing the New Testament translation. COVID-19, added to the difficulty, but team members found ways to connect and work remotely. Some requests are for wisdom and stamina for the team and the consultant as they complete the New Testament translation, for God to guide the details of publication, and that the Tagakaulo New Testament will greatly impact both believing and not yet believing members of the community.
- Let's also continue to remember the people of the Ukraine in our prayers, especially that many would turn to the Lord in the midst of the pain and chaos, and that the Lord will continue to aid them in their struggle.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

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