



# REPENT AUSTRALIA

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

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## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

The new millennium is now a year old and well on its way. But what a period of uncertainty faces us. There is the awesome threat of worldwide terrorism and nuclear annihilation; the ecological concerns of pollution; the greenhouse effect and ozone destruction; the demographic problems of over-population and the spectre of massive starvation; and the threat of economic catastrophe as the nations grapple with ever-mounting debts that can never be repaid. Not to mention the frightening spread of AIDS in Third World countries, escalating crime that defies the best efforts of law-enforcement agencies in many nations, and the drug traffic that is destroying a good percentage of today's youth. What then are the responses to these apparently insurmountable problems? On the one hand optimists see great advances in scientific achievement especially through computerisation that will revolutionise our everyday lives and overcome all these problems, the exploration of space, co-operation among nations and ultimately a one world united and at peace. Others, however, forecast gloom and doom, a world destroyed by either a nuclear holocaust or environmental devastation. Just who is right? What does the future hold?

Throughout the ages human beings have desired to know what lies ahead in the future. Yet it has been denied us. Nevertheless the inerrant **Word of God** does not completely leave us in the dark. It reveals that this age of grace would come to an end at the return of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** to this earth. **JESUS** Himself promised He would indeed return to usher in a new age – not the Age of Aquarius, but His millennial reign on earth. He did not say exactly when He would come back but He and other writers of the Bible give some very good clues to when it would be. And those clues point very much to the present time. Never before during the last 2000 years have so many forsaken God and His ways that helped make their nations great. The peoples of the West have been beguiled by secular humanism and materialism so that personal comfort and ambition have become their gods. Consequently they have become hardened to spiritual values and the Western world has become a playground for the diabolical forces opposed to God. Now we see a rampant growth in false cults, witchcrafts, the occult, astrology, eastern religions, Satanism, yoga, drugs, immorality, hedonism and deviant sexual practices. Without any anchor of divine restraint – that we are accountable to God – we open ourselves to *anything!* Because of a lack of spiritual values the stability of life has been undermined and consequently a what-the-heck attitude is pervading society – nothing really matters, everything is meaningless. Many people are living today as though there were no tomorrow. The advent of the credit card has opened up a vast treasure house of "today" consumption. Get it now; pay later (if ever). We are swamping ourselves in debt. But this have-it-now mentality flies in the face of traditional values of thrift, patience, self-control and common sense. We must realise that the future will be what we make it today. Because **JESUS'** return seems long delayed we think He is not coming at all. But God is patient and long-suffering. He allows men, women and even children to mock, ignore, defy and reject Him, ever waiting for them to **repent and accept His Son as their Saviour**. Nevertheless He will not always tolerate mankind's disobedience! There comes a time when mercy yields to judgement!

When on this earth Jesus said that no one knows the hour or the day of His return. Yet He did speak of such apocalyptic signs as wars and rumours of wars, of nations rising against nation, of famines and earthquakes, of false prophets and false Christs, and of much backsliding from the faith. Moreover, there would be no

room for doubt when He *does* return to earth. He will not come back as a baby nor as a suffering servant giving His life on a cross. Neither will He again undergo the mocking, the scourging, and the cruel crown of thorns, the nails in His hands and feet nor the excruciating agony of crucifixion. He will not pay the price of man's salvation again. It has been paid once and for all: God's gift of eternal life by **His Grace, through Jesus Christ is freely offered to every one of us.** This time **JESUS** will come as a mighty Monarch, a King coming to reign. He warned, "If anyone says to you, 'He is in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:26,27). **Jesus'** return is imminent. Time is running out – fast! Men might make plans for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for "many are the plans in the heart of man, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21) And His timetable is right on schedule. The signs of **Jesus'** imminent return are all about us. His judgement is near. The Scriptures warn us that "when the **Lord Jesus** is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our **Lord Jesus.** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power on the day He comes to be glorified in His holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed." (2 Thess. 1:7-10) Yet He does not want anyone to perish. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) **Today is the day of salvation.** Today is the day to **accept Jesus as your Saviour and acknowledge Him as the Lord of Life.** Do this and you will wait expectantly, yes eagerly, for His return. Whatever the future holds you will have no fear, for you will know the **One** who holds the future in His hands. He is our eternal **Hope.** So get right with God before it is too late. **Remember, it's later than you think!**

#### **OUR PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, hallowed be Your Name. Abba Father, You are worthy of all power, honour, glory, praise and worship as our Almighty God, Creator of all things; the Source of our continuous provisions and Blood Covenant Protector from evil and sin; the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are our Lord God, and we love You with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our minds. We yield ourselves to You, Sovereign **Lord,** to be open vessels to dispense Your Gift of Grace to help lost souls enter the Kingdom of God. Thank You, **Lord,** that You have proven Your love to the world by sending Your Son, **Jesus,** to die on the cross in our place, and that He is now seated on Your right as our **Great High Priest** continually interceding for us to know Him personally in love and intimacy. We thank You too that we are joint heirs with Him to inherit the riches of God in **CHRIST JESUS.** Blessed Holy Spirit, help us to appropriate everything God has for us in order to get His work done and to be overcomers for our **LORD JESUS CHRIST.** Father, thank You for accepting us when we received **JESUS CHRIST** as our **Lord and Saviour,** for adopting us into Your family and for applying the perfect righteousness of **Christ** to us so that we are now justified and made complete in Him.

Blessed Holy Spirit, thank You for baptising us into the Body of **Christ** and anointing us for the Master's service. Lead us to pray into a deeper personal relationship with Him to dispense His immeasurable grace to the lost and needy. We put on the whole armour of **Christ** as we join in prayer in complete dependence upon You at all times. In the Name of the **Lord Jesus Christ** we bind and break the powers of Satan and take our place with **Christ** in the heavenlies against all the principalities and powers of darkness and claim His victory of salvation for the world on the cross. Omniscient Spirit, we yield to You in the prayer language to intercede for all leaders, citizens, migrants and refugees and families to **repent** uncompromisingly, to amend their ways, and find forgiveness, so they can face the Day without fear when God will judge the world in righteousness through the Man whom He has appointed, **JESUS CHRIST.** Father, embody us with the Spirit of humility and of forgiveness as we invite people who have every reason to be ashamed of their failures to come to **JESUS CHRIST** and receive Him as **SAVIOUR;** and to find in **Him** relief for their burdens and **hope** in the joy of living by His grace in His Kingdom. Holy Father, may Your omnipotent Spirit continue to help us abound in love one for another and for all, so that You may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, at the coming of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** as our **King of Glory** with all His saints. We fervently pray and ask all this in the majestic Name of **JESUS CHRIST.** Amen.

**R.A.:** Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen  
**[REJOICE & SHARE THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS]**