"SALVATION"

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1. Salvation means "deliverance" or "rescue". It can be from enemies Exo. 14:13; 1 Sam. 11:11-13; trouble Jer. 30:7; disease Isa 38:1,2,20, etc. God is the only saviour or deliverer, Hosea 13:4; Isa. 43:11; 45:21,22. Old Testament saints were saved by grace through faith, believing in God's word, just as we are, Gen. 15:1,6; Rom. 4:2-5. David also spoke of salvation by grace through faith, Rom. 4:6-8; Psa. 32:1,2,5. How did God accomplish this forgiveness when Ahad not yet died? Rev. 13:8; 1 Pet. 1:19,20; Rom. 3:23-27.

Several times the lord is called Israel's "redeemer". A redeemer is one who buys back. A law was set in Israel that when property fell into someone else's hands a kinsman to the person to whom the property originally belonged could redeem it or pay the price for it, Lev. 25:25; Exo. 6:6; Isa. 41:14; 44:6; 47:4; 63:9; Deut. 7:6-8. Jesus became flesh and blood that he might be a kinsman to man and redeem him from slavery to sin into which he was sold and become his redeemer, Rom. 7:14; 6:17; Titus 2:13,14; Gal. 4:4,5; 3:13; 1Co. 6:20; 7:23; 1 Pet. 1:18; Rev. 5:9; Acts. 20:28