



THE RETURN

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL DAY OF
PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

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A CALL TO REPENTANCE

Dear Friends,

WE STAND AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT in American history and world history. A juncture, that can permanently seal our nation's course and the course of world history, for bad or good, for calamity or redemption. America and much of western culture, were founded on a Biblical foundation stone, and have turned away—and even *against*—the foundation on which it was birthed. In the days after 9/11, people flocked to churches and it looked as if there could have been a spiritual revival and awakening. But it never came—because there was no *repentance*, turning back to God, no changing of course, no repenting.

WITHOUT REPENTANCE, without that turning, there can be no revival. So America fell even farther, spiritually, morally, away from God. We have driven God from our public squares, we have called what is good evil and what is sin, good, we have sacrificed the lives of over 60 million unborn children, and we now seek to do so up to the time of birth.

THE RETURN is for all believers who love the Lord, from all denominations and backgrounds—black, white, Hispanic, Asian, men, women, youth, children, Jew and Gentile. *Everyone*. Believers and leaders already on board with The Return include everyone from Pat Robertson to James Dobson, to Billy Graham's daughter Anne Graham Lotz, to Martin Luther King's niece Alveda King—and many, many more.

THE HOUR IS LATE—and the call is to all. To you parents, to lead your families in revival; to you ministers,

to lead your groups in revival; to you pastors, to lead your churches in revival; to you leaders to lead your organizations, your denominations, your people into revival. And if you're seeking God, then now is the time to come to him, or return to Him, and to come alongside.

THE MOVEMENT BEGINS NOW. In September, we are setting forth ten days, known from ancient times as the **DAYS OF AWE**—September 18 to September 28—a special time to intensify our prayers, intercession, repentance, and revival. It all begins on the Feast of Trumpets and concludes on the Day of Atonement. It will be as those ten days approach, their conclusion will come on the Day of Return—again, on Saturday, September 26.

SO NOW, IN VIEW OF THAT CALLING, and of the times in which we've been called and to which we have been appointed, and in view of the moment before us, let us rise to that call, let us take God at His word, let us do what He has called us to do, let us believe for great and mighty things, and let us each return and seek to live in revival and become messengers of revival. It is time to break up our fallow ground. It is time to seek the Lord as never before. The moment and chance we have before us now may never come again. *It is time to return.*

Your brothers and co-laborers in His love,
Jonathan Cahn & Kevin Jessip





*“When I shut up the heavens so
that there is no rain, or command
locusts to devour the land or send
a plague among my people.....”*

*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 I will
forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

2 CHRONICLES 7:13-14 (NIV)



ABOUT THE RETURN

WHAT

THE RETURN IS A MOVEMENT, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose—the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity, in prayer, and repentance. We pray that there will be intercession for our country, for each other, and for oneself, for God’s mercy, for the fulfillment of God’s purposes for the nations through repentative prayer, testimonies, worship, and declaration and decrees over the land.

WHY

America has in great measure departed from God and His ways. We have forgotten the rock upon which we were founded. In many instances we have removed God from our public squares, our culture, and our lives. It is written in the Scriptures that righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people and, further, that the ways of unrighteousness lead to judgment. However, the Scriptures also set forth that God is love and abounding in mercy and that all who come before Him to seek for His mercy will find it—and that in repentance and return will come forgiveness, salvation, healing, revival, and restoration. It is upon that foundation that this promise is given:

“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.”

REVELATION 3:1-3

WHO

THE RETURN is for all who know God and draw near in His presence in prayer, for all who have known God to return and for all who have not known God but who will now come seeking His presence, and for a nation to return to the rock of its foundation.



“A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF
PRAYER, REPENTANCE,
AND **RETURN**”



WHERE AND WHEN

NATIONAL MALL

On the central day of **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**, we will join together in **WASHINGTON, D.C.** in the form of a central moment in history, gathering for prayer and repentance in the nation's capital on the National Mall.

GLOBAL SIMULCAST

It will also take place **THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** in a global simulcast with prayer and repentance offered up in houses of worship, state capitals, public squares, in homes and households, in events and gatherings, wherever and however, and individually in every place and in every heart that is so led.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020



THE RETURN 7

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a group of people, likely in a church or study setting, engaged in prayer. Their hands are clasped together in a central point, resting on several open Bibles. The Bibles are open to various pages, some showing text and others with handwritten notes. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and books. The word "PRAY" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

PRAY

“Return to me, and I will return to you”
MALACHI 3:7



TO THE WORLD

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

THE RETURN will transcend the borders of America to reach all Nations as a Global Day of Prayer and Repentance and those who wish to take part in The Return. Although many will gather on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., you may also participate in agreement with the purposes of The Return in your own nation, within your home, churches, or wherever you gather. You are invited and welcome to join in and urged to pray for America to Return to God.

NO AGENDA OTHER THAN REVIVAL— OPEN TO ALL

THE RETURN is not about any one organization, denomination, or persons and has no agenda but revival. It is open to all people who will come to God according to the purposes set forth by and for The Return. This day begins a movement of prayer and repentance and is based on the hope given and revealed in the totality of the word of God, the Bible.



LEADERSHIP



JONATHAN CAHN

Co-Chair THE RETURN, known as pastor and rabbi, caused a worldwide stir with the release of his explosive first book *The Harbinger* which became an instant New York Times bestseller and brought him to national and international prominence. He was named, along with Billy Graham and Keith Greene, one of the Top 40 spiritual leaders of the last 40 years to have radically impacted the world. All four of his subsequent books were also New York Times bestsellers including his most recent book, *The Oracle*, which debuted at number one.

Called the prophetic voice of this generation, he has spoken on Capitol Hill, at the United Nations, and to millions of people around the world. He has warned of America's departure from God, has long called for national repentance and the necessity for revival, and has issued the call to return. He is known for opening the deep mysteries of Scripture and bringing forth messages of prophetic import. He leads Hope of the World ministry, an international outreach of teaching, evangelism, and compassion projects for the world's most needy. He also leads the Jerusalem Center/Beth Israel, as rabbi and pastor, a worship center made up of Jews and Gentiles, people of all backgrounds in Wayne, New Jersey, just outside New York City.



LEADERSHIP

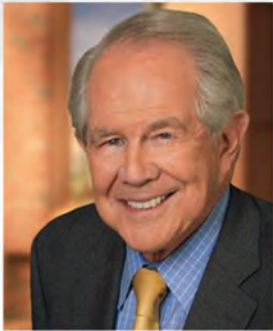


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Kevin Jessip, President of Global Strategic Alliance, is an advisor to national and global leaders within the business, political and faith community. Over the decades, Jessip has used his experience as an executive for one of the world's largest publicly traded companies and his work with faith-based outreaches, as a catalyst for founding, developing, and funding organizations.

Jessip is known for his ability to “network” a proven methodology to create successful strategic alliances worldwide. His relationships with many of the Fortune 500 companies, government officials, and non-profits have resulted in the transformation of individuals, communities, and corporations. Global Strategic Alliance is a faith-based organization whose mission is to restore Judeo-Christian values to the moral and civic framework on a local, state, national, and international level. This method encourages engagement through dialogue, civic involvement, and personal responsibility at every level of society. GSA is uniquely positioned as a voice addressing concerns and advocating for marginalized people. It is equipped for maximum impact through its alliances and initiatives, while connecting organizations for greater strategic impact. GSA's voice includes behind-the-scenes strategic planning with corporate, government and faith leaders working toward real solutions facing our national and international communities.

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“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity”

JOEL 2:12-13



REBELLION  **REDEMPTION**



FROM REBELLION TO REDEMPTION

A NINEVAH MOMENT!

One of the most impactful stories in scripture regarding a city going from near destruction to redemption is found in the book of Jonah. *“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”* (JONAH 1:2). The great Assyrian city of Nineveh was full of wickedness, (named after the goddess Ishtar of Nineveh) yet God chose a man, Jonah, to warn them of coming judgment and destruction. But Jonah resented what the Lord was asking him to do, and as the scripture accounts, after 3 days in the belly of a whale, he cried out to God and repented himself for rebelling against the calling of God and attempting to flee from him. The Lord spared Jonah’s life, so the second time the Lord spoke, he obeyed and entered Nineveh... *“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”* So, Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, *“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”* (JONAH 3:2-4).

Then, an amazing miracle took place from the people, *“The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”* (JONAH 3:5).

The miracle began when the obedience from a reluctant prophet delivered the word of the Lord, The king and the people responded in humility, turning back to the Lord in fasting, prayer, and repentance. *“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”* (Jonah 3:10). Hallelujah! Thank God’s for his mercy, which remains today! This is a pattern in scripture that continues. Abominations occur in a land and a people. God chooses a man to deliver a warning prior to his righteous judgement. The word is accepted or rejected, depending on the choice exercised in free will, which brings about blessings or destruction.

We are in a critical time in America. We have been warned. God in His mercy has afforded us a time of reprieve to turn and repent for our land to be spared from destruction. ***It’s a Nineveh moment!*** The Return is a chance for America, 40 days prior to our next election, to turn back to God, just like Nineveh. The Return is the gathering to spark a movement to gather, fast, pray, and repent for our wickedness! See JOEL 2:12-17.



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REPENTANCE

REPENTANCE IS A TURNING FROM SIN.

What does that mean? It refers to a change of thinking, a renewing of the mind, that then produces a change of living. Repentance is a turnaround of a sinful, self-centered way within us. Repentance is a 180-degree turn in our heart and mind. A person is going one way, then realizes he is going the wrong direction and turns to the right direction. We are a tri-part creation of spirit, soul and body. We turn away from self-serving activities and turn to God, to walk in His ways.

IMAGINE YOURSELF in 3-D being led by your flesh (body) in all of its desires, with your mind, will & emotions (soul) in the middle and then your God nature (spirit) in the rear. Through repentance all things become new and we are given the mind of Christ and all three parts stay in the same position but they simply do an about-face and now the spirit (God's Nature) is in the lead and the flesh (body) is in the rear. The soul is then in a tug-of-war between the body and the spirit until the day we die. But we are now being led by the spirit! Our body and our spirit both require food, water and exercise. This is why we need to feed our spirit man (the word of God is the bread of life), drink, in our spirit man (receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit

through the washing of the water of the word of God) and exercise (develop our prayer life). Which is communication with God through His Holy Spirit as Jesus demonstrated.

REPENTANCE IS NOT a one-time occurrence, but a way of life. When we turn from our sin to the Savior, it's that repentant attitude that continues through our life's journey. An unbeliever doesn't have a repentant heart towards his sin. An unbeliever—or one who thinks he or she is right with God, yet has not repented of sin—is living in self-deceit. On the other hand, a true Christian (follower of Christ) trembles at God's Word consistently, and he believes His Word, therefore, walks in a reverent fear of the Lord.

GENUINE REPENTANCE will produce a change in the way we live our everyday lives. The gospel writers record that man will “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8). What God requires of us is a humble admission of the sins we've committed, the will of God we have violated, and for us to offer Him a willingness (action) to have a change of mind and heart, and to walk in the fruits our repentance brings, which is JOY and FREEDOM!



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RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIATION means “change” or “exchange.” Reconciliation involves a change in the relationship between God and man, or man and man. For true reconciliation, both parties acknowledge a break or offense has occurred. We must then forgive one another, release it to God through Jesus Christ, who is ever interceding for us at the right hand of the Father—*this is key!* Then we confess it as sin, and humbly repent of it. For reconciliation to be real, there needs to be true repentance (a turning away from) to start anew, so it does not reoccur again.

In Romans 5:6-11, Paul says that before reconciliation we were powerless, ungodly, sinners, and enemies; we were under God’s wrath. Because of change or reconciliation we become new creatures. ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*** (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17). The whole message of reconciliation is centered around the love of God and the death of Christ.

The message of reconciliation or salvation that has come from God through Christ has been passed on to us. ***“God gave us the ministry of reconciliation”*** (2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21); ***“he has committed to us the message of reconciliation”***. The ultimate aim is that we are not only justified (vindicated), but that we might become the righteousness of God.



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RESTORATION

Hear the heart of David praying for restoration in relationship to God in Psalm 51:10-13. This is a model prayer for us to be restored back to God ***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”***

As the body of Christ, we need healing to take place as we will begin to walk in the fulness of forgiveness, repentance, reconciliation and restoration. This may be the way that those far off from Jesus may see Him through us, come to trust and know that He is the Messiah, understand his unconditional love and forgiveness as they experience it through the way we’ve modeled it to them.

“For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 13:9)

“...Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 13:11)



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REVIVAL

REVIVAL is maintained by walking in the Spirit, by being obedient to God's Word. If we are obedient to God's Word and Spirit in our daily life, personal revival will stay within us! *"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives."* (HEBREWS 12:5-6)

"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." (HEBREWS 12:11)

Obedience is key to unlocking revival! In the New Covenant, we belong to Him and are to give ourselves completely to Him in love and obedience. This dedication and obedience is to be marked by joy, not fear, because Christ lives in us and enables us to love and obey Him. He said, *"If you love Me, you will obey what I command"* (JOHN 14:15)

"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence, as when fire kindles brushwood, and the fire causes water to boil, to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways." (ISAIAH 64:1-5)

Isaiah says, *"O God, we remember the glory. We remember when You spoke to us from Your sacred temple. Our fathers have told us about it. What a glorious time it was! O God, we want Your glory again! O God, show Thy face, show Thy glory!"* (ISAIAH 64:10-12)



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WHY WE NEED TO REFORM THE CHURCH

Two thousand years ago, on Pentecost, God poured out the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, Jesus' followers began to spread the good news about him worldwide. Where their preaching was heard, churches sprang up. These churches lived the gospel and, in turn, spread it to others as well. As these churches matured, they joined together into an organizational structure that helped them support each other, held them accountable, and kept them on the right track in their teaching. For a thousand years churches were more or less organized under one overarching structure. But then corruption, idolatry, and immorality, began to arise in the Church, and continues today.

As we humble ourselves, pray, and repent of our personal, national, and corporate sins, we will experience revival, which will then usher in the favor of God to cleanse His Church, the bride of Christ, as we invite Him to Return to us as we Return to Him.



KAIROS

The Greek word for opportunity as it appears in the Scriptures is **KAIROS**. Scholars tell us it means “favorable opportunity”. Its derivatives imply “the right moment; that which lasts only for a while.” Kairos means a God-given opportunity is being offered to mankind at a specific moment in time. However, the word also implies there is a risk—of faith. In other words, as time moves on, the opportunity can be missed. The test for us as a people is to recognize it and respond in obedience to the one who is offering it, trusting in His ability to work through us to fulfill His purposes. **We are living in a Kairos moment today.**

We believe that working together in unison under the leadership of Jesus Christ, we will be honoring the appeal of the apostle Paul when he said: *“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity amongst yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(ROMANS 15:5-6)

1 Corinthians 14:8 says, *“If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?”*

Paul warned us—now is our personal Kairos. Like the men who *“understood the times”* (see 1 CHRONICLES 12:32), we are called to understand our times and seize the moment. In Latin, the word opportunity means “toward the port”. In the ancient world, seaman used it to describe the time when the tide and winds were favorable to make it safely to port. When that moment came, they would set their sails to take full advantage of it. In the same way, when God is at work, as He is now, we must “wake up” to that opportunity, set our sails to His favor, and ride in His boat, using the wind and tide.

The time has come for each of us; we have been called to seize the moment! We are at the threshold of the greatest move of God in our time. Though the “time of God’s favor” has been generously extended to all people in all times through the cross, Church historians have noted



that there have been specific seasons of God's increased favor through history. Scholars use terms as outpouring, awakening, movement, and revival, to describe those unique periods when God bestows His grace and power in unusual measure upon a people to extend his Kingdom on earth.

We must seize the moment. Carpe Diem! Seize the Day! Seize the God-given opportunity. The scripture says God will ***"do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us"*** (EPHESIANS 3:20). However, for that to happen, we must be men of action who are ready to respond by faith to what God has initiated. As Paul said, we must ***"be very careful, then. How we live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil"*** (EPHESIANS 5:15-16).

WHY **THE RETURN** IS SO CRITICAL AND THE **TIME IS NOW**:

- ➔ America and much of the world is on a detrimental course away from God
- ➔ The upcoming 2020 U.S. election
- ➔ The Covid-19 shaking of the world
- ➔ The attack on marriage and family—62% of all Americans support gay marriage and only 32% are still against it.
- ➔ Mob rule, with lawlessness in our streets
- ➔ No concern for the value of life—nearly 60 million children have been murdered in America's abortion mills

NOW IS THE TIME!

JOIN THE RETURN

THE REASONS FOR SOWING INTO **THE RETURN**:

- ➔ THE RETURN can affect all things from the political, cultural, spiritual, and every other realm.
- ➔ It can change the course of the nation, and literally of the world.
- ➔ It can affect the course of every ministry, the gospel in America, and throughout the world.
- ➔ This is the root from which can come fruit beyond our fathoming.
- ➔ All funds given for THE RETURN will go directly for it and for nothing else.
- ➔ Donations are going through the National Christian Foundation—*“The Return Fund”* There is no large organization of funding behind it—it is dependent on God moving upon His people.

WE HAVE A WINDOW OF TIME WHICH WE MAY NEVER HAVE AGAIN:

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If your burden is for America, the future, the next generation, salvation, and revival, we believe that God will surely bless you beyond your gift and you will be sowing to this most important cause, which will last beyond all things and is eternal—souls!

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THE TIME IS CRUCIAL, **THE HOUR IS NOW!**

YOU CAN HAVE A MAJOR ROLE in The Return, the purposes of God, revival, and restoration—whether by being able to volunteer your time, gifts, and resources, or by leading in your area, or by representing The Return as needed, or by facilitating encouraging events, gatherings, or outreach in your area.

ON THE DAY OF THE RETURN, have your group take part in the national gathering in Washington D.C. at the National Mall, on September 26, or take part in any simulcast event or gathering in your area.

SPREAD THE WORD: Use the Internet, Facebook, Twitter—*all social media*—to let people know. Send them to the website:
TheReturn.org

SPREAD THE VIDEO: Visit TheReturn.org to view and share a number of important videos. If you are a Pastor or have the opportunity, please show the video to your church, your Bible study, or at your public gathering.

IF YOU'RE PART OF A BIBLE STUDY, prayer group, or other ministry group, your group can be part of The Return. Just incorporate regular prayer and consistent intercession for revival. You can also incorporate teaching on biblical revival and commitment among the group to living in revival.

SET APART THE 10 CENTRAL DAYS OF THE RETURN, as a special time, to increase all that you and the group are doing toward revival and take part or initiate any event or gathering in your area for revival.

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