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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Job 19:25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. (NIV)

This statement by Job is found in one of the oldest books in the Old Testament. It was a prophecy of the fact that Jesus would come to redeem His creations and that He will stand on the earth. This happened just as scripture foretold and will happen at the second coming of Christ. I believe Job was rejoicing over the coming of the Messiah because He would be bringing the remedy for our sin. His own blood would be shed for us so that we would be atoned for. Now listen to these words of **John 1:11-12** *He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.* (NIV) There is no doubt that Jesus came as our Redeemer. But make note of the fact that just as He came to redeem, He will surely come as scripture tells us, to judge this earth and rule for one thousand years. People will finally see what we could enjoy in a world without sin. And yet even then, the evil one will seduce many to follow him just as he did in the garden.

But praise be to God that He will put a final end to Satan and his demons. **Rev. 20:10, 15-16** *And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.* (NIV)

We will be free of sin! We will be free of temptation! We will enjoy the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

Dear LORD, thank You that even from the beginning, Your word will be fulfilled and that Jesus will come again very soon! What a glorious day that will be! In Jesus Name, Amen