

“COMFORT GOD'S PEOPLE!”

What is the significance of these dates:
December 7, 1941

April 13, 1742

READ ISAIAH 40:1-2

*1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that
her hard service has been completed, that her sin has
been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's
hand double for all her sins.*

Comfort _____ !

What made King Hezekiah feel like Isaiah's words were not relevant for him?

What can make us feel like these words are not relevant for us?

What "warfare" or "hard service" are we engaged in?

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

What sin brings agony and guilt to your life?

Why do we need words of comfort?

Comfort !

How do these words exhibit God's mercy and grace?

How does baptism affirm our "warfare is over"?

How does the Lord's Supper affirm our "sins are paid for"?

Comfort _____ !

3 A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

What do these words of comfort do in our own hearts?

What do these words of comfort compel us to do for others?

Did you know? *Handel composed the entire musical score for the Messiah in 24 days, completing a work that communicated the entire life of Christ from prophecy to resurrection using passages of Scripture alone.*