

### Roadmaking in a wilderness

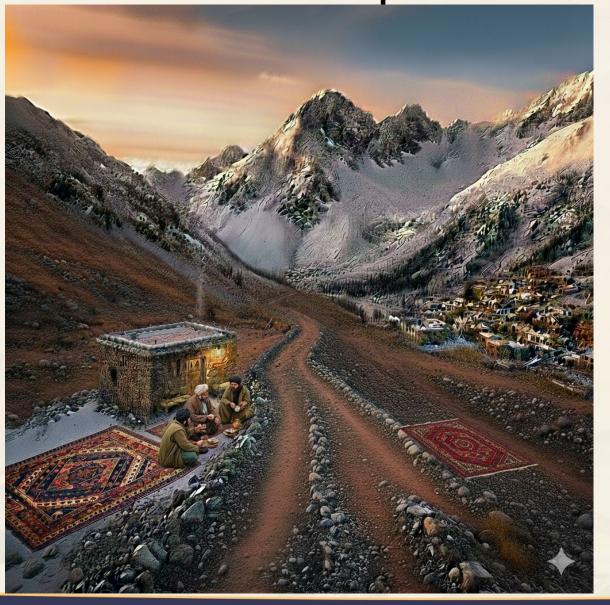
A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

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

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5 NIV

The seat of trouble & a path to life



### R & I - Where there is no road - SRPs

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God..." KJV

**Goal**: a joyous liberation celebration by the victorious King – Rev. 7:9

Way makers – John the Baptist – Apostles – Good News workers

From the Garden of Eden to the City of God

Thru – "Gates of Hell" Mt 16:18
Gospel unlocks Mt 16:19

"The graveyard of empires" "graveyard of the Gospel"?

**Graveside Gospel** 

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### Leveling the proud so they can see



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## Lifting up the low

Scripture moves mountains



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## Rugged places become plain... over time



# "And the glory of the LORD **will be revealed**, and **all people will see it** together. For the mouth of **the LORD has spoken**."

#### All people will see it IF we do it together!

"love your enemies" I TOO once was an enemy of God! Rom 5:10

"fall in love with the problem/challenge" "I wonder why they do that, say that, think that?"

- 1. Pray: workers, trails & paths to be found & worshippers in SRP languages
- 2. Give: time, energy, funds
- 3. Send/receive: Great sending Church! Send well, receive well, listen & learn
- **4. Welcome**: those whom God brought to us most difficult areas
- **5. Go**: Trail makers apostolic calling workers of ALL types in God's team

"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"

Mt 5:16 NIV

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever." Rev 11:15 NIV