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Isaiah 40



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**Meant for exiles
and in-between times**

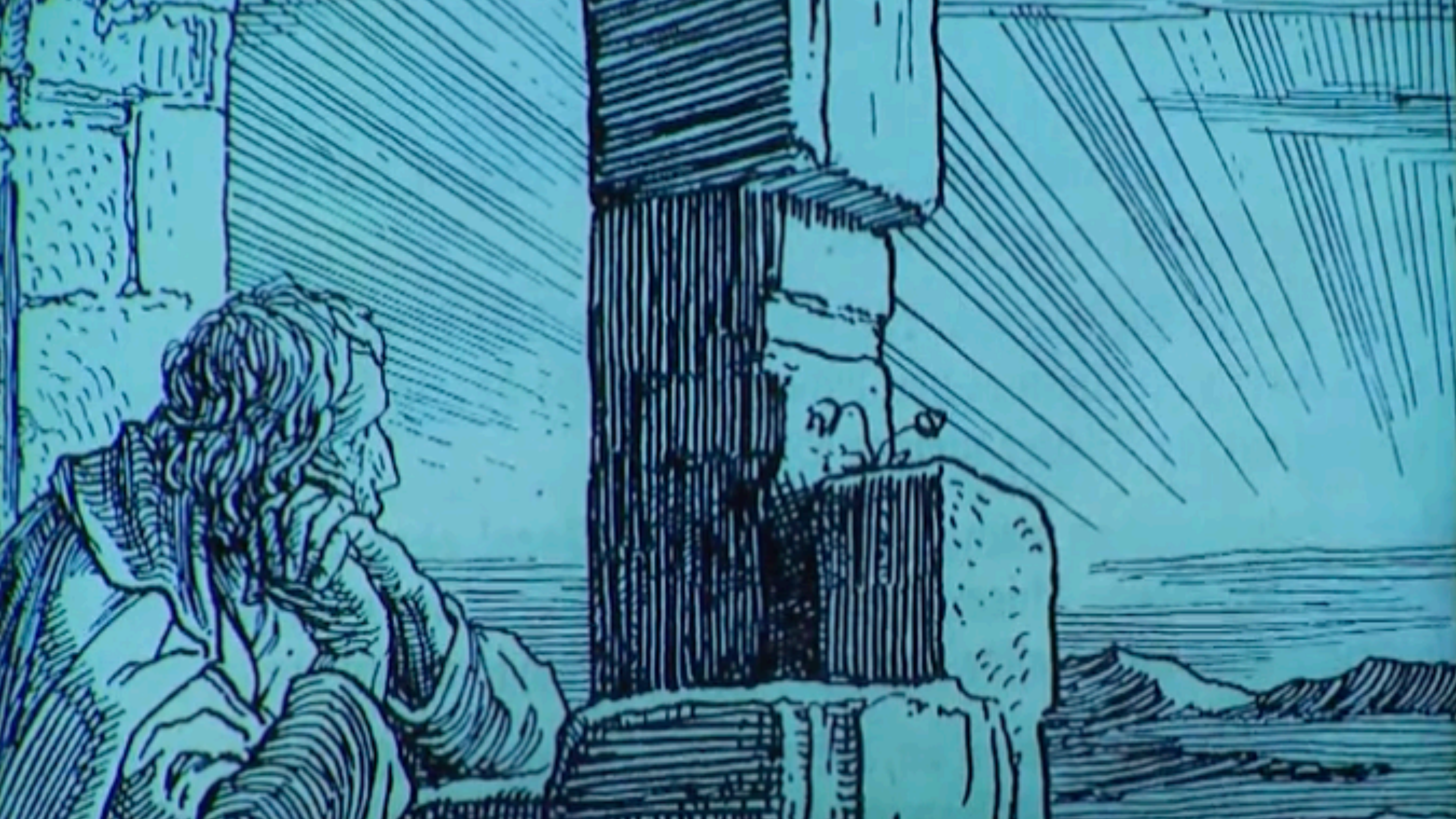


Isaiah 40

600 BC







“Comfort, comfort my
people,” says your God.

(Isaiah 40:1, NIV)



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“Advent is about how to live
between ‘**once upon a time**’
and ‘**happily ever after**.’”

—*David Bisgrove*

Advent:



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First Advent:
Messiah born



Advent:

First Advent:
Messiah **born**

Second Advent:
Messiah **returns**



Three Sources of Comfort & Hope



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God's **grace**
is **greater**

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*And without Controversy, great is the Mystery of Godliness :
God was manifested in the Flesh, justified by the Spirit
seen of Angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in
the World, received up in Glory.
In whom are hid the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.*

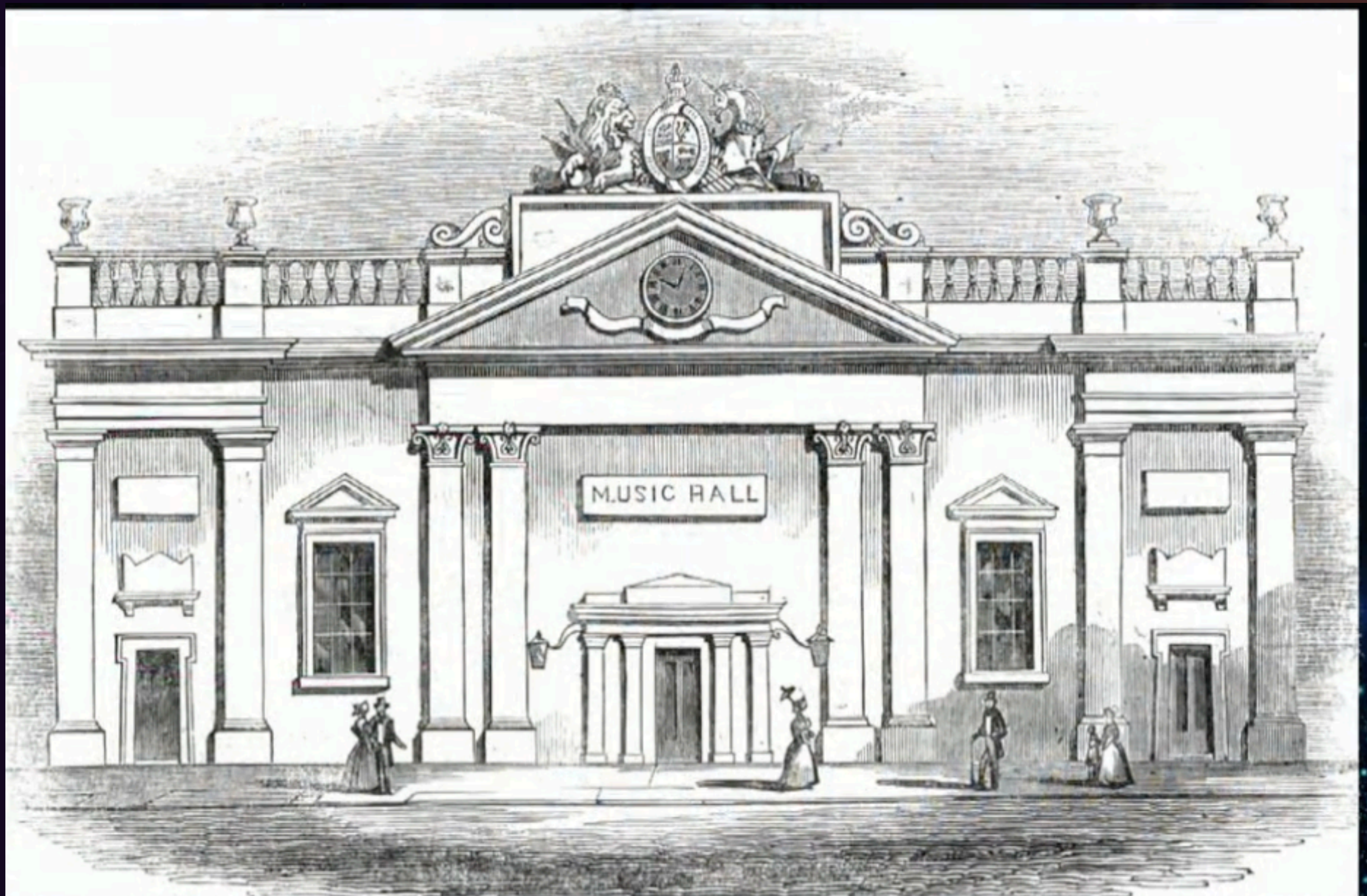
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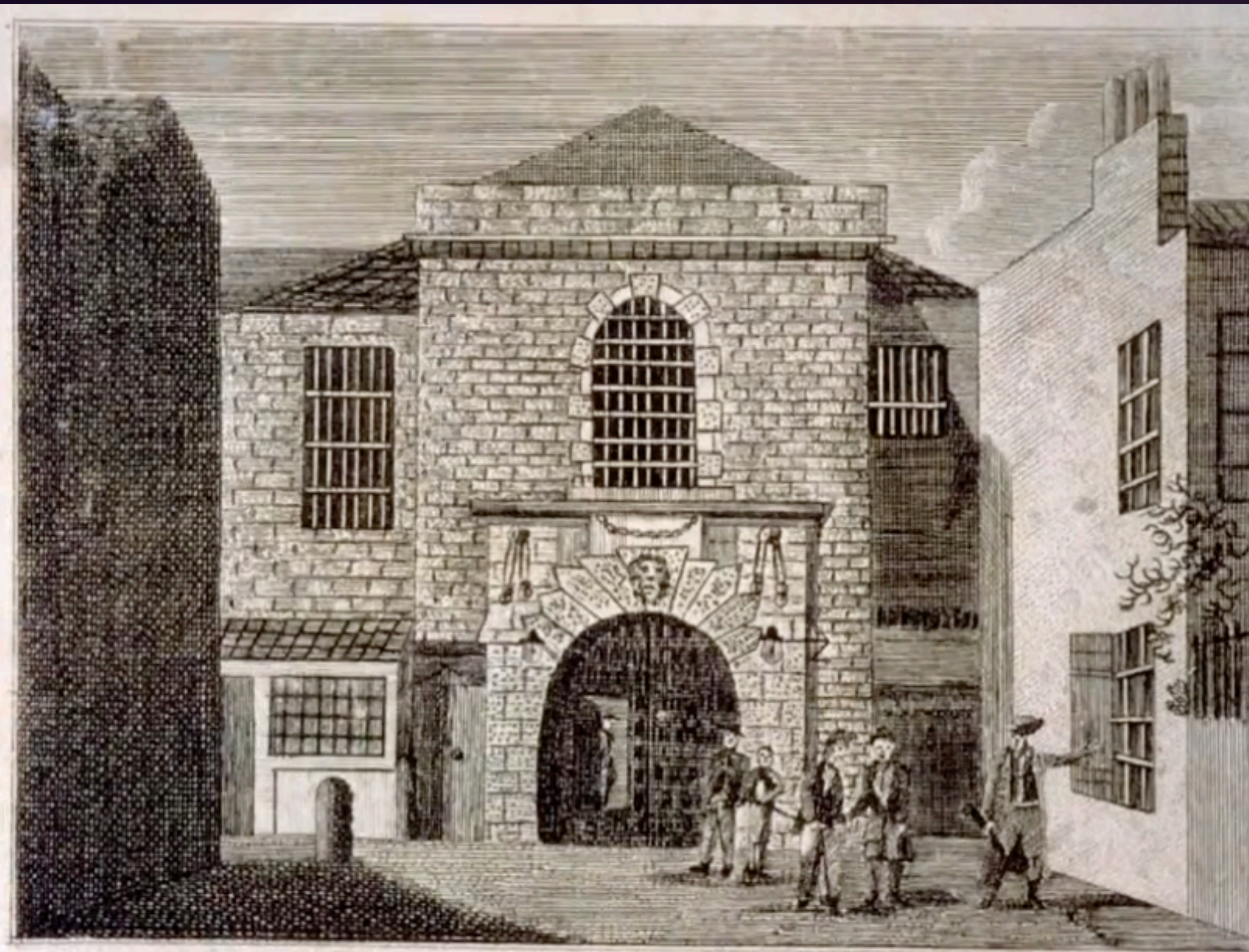


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“Speak tenderly to
Jerusalem, and proclaim to
her that her hard service
has been completed...”

(Isaiah 40:2, NIV)



“...that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

(Isaiah 40:2, NIV)



“A voice of one calling in the
desert: ‘Prepare the way
for the Lord; make straight
in the wilderness a highway
for our God.’”

(Isaiah 40:3, NIV)



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

(Isaiah 40:4, NIV)



“And the glory of the Lord
will be revealed,
and all mankind together
will see it.”

(Isaiah 40:5, NIV)



“And the glory of the Lord
will be revealed,
and all mankind together
will see it. For the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.”

(Isaiah 40:5, NIV)



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God's power
is stronger



A voice says, "Cry out."
And I said, "What shall
I cry?"

(Isaiah 40:6, NIV)



“All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like
the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the
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“You who bring good tidings
to Zion, go up on a high
mountain. You who bring
good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a
shout,”

(Isaiah 40:9, NIV)



“...lift it up, **do not be afraid**;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
(Isaiah 40:9b, NIV)





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“See, the Sovereign Lord
comes with power, and his
arm rules for him.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense
accompanies him.”

(Isaiah 40:10, NIV)






Dietrich
Bonhoeffer



We have become so **accustomed** to the idea of divine love at **Christmas** that we no longer feel the **shiver of fear**, that God's coming should arouse in us."




That the **God of the universe**
draws near to the people of
our **little earth** and lays
claim... To **us!**”



We ponder the
incomprehensibility of our
lot and are assailed by the
question **why.**”



And then, when everything is bearing down on us so much we can barely stand it, the **Christmas** message comes to us and tells us that our ideas are wrong...”



Our **eyes** are at fault,
that is all.
God is **still** in the manger,
he is **right here.**”



And no matter what man
tries, they cannot
circumvent God, who is
secretly revealed as **Lord**
and **rules the world and our**
lives.”





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Toxic Positivity Is on The Rise. Are You Guilty of Spreading It?

The simple truth is we can't heal
grief with cat memes, or fix
heartbreak with "Good vibes!"

BY CATHERINE RENTON



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3 God's love
is closer



“He tends his flock **like a shepherd**: He gathers the lambs **in his arms** and carries them **close to his heart**; he **gently leads** those that have young.”

(Isaiah 40:11, NIV)





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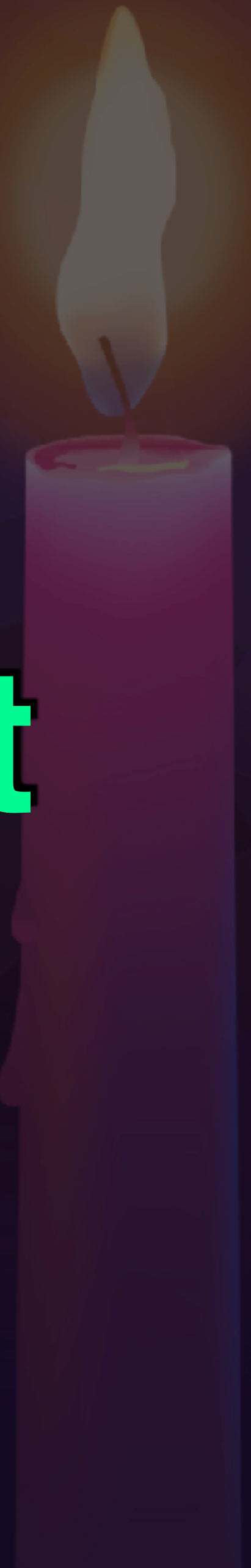
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**When I believe
these things**



**When I believe
these things
I have true comfort
and hope**





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