

The three-strand Gospel

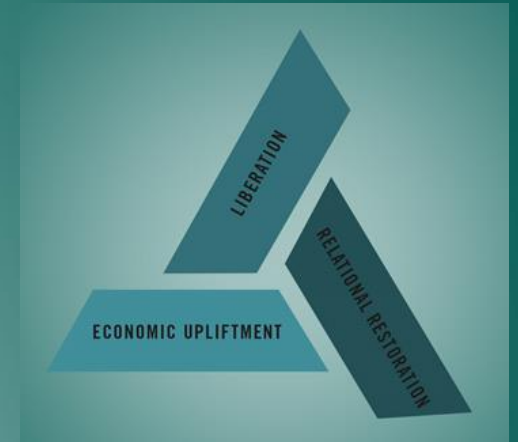
The BIG PICTURE

- What is the Gospel?
- What did Jesus come to do?
- What should the Church do?
- I am saved – what now?



Isaiah 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to **the poor**;
he has sent me to bind up **the broken-hearted**,
to proclaim liberty to **the captives**, and
the opening of the prison to **those who are bound**;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and
the day of vengeance of our God.



The backstory

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Isaiah warned against coming invasion because of **IDOLATRY** and **INJUSTICE** (Corruption, Oppression of poor)



**Assyrian empire
(750 - 627 BC)**



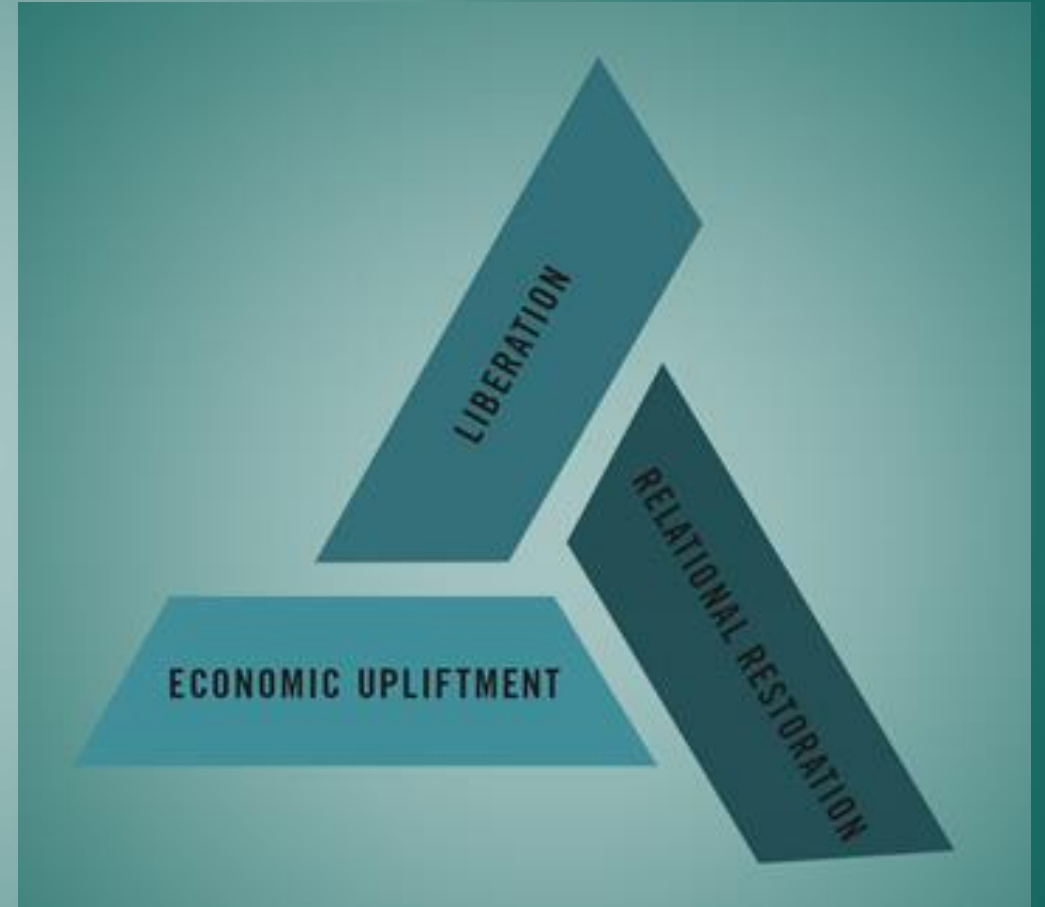
**Babylonian empire
(629 - 539 BC)**



**Persian empire
(539 - 331 BC)**

The “oppressed” due to injustice

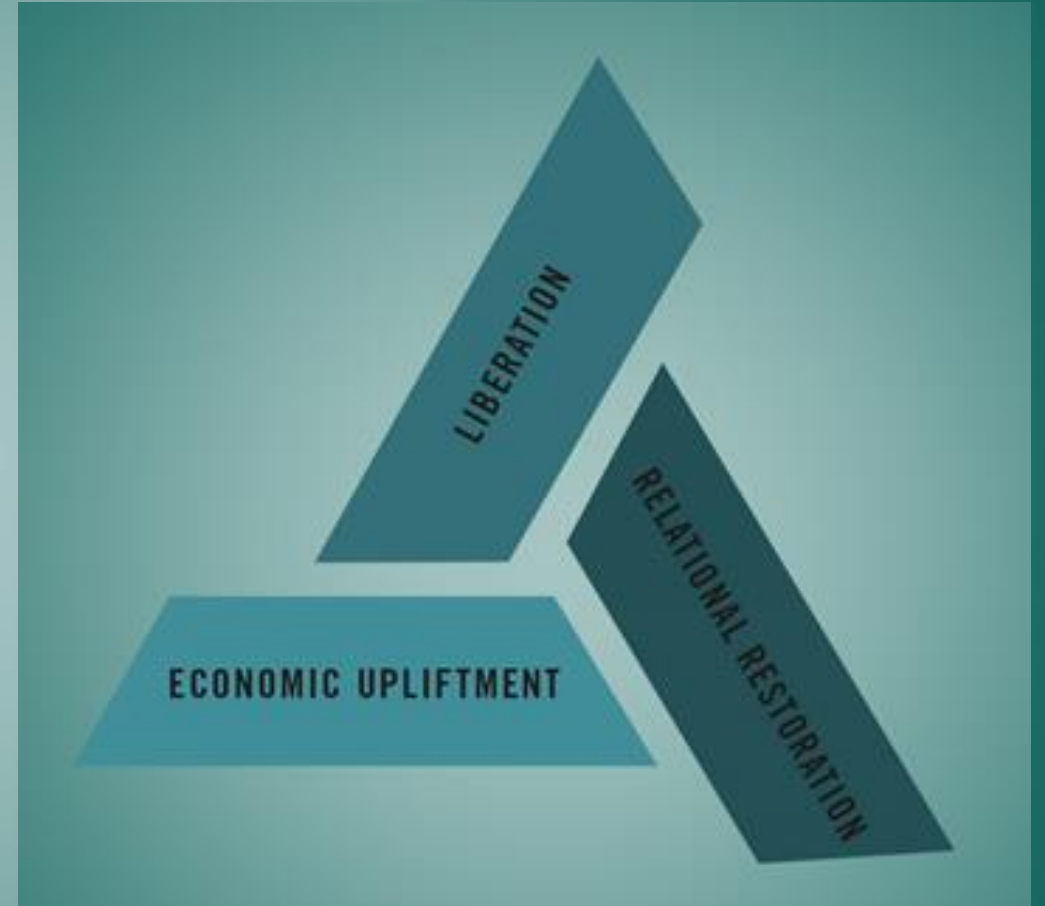
- poor / afflicted / oppressed
 - hunger, suffering, landless
- broken-hearted
 - crushed in spirit
- the captives
 - held against their will
- those who are bound
 - chained, confined



The Gospel:

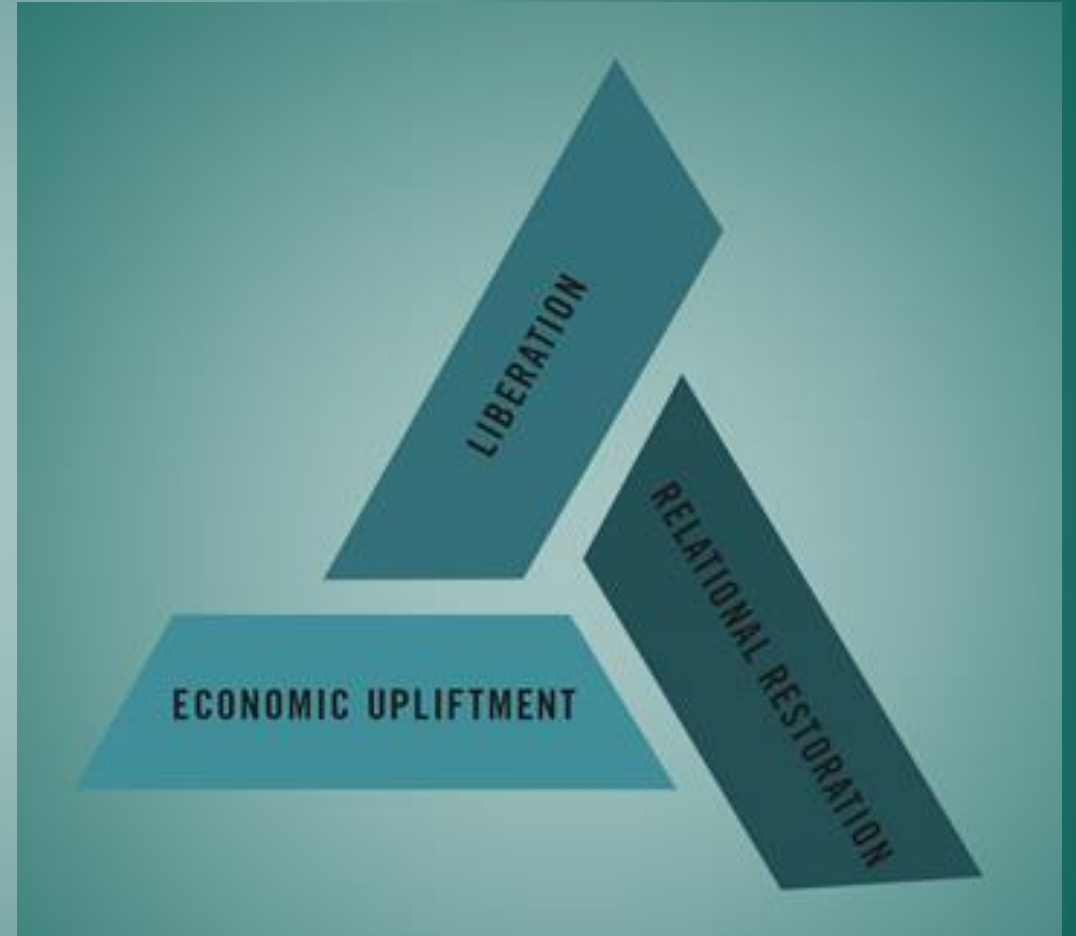
“The Kingdom of God is at hand!”

- Economic liberation | wealth
- Identity restoration | worth
- Societal transformation | work
(liberation of oppressed)



God's response:

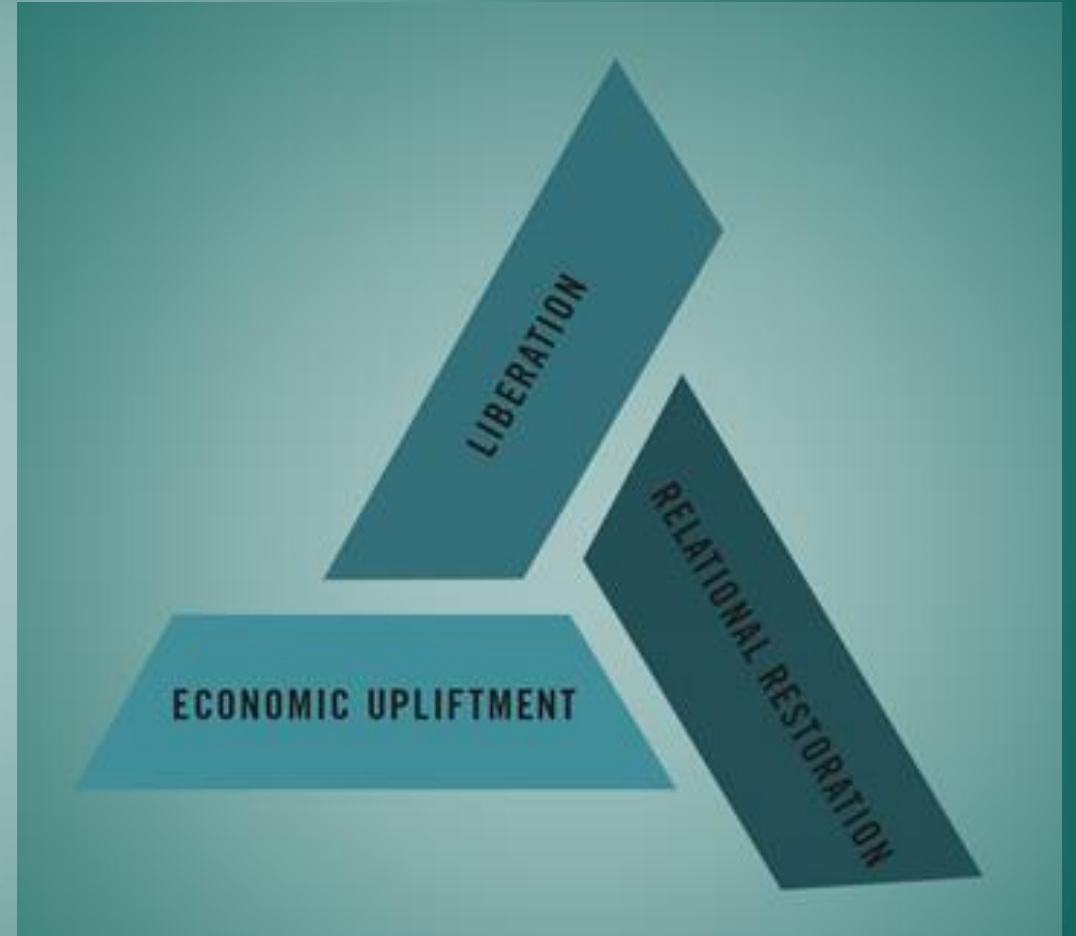
- Personal concern
- Calling and empowering
- Favour and judgment
 - Jubilee: Sabbath year, 50th
 - Slaves freed, debts cancelled



Our response:

- Announcement (ref Isa 52:7)
- Repentance
- Rebuild, raise up, repair ruins

(verse 4)



The Gospel:

Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, *“Look, I am making all things new.”*

