

A QUICK BACKWARD GLANCE

The CAPTIVES have already been addressed and have been assured of Christ's power to free them

Literally, the remaining Jews of the Dispersion

Figuratively, those enslaved by sin, who 'belong to (their) father, the devil' John 8:44



ADVENT 2023:
RELEASE FOR THE OPPRESSED

Luke 4:16-18

WHO ARE THE OPPRESSED?

Some translations, 'bruised'

Some commentaries, "the bruised, completely crushed and shattered in life, the oppressed and broken."

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." James 1:27



It seems God has a plan for
releasing the oppressed

See Isaiah 58:6-14



Matthew West says it well in his song

“Do Something”

The One who is ‘release for the oppressed’
said it better
Matthew 25:34-40