

THE GREATEST GIFT

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INTRO: You gave . . . And you gave . . .

1. You gave the greatest gift to us, by the death of your own Son for Israel.
And He came to die just to ransom us, as history and unfolded mysteries unveil . . .
And He suffered; and endured every indignity known to man.
As His Father, you Yahweh, must have suffered even much more than,
Your only Son.
2. And you gave by your all of creation,
something so awesome men's hearts and minds can't ponder.
But in arrogance they ignore such majesty, and spend energy to tear it asunder . . .
And men mocked you, and they scorned you and killed everyone you had sent.
More than ever [in our age],
they despise you and jail your best servants who repent,
to serve you.

You gave . . . and you gave . . .

[MODULATE UP, FIRST TIME]:

3. And you gave and you gave and you gave and you gave,
till by mortal standards there'd be no more to give.
And your own chosen race chose to be Satan's slave,
like lemmings seek death — but you chose they should live . . .
So you sent them, the greatest gift and the only one left that could save.
And still hold out, for 2000 years Messiah's gift you then gave,
once for all time.

[INSTRUMENTAL, FULL LENGTH; DRAMATIC PIANO & HARP]

4. You gave the greatest gift to us, by the death of your only Son for Israel.
And He came to die just to redeem us,
as history and his covenant people still tell . . .
And He suffered, and endured every indignity known to men.
As His Father, you, YHWH, must have suffered even much more than,
our Savior.

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[MODULATE UP, SECOND TIME]:

5. But you gave to a quite undeserving and unjust
people who recklessly flout your commands.
You gave them a paradise Earth in your heavens,
as a home they've destroyed by their self-serving plans . . .
They denied you — taught the young generations you did not exist.
They defied you, turned your offspring from eternal life like they've now missed,
lost in wickedness. *

[MOMENT OF SILENCE, THEN SHORT INSTRUMENTAL BUILD-UP TO]:
[MODULATED UP THIRD TIME, AND DRAMATIC BLAST-OUT]

But in your mercy, you have raised up a remnant whose way you have paved . . .
Over judgment, you have triumphed your will that your lost ones be saved.
Only by love, by your love like no human on Earth could conceive . . .
All for-giving, giving all heavens' treasures to yours who believe . . .
(By your mercy, you have given the all-time greatest gift for all eternity.)

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