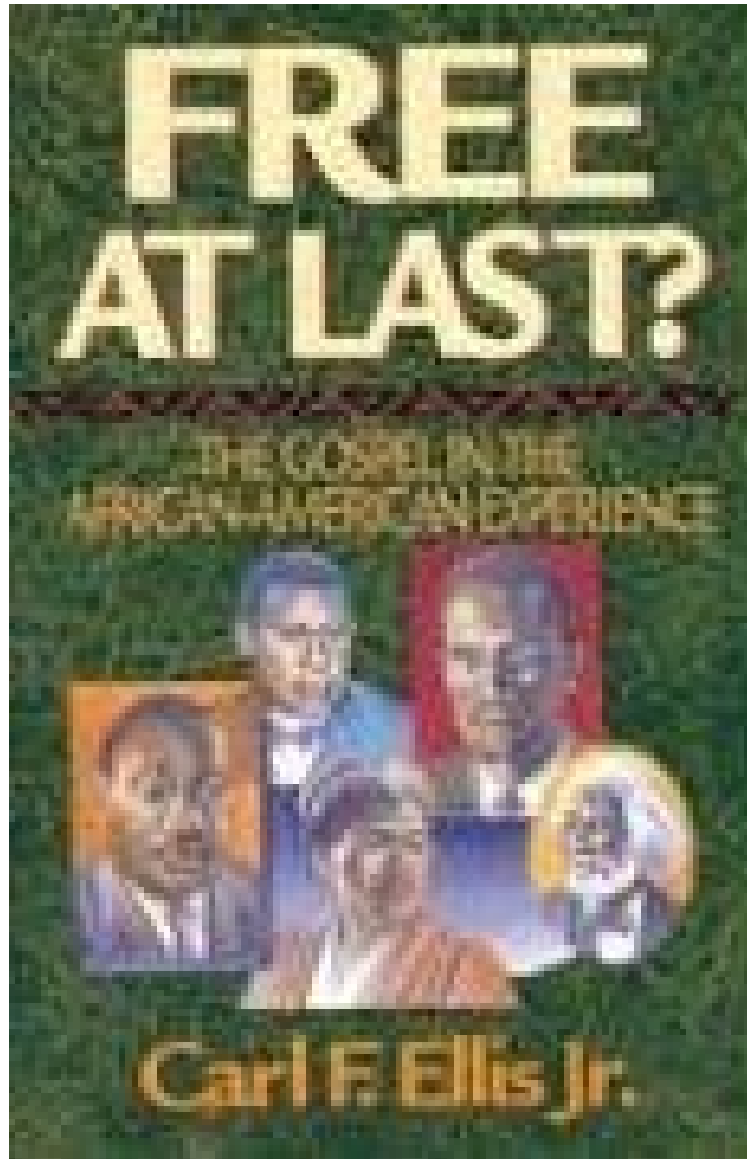


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From the Back Cover In an updated version of *Beyond Liberation*, Ellis traces the maturing of the Black consciousness from slavery days to the present. Noted especially are the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. **About the Author** Carl F. Ellis (M.A., Westminster Theological Seminary) is president of Project Joseph, a ministry dedicated to equipping the church for today's challenges.