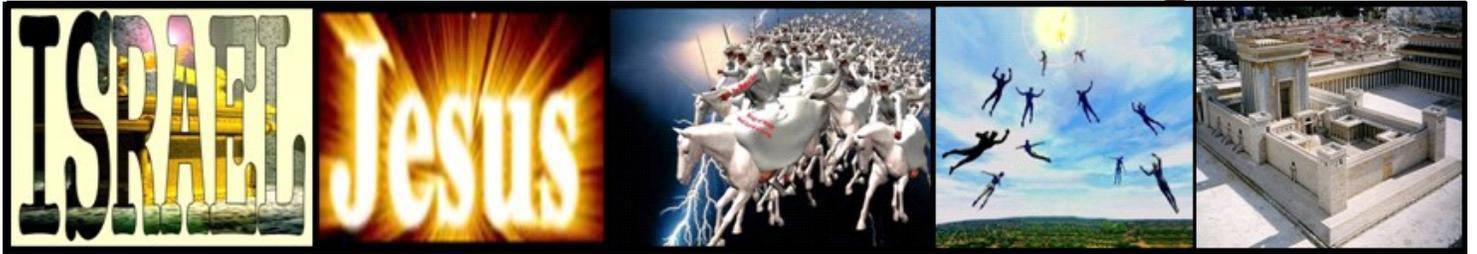


"How We Enter The Kingdom"



Prayer: Psalms 25:12-20 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose. (13) His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. (14) The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. (15) Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. (16) Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted. (17) The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses. (18) Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. (19) Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. (20) *O* keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Mark 10:23-30 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! [24] And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! [25] It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. [26] And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? [27] And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. [28] Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. [29] And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, [30] But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Notes:

- By serving God, we gain many riches, brethren, etc. because we are family, the body of Christ.
- Persecution = harassment, maltreatment, discrimination, and bullying

Job 10:2, 15-16 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. [15] If I be wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head. *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; [16] For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.

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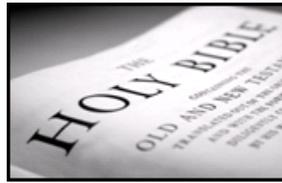
- All servants of God must endure chastening and correction and not look at it as evil. It is to strengthen us for the many battles ahead.

Hebrews 11:23-27 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. [24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; [25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; [26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. [27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Notes:

- King's commandment = to kill all of the males among Israel in Egypt.

- Moses always knew he was an Israelite and chose to suffer with them rather than enjoying the pleasures that came with his position in life.
- Him who is invisible = God



Hebrews 10:32-33 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; [33] Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

Notes:

- Illuminated = enlightened in the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation.
- Companions = other servants of God

Jeremiah 20:1-2, 6-9 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. [2] Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD. [6] And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies. [7] O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. [8] For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. [9] Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

Notes:

- Jeremiah thought that serving God would be easy but it isn't. For this reason he thought he was deceived but he wasn't. The Word of God separates those who will serve him from those who will not.

2 Timothy 3:10-12 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, [11] Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. [12] Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Notes:

- Many are the afflictions of God's servants (the righteous). Serve him no matter what you must endure.

1 Samuel 10:19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

Notes:

- Israel rejected God as their king and desired a man like themselves to rule over them. God hated this.

1 Samuel 12:19-20, 23 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. [20] And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; [23] Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

Deuteronomy 4:27, 29-31 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. [29] But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. [30] When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; [31] (For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

Notes:

- Heathen = Nations
- Tribulation = trials, sufferings, distress, difficulty and even the great tribulation

James 1:1-3 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. [2] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Notes:

- Tribulations come for several reasons:
 - to gain experience
 - for chastisement (correction)
 - for the glory of God
 - for something you did wrong



Romans 5:1-4 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: [2] By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; [4] And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Notes:

- Faith = Belief
- Grace = Free gift
- Glory of God = Immortality
- Through our trials and tribulations our faith (hope) increases.

Psalms 119:33-35, 49-50, 65-67, 71 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end. [34] Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart. [35] Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. [49] Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. [50] This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. [65] Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. [66] Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. [67] Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. [71] *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Notes:

- We show our love for God by keeping his commandments.

Psalms 10:1-10 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble? [2] The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. [3] For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth. [4] The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after* God: God *is* not in

all his thoughts. [5] His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them. [6] He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall never be* in adversity. [7] His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity. [8] He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. [9] He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. [10] He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

Notes:

- Anyone who persecutes the poor is wicked.
- He also uplifts other wicked people and his thoughts are not on God or his word.
- There are many pastors like this. They humble themselves before the poor to take whatever they have.



The Beast & the False Prophet

Daniel 11:31, 35-36 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. **35** And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed. [36] And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Notes:

- Sanctuary of strength = the Temple that Edom will build
- The Edomites (Jews/Israelies) will reinstitute the Daily sacrifices for 1040 days (a little over 3 years), but the False Prophet and the Man of Sin will put an end to them by invading Jerusalem and occupying the Temple.
- Abomination that maketh desolate = False Prophet
- Those that are tried & purged = Servants of God who are caught up in the Great Tribulation as well as those who are converted during that time.
- White = Righteousness
- King = Man of Sin (the Pope)
 - He and his entire ilk take a vow of celibacy. He will not desire women at all.
- God of gods = The Father
- Indignation = Great Tribulation

Daniel 8:13-15, 23-25 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? [14] And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. [15] And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. **23** And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. [24] And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. [25] And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his

heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Notes:

- Their kingdom = WEU
- King of fierce countenance = the Pope (False prophet)
 - He gets his power from the Dragon (Satan)
- Dark sentences = The Word of God/Prophecy
- Craft = Witchcraft
- Prince of princes = JESUS
- Broken without hand = He will be destroyed without a fight.
 - Jesus will have him tossed into the lake of fire at his return.
- Mighty & holy people = the Woman's (Israel) seed. The Remnant.
- Even during this time, servants of God will go through persecution.



Matthew 24:9, 15, 21 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. [15] When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) [21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Notes:

- Hour of Temptation = Great Tribulation, which is 3 1/2 years, not 7

2 Corinthians 12:1, 5-10 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. [5] Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. [6] For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. [7] And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. [8] For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. [9] And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Notes:

- Afflictions can also come as a way for us to humble ourselves.
- With affliction comes the strength to endure.

1 Peter 4:12-16 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: [13] But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. [14] If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. [15] But let none of you suffer as a

murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. [16] Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

James 5:10-11 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. [11] Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

1 Peter 2:19-23 For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. [20] For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. [21] For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: [22] Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: [23] Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

Notes:

- Guile = cunningness, deviousness, deceit
- No matter who persecutes you, be it the police, friends, family, etc. always remain meek and humble showing forth the glory of God.

Hebrews 2:9-10 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. [10] For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Philippians 4:11-12 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. [12] I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

2 Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

Notes:

- Deny = breaking the commandments and doing evil

Acts 14:19-22 And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead. [20] Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and *to* Iconium, and Antioch, [22] Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

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