

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 5 verses, read in order, tell of God's re-writing the Ten Commandments on new stones, and the creation of the Ark of the Testimony (or Ark of the Covenant, as it came to be known).

a [Moses:] "Yahweh said to me, 'Cut two stone tablets like the first ones and come to Me on the mountain and make a wooden ark.'"

Deuteronomy 10:1 (1 of 5 for Feb 4)

b [Moses:] "I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets you broke. You are to place them in the ark."

Deuteronomy 10:2 (2 of 5 for Feb 4)

c [Moses:] "I made an ark of acacia wood, cut two stone tablets like the first ones, and climbed with the two tablets in my hand."

Deuteronomy 10:3 (3 of 5 for Feb 4)

d [Moses:] "Yahweh wrote on the tablets what had been written previously, the Ten Commandments, that He had spoken from the fire."

Deuteronomy 10:4 (4 of 5 for Feb 4)

e [Moses:] "I placed the tablets in the ark I had made. And they have remained there, as Yahweh commanded me."

Deuteronomy 10:5 (5 of 5 for Feb 4)

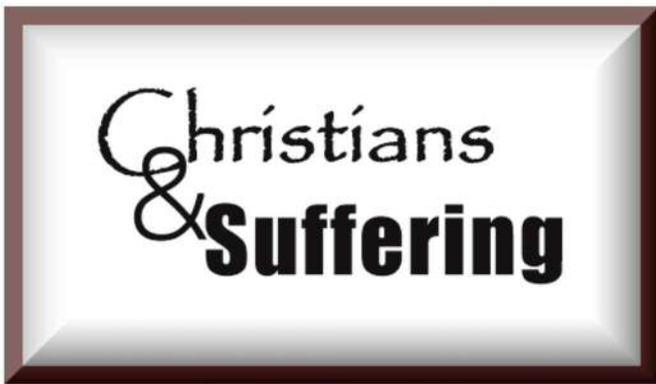
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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.

You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

PART 3

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Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: "Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, rebuking him: "Don't you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "I assure you today [this day] you will be with Me in paradise."

LUKE 23:39-43

After He had **suffered**, He also presented Himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

ACTS 1:3

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: This Jesus the Nazarene was a man pointed out to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through Him, just as you yourselves know. Though He was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him. God raised Him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

ACTS 2:22-24

As usual, Paul went to the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and showing that the Messiah had to **suffer**

COMMENTARY

The message of the original disciples and Paul that went out from Jerusalem to the scattered Israelites and to the Gentiles contained all the elements of what we today just call "The Gospel." And embedded within all of what they preached was the suffering of Christ.

In today's study, we turn to the writings of Luke, the author of the Gospel which bears his name and also of the Book of Acts. His accounts are the only ones that "bridge the gap" from the birth and ministry of Jesus, to His suffering and death, over to His resurrection and ascension, and the Church He built through His disciples. Luke researched thoroughly and wrote lucidly, in the form of a true historian. Let's see what he felt important to include about our subject.

We have already used five excerpts from the writings of Luke, in Parts 2 and 3 of this study. In Part 2, there were two references to both Christ and Peter citing the OT Scriptures to prove that Messiah had to suffer (Luke 24 & Acts 3). In Part 3, there were three quotes from Christ, two of which were His revealing that He was going to have to suffer and die (Luke 9 and 17), and the third one at His last Passover, telling the Twelve that the hour was at hand (Luke 22).

In Luke's writing about Jesus' crucifixion, he tells of the taunting He received from one of the criminals being executed with Him. The other criminal, who recognized the difference between their deserved punishment and the fact that Jesus had nothing for which to be punished, was promised by Jesus (even as He was enduring His own terrible suffering) that the second man would join Him in paradise. There is a link between the suffering of Jesus and our salvation, and we will return to later.

Luke references an incident in which the risen Christ presented Himself as alive, not by writing "after He died" or "after His crucifixion," but rather "after He had suffered." So horrible had it been, Christ's suffering was still at the top of His followers' minds.

Peter's words are once again quoted by Luke in Acts 2, in which he makes the assertion that Christ was "delivered up according to God's determined plan

and rise from the dead: “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah.” Then some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, including a great number of God-fearing Greeks, as well as a number of the leading women.

ACTS 17:2-4

[Paul:] “To this very day, I have obtained help that comes from God, and I stand and testify to both small and great, saying nothing else than what the prophets and Moses said would take place — that the Messiah must **suffer**, and that as the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

ACTS 26:22-23

and foreknowledge.” This underscores other references that tell us that Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection were known from “the beginning.” Later, Luke would quote James, the brother of Jesus, saying, “Known to God from eternity are all His works.” In other words, here is another proof that the suffering of Messiah was planned and was the will of God.

Paul would later affirm this (in two different speeches, both quoted by Luke) by explaining that “Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead.” There was no way around it. Christ prayed there might be a way to take this cup from Him, but He knew and obeyed: not His own will, but His Father’s will. And His Father’s will – the Plan; God’s will – was for Christ suffering and death.

As we noted in yesterday’s study, Christ knew “from eternity” what awaited Him at the end of His earthly ministry. But because the stakes were so high for those He loved – that would be us, the human race that He created – He accepted it for our sakes.

USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don’t make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won’t be heard if I don’t pronounce God’s name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn’t we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era’s most commonly used equivalent.

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.”

Exodus 3:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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