

Called to Suffer and Persevere

Revelation 2:8-11

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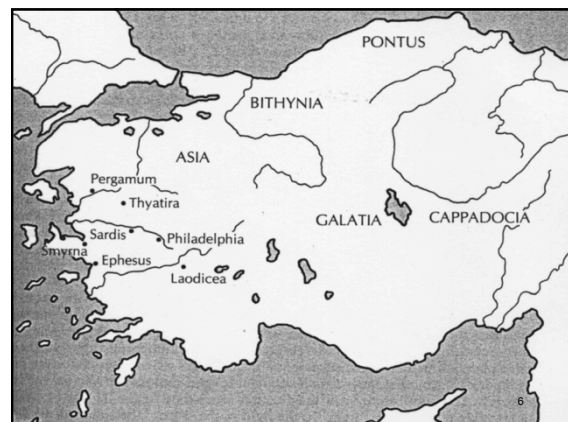
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Hebrews 2:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to G-d, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

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Revelation 2:9

⁹ 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

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Romans 9:6-7

⁶ But it is not as though the word of G-d has failed For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; ⁷ nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants

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Romans 2:28-29

²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹ But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from G-d.

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Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰ 'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your G-d I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

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Luke 12: 4-5

⁴ "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

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John 14:1-3, 27

¹ "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in G-d, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

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John 16:33

³³ "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

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John 10: 28-29

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

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¹⁰ 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days.

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Philippians 1:29

²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Messiah's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

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Acts 9:13-16

¹³ But Ananias answered, "L-rd, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵ But the L-rd said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; ¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

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2 Timothy 3:10-13

¹⁰ Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the L-rd rescued me! ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Messiah Yeshua will be persecuted.

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1 Corinthians 11:30-32

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the L-rd so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

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2 Corinthians 12:7

⁷ Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me - to keep me from exalting myself!

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Romans 5:3-4

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

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Hebrews 5:8

⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

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Hebrews 12:10-11

¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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¹⁰ Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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1 Corinthians 9:24-25
²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.
²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things they then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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2 Timothy 4:6-8
⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸ in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the L-rd, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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1 Peter 5:4
⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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Revelation 2:11
¹¹ 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'

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Philippians 1:21, 23

²¹ For to me, to live is Messiah and to die is gain. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Messiah, for that is very much better;

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Luke 12:5

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Revelation 20:4-6

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Yeshua and because of the word of G-d, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.

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⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of G-d and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

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Revelation 20:13-15

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire, this is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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