

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 3 verses, read in order, tell of God's plans for Israel to be honored by the nations of the world.

a "For Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob and will choose Israel again. He will settle them on their own land."

Isaiah 14:1 (1 of 3 for Feb 18)

b "The foreigner will join them and be united with the house of Jacob."

Isaiah 14:1 (2 of 3 for Feb 18)

c "The nations will escort Israel and bring it to its homeland."

Isaiah 14:2 (3 of 3 for Feb 18)

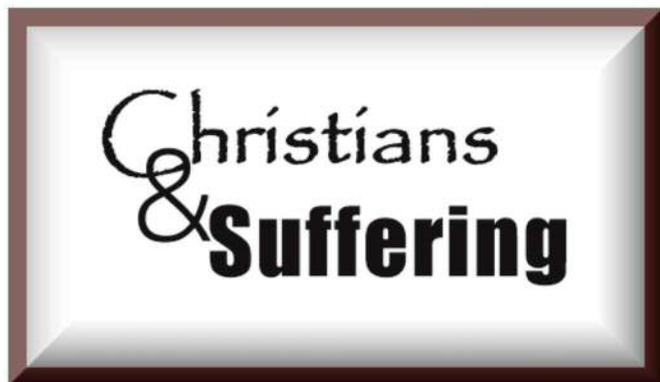
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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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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

This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received the message about God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the message of God, which also works effectively in you believers. For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, since you have also **suffered** the same things from people of your own country, just as they did from the Jews who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us; they displease God and are hostile to everyone, hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. As a result, they are always completing the number of their sins, and wrath has overtaken them at last.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-16

Remember the earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with **sufferings**. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to taunts and afflictions, and at other times you were companions of those who were treated that way.

HEBREWS 10:32-33

In fact, all those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be **persecuted**. Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 TIMOTHY 3:12-13

Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same **sufferings** are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

1 PETER 5:8-9

Paul, Peter, and the author of the book of Hebrews were all in agreement on one thing concerning those newly converted to faith in God and Christ – and all three wrote about it quite directly: When we become a child of God our Father, and commit our lives to Him, it is guaranteed that we will encounter sufferings meant just for God's people.

Paul spells it out in his first letter to the church at Thessalonica. You recognized from the beginning, he wrote, that the message you received was from God. You welcomed it, believed it, and embraced it, and the persecutions began – just as had happened to the believers in Christ in Jerusalem.

Those responsible for it are known. "They displease God and are hostile to everyone. They are always completing the number of their sins."

Later in his life, Paul wrote to Timothy to give him similar advice and to recall how things had been for him when he first committed to Christ.

"All those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted**. Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived."

The book of Hebrews takes up the same theme:

"Remember the earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings. You were publicly exposed to taunts and afflictions."

The persecutions in these three passages range from taunting and other personal attacks, all the way to Christians being in fear for their lives. Some were under attack physically by evil, wicked men, whom Paul likened to "the Jews who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us."

We know that these persecutions do not come from God. So, who or what is responsible? We can always seem to count on Peter to tell us the blunt truth. And he does so again, concerning this issue.

"Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour." While undoubtedly the Devil was the inspiration behind the murders of Jesus and the prophets, and later many of the Apostles, he does not need the threat of death to accomplish his goals. He has been successful in pulling people from their commitment to God by many other types of suffering, and it is clear that he continues to this day. Some people scoff at the idea that there is a war on Christianity today. But we know better. And Peter told us who is behind it.

As we pray to God for relief of our sufferings, let us always also pray for deliverance from evil – just as Christ directed us when He taught His disciples a form for prayer. One must go with the other.

Peter urges us forward by telling us how to deal with Satan: "**Resist him! Be firm in the faith.**" And further, we need to realize we are not alone in what we are going through.

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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 יהוה¹ (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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