

# Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are God's revelation of the fall of Lucifer, who became "The Adversary," (Satan).

a [God:] "From the day you were created you were blameless in your ways until wickedness was found in you."

Ezekiel 28:15 (1 of 4 for Feb 2)

b [God:] "So I expelled you in disgrace from the mountain of God, and banished you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones."

Ezekiel 28:16 (2 of 4 for Feb 2)

c [God:] "Your heart became proud because of your beauty; For the sake of your splendor you corrupted your wisdom."

Ezekiel 28:17 (3 of 4 for Feb 2)

d [God:] "So I threw you down to the earth; I made you a spectacle before kings."

Ezekiel 28:17 (4 of 4 for Feb 2)

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The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

See also: [CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org](http://CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org)

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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 2

### HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE

So the disciples questioned Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

"Elijah is coming and will restore everything," He replied. "But I tell you: Elijah has already come, and they didn't recognize him. On the contrary, they did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way the Son of Man is going to **suffer** at their hands."

Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

MATTHEW 17:10-13

Then [the disciples] began to question Him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

"Elijah does come first and restores everything," He replied. "How then is it written about the Son of Man that He must **suffer** many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah really has come, and they did whatever they pleased to him, just as it is written about him."

MARK 9:11-13

Then [Jesus] told them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah would **suffer** and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at

### COMMENTARY

We have seen the horrible description in Isaiah 53 of the suffering prophesied for God's Messiah. There is no exact agreement among scholars, but the book of Isaiah was written somewhere near 600 BC – so for over 400 years, people had the book to read, know, and comprehend its contents. The idea of the "Suffering Servant" (or the "Suffering Messiah") was not unknown at that time, even though there was no universal agreement among the priests and scholars that Chapter 53 was actually describing God's coming Messiah.

But at the end of His ministry, we are told in three of the Gospels that Jesus explained that everything about Him had been written down in the Scriptures. He opened the eyes and the understanding of His disciples, so that they could see and comprehend Jesus throughout what we call the Old Testament.

Without question, Isaiah 53 would have been a large part of His instruction to them. We know He told them that "it is written about the Son of Man that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt." Also, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day."

He even couched His teaching in the suffering inflicted upon John the Baptist. "They [the political leaders] did whatever they pleased to him, just as it is written about him."

The disciples were so well instructed by Jesus that, in an impromptu sermon at the Temple after Christ's resurrection and ascension, Peter was able to explain it all.

The portion relevant to our study of suffering is at the bottom of the left column, taken from Acts 3. "You denied the Holy and Righteous One... You killed the source of life... God predicted through the mouth of all the prophets that His Messiah would suffer."

I've begun this series with the prophecies of the suffering of Messiah for several reasons, most of which I will return to along the way.

But I want to end this one with this: Christ the Messiah, the Son of God, was with God the Father in

Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

LUKE 24:44-48

[Peter, at Solomon's Colonnade in the Temple:] "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this. "And now, brothers, I know that you did it in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. But what God predicted through the mouth of all the prophets — that His Messiah would **suffer** — He has fulfilled in this way."

ACTS 3:13-15,17-18

the timeless eternity before His date with Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Calvary. He was the "I AM" of the early Scriptures, and He would have been there as the various prophecies about His redemptive mission were being given to the Prophets in the later OT. Perhaps it was even He who spoke them to Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Malachi, and the other prophets.

People ask in songs, "Mary, did you know?" How much **more important and revealing** it is to understand that Christ knew and understood every single bit of suffering He was coming down to earth to endure. The rejection, the hatred, the beating, the torture, the nailing to the stake, the cruel time He was left hanging before He relinquished His spirit.

All of it. He knew it all since before He created the universe.

At the end, He begged His Father to find another way for Him to accomplish His work. But He knew there was no other way. And He accepted the will of God, which was Isaiah 53-level suffering.

What do our hearts, minds, and spirits make of that?

#### 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 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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