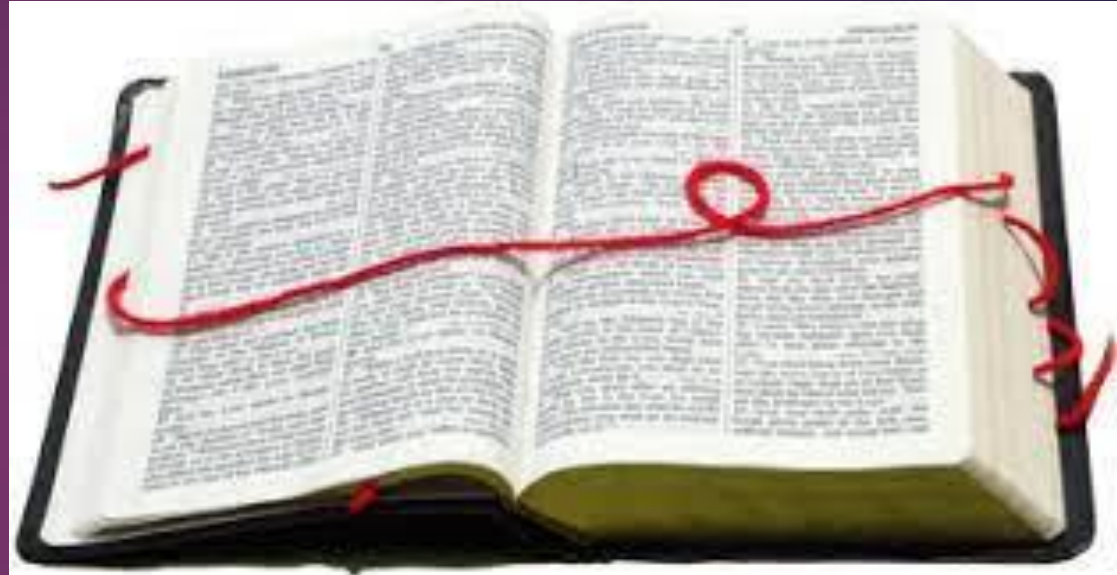


*Welcome to Women's  
Bible Study!*

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*This Year:*  
*Tracing*  
*Biblical Themes*

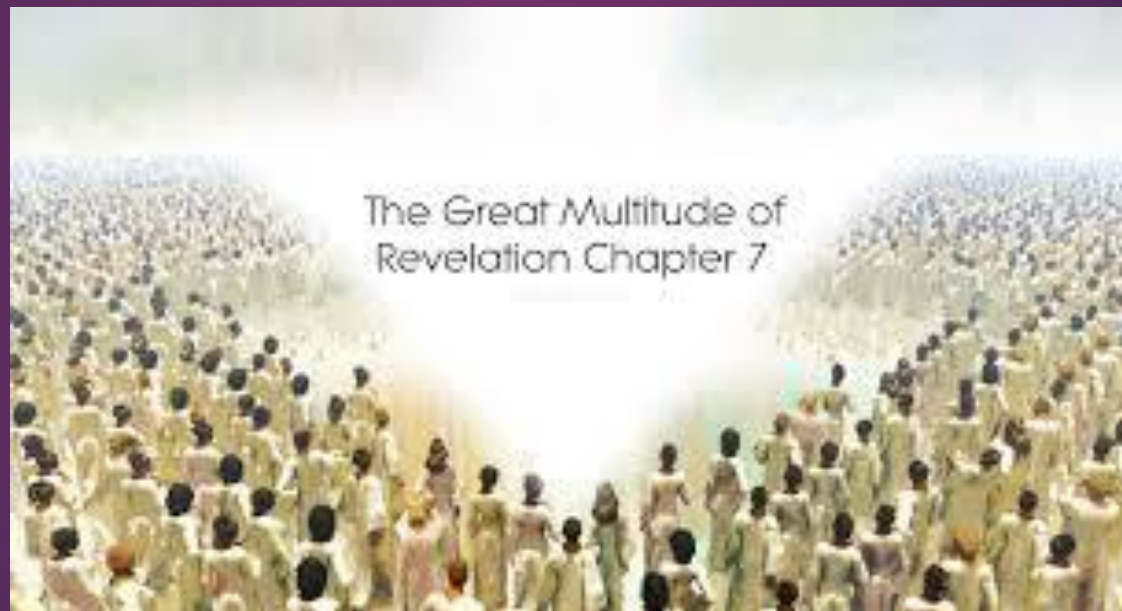


# Revelation

- *Revelation is the revelation not of a timeline but of a Person*



# *Garments/Clothing*



# *Sacrifice/Atonement/Lamb*





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*Gentiles/Israel*



CHURCH





# *Babylon*



**Fallen, fallen  
is Babylon  
the great!**

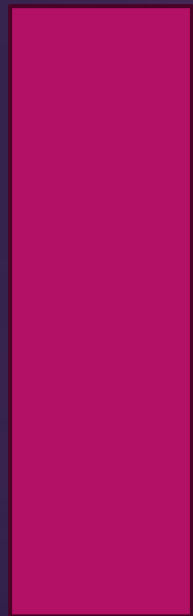
*Suffering and Glory*



*Suffering is anything that a person or group experiences, over a prolonged period, that causes pain or discomfort. Suffering as a biblical concept can include physical pain or sickness, emotional grief, or a sense of hopelessness.*

**Suffering**

*Genesis*  
1-2



**Suffering**

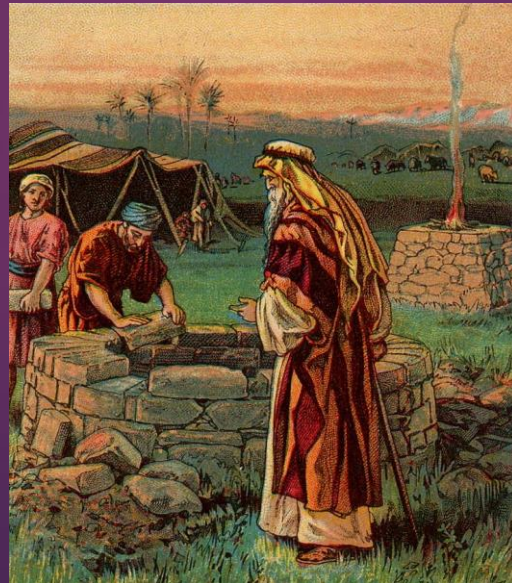
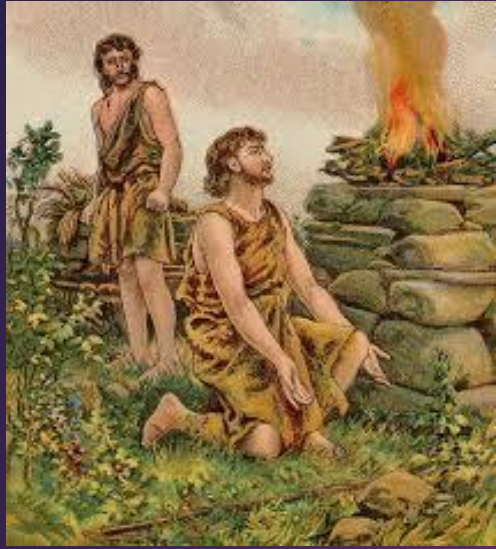
*Revelation*  
21-22



*Genesis 3: cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*











*Genesis 50:20: As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today*

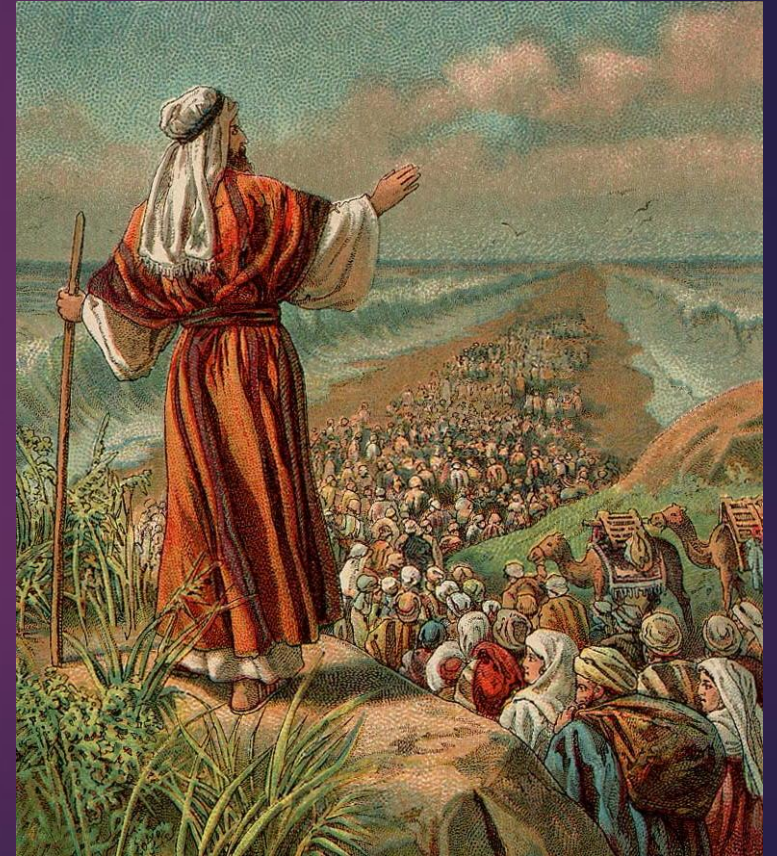




*Exodus 2:23-25: During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the people of Israel—and God knew*



*Hebrews 11:26: He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward*





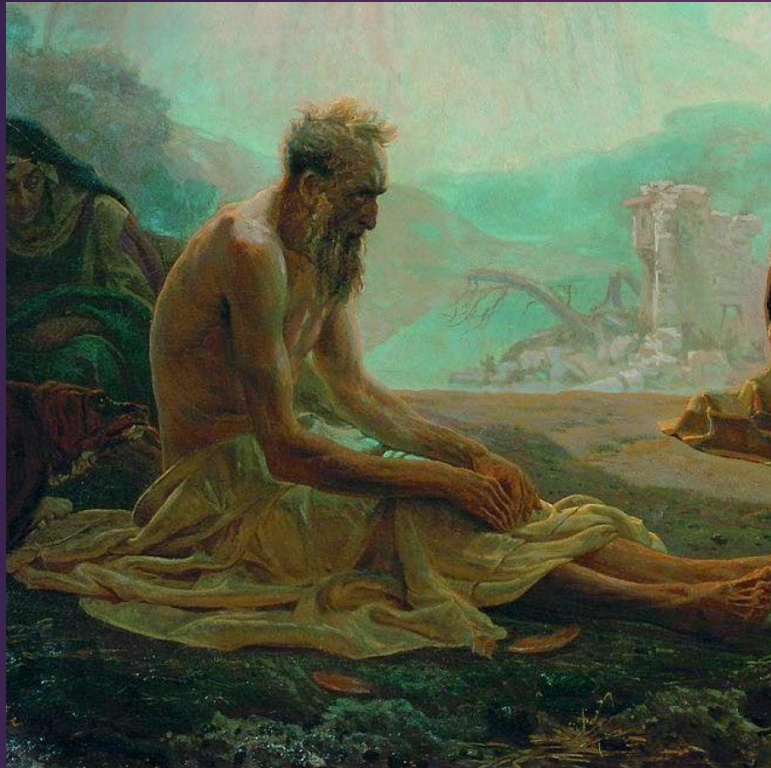








*Daniel 3:18-18: If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up*



Why?





*James 5:11: Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.*



*Job 42:5: I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.*

*Isaiah 53:4-5: Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him  
stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he  
was pierced for our transgressions; he was  
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the  
chastisement that brought us peace, and with  
his wounds we are healed*



*Isaiah 53:12: Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors*



# *New Testament*

*Luke 9:22: The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”*





*Luke 22:15: I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer*



*Psalm 22/Matthew 27:46 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

## Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why  
have You forsaken  
me? Far from my  
deliverance are the  
words of my  
groaning.



→ In Jesus, God takes upon Himself all the pain and suffering of history in the ultimate solidarity with humanity. Suffering may be the result the brokenness of this world due to sin, but God actively shares in the experience of suffering in order to lead His people through the path of suffering to glory.







*Acts 2:32: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit.*



*Philippians 2:8-9: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name*







→ Jesus's exaltation after suffering paves the way for our suffering to lead to glory.



*2 Corinthians 4:17: For this light momentary affliction  
is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond  
all comparison*



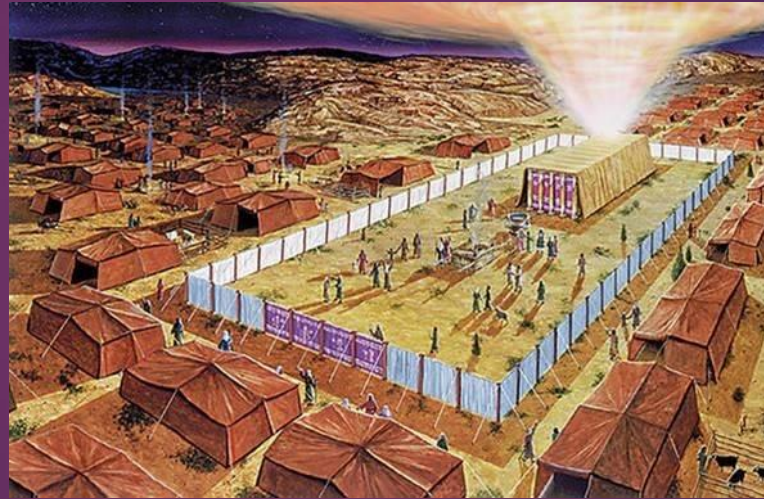
*Hebrews 11:13: These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar*



*Romans 8:18-25: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*



→Glory refers to the splendor of God and His divine presence.



*John 1:14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth*



*Hebrews 1:3: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power*



*1 Timothy 1:11: in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted*



**GOSPEL**



→The goal of redemptive history is the glory of God-exalting and experiencing the splendor of God in His presence forever.



*Fulfilment/Culmination in Revelation:*

*Revelation 5:9: Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God*



*Revelation 6:9-11: When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.*





*Revelation 21:3-4: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away*



*Revelation 21:23: And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb*



*Revelation 22:3-5: No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever*



→The glory that believers experience is Christ Himself.  
Christians will experience the immediate glory of God in the abiding presence of Christ when these trials give way to glory.

*Presence*



Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.



## Discussion/Sharing Time

1. *What is our heart attitude when we face suffering? Is it just to “get through it” and back to “normal life”? How can we consider the purposes of God in our trials?*
2. *Life can be very difficult and suffering is very real. The question of why or the unanswered prayers can be really hard. How does Jesus’s willingness to enter our suffering help us in those moments of sorrow?*
3. *What is our hope in the midst of suffering? How can we help one another cling to that hope as we walk through suffering together?*

*Closing Thoughts*

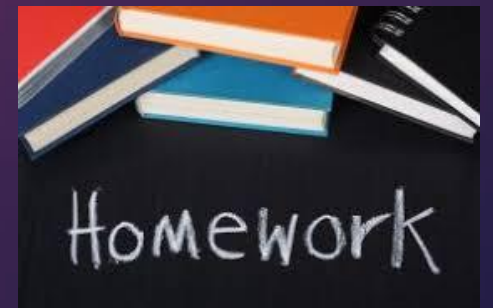


Last month we looked at Babylon and the world's exaltation in the things of this life. We saw that exaltation by the world results in judgment and everlasting contempt by God. Suffering and sorrow last only for a moment, and the glory of God is ours for eternity. Let us too continue to cry out to God in suffering, entrusting ourselves to Him in all circumstances and anxiously await with patience for the time when He will make all things right and through the path of suffering bring us to glory.



## *Homework:*

- *Continue your study on themes associated with suffering/glory (affliction, trial/glory exaltation)*
- *Consider getting additional resources to help in your study time.*
- *Next Study: March 19: Marriage*



*Sept 26: Garments/Clothing*  
*Oct 24: Lamb/Sacrifice/Atonement*  
*Nov 28: Gentiles/Israel*  
*Jan 23: Babylon/Rebellion/World*  
*Feb 27: Suffering/Glory*  
*March 19: Marriage*  
*April 23: King/Throne/Kingdom*  
*May 7: Tree of Life/Temple*



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