

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are a prophecy about the end-time Day of the Lord.

a "Woe to you who long for the Day of Yahweh! What will the Day of Yahweh be for you? It will be darkness and not light."

Amos 5:18 (1 of 4 for Feb 22)

b "[The Day of Yahweh] will be like a man who flees from a lion only to have a bear confront him."

Amos 5:19 (2 of 4 for Feb 22)

c "He goes home and rests his hand against the wall only to have a snake bite him."

Amos 5:19 (3 of 4 for Feb 22)

d "Won't the Day of Yahweh be darkness rather than light, even gloom without any brightness in it?"

Amos 5:20 (4 of 4 for Feb 22)

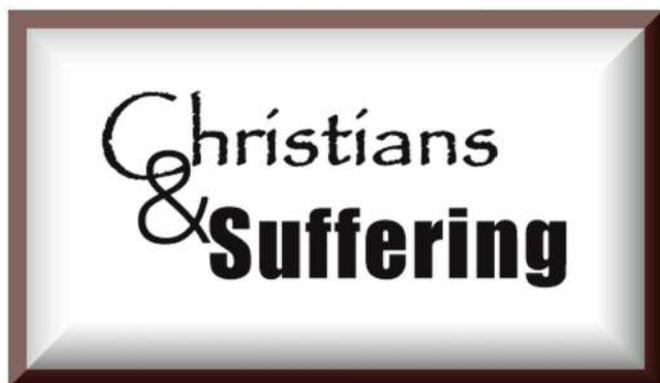
The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

See also: CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org

(ALL VERSES ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE, HCSB.)

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 22

HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE	COMMENTARY
<p>Now from Miletus, he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time — serving the Lord with all humility, with tears, and with the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews — and that I did not shrink back from proclaiming to you anything that was profitable or from teaching it to you in public and from house to house." ACTS 20:17-20</p>	<p>After reading in yesterday's Study Paul's extended listing of the type, number, and severity of his sufferings and persecutions, it is hardly surprising that he wrote often of them to the various churches in Asia and Greece.</p> <p>Today we will examine four of the times that he talked about his afflictions, and see what lessons he wanted them (and now us) to take from them.</p> <p>Luke tells of a time when Paul met with the elders of the church at Ephesus. He reminded them of his service to them there, "serving the Lord with all humility, with tears, and with the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews."</p>
<p>We give no opportunity for stumbling to anyone, so that the ministry will not be blamed. But as God's ministers, we commend ourselves in everything: by great endurance, by afflictions, by hardship, by difficulties, by beatings, by imprisonments, by riots, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times of hunger... 2 CORINTHIANS 6:3-5</p>	<p>He was being persecuted by those he used to work with and for, because he was now preaching the word of Christ. Who of us has not received at least grief, if not attacks, from those who had always been closest to us?</p> <p>Writing to the Corinthians, Paul reminded them similarly of his service for them, and his own trials — "great endurance, by afflictions, by hardship, by difficulties, by beatings, by imprisonments, by riots, by labors, by sleepless nights, and times of hunger." I doubt very many of us in this country have suffered so profoundly, but if we put our minds to it, I'm certain we could call to memory our own sufferings that seemed quite bad enough at the time.</p>
<p>For you yourselves know, brothers, that our visit with you was not without result. On the contrary, after we had previously suffered, and we were treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, we were emboldened by our God to speak the gospel of God to you in spite of great opposition. For our exhortation didn't come from error or impurity or an intent to deceive. Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts. 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4</p>	<p>There was yet another similar letter, this time to Thessalonica, in which Paul told of great opposition to his preaching, along with suffering and being "treated outrageously." In each of these instances, the persecutions evolved into Paul's insistence on giving God the credit for his rescue, and his renewed and emboldened efforts to preach the Gospel of Christ.</p> <p>And finally, to his great colleague Timothy, Paul notes that the two of them served God with "purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance," while both were being subjected to "persecutions and sufferings."</p>
<p>But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from them all. 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-11</p>	<p>Paul ends this part of his letter with that which we must all remind ourselves: "What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from them all."</p> <p>We must remember that, we are invited by our Father to pray fervently and repeatedly for deliverance from our sufferings. Paul's example tells us that, when we are freed from them, our thanksgiving to the God of our deliverance (to Him and inside the church) must be at least equally ardent and intense.s</p>

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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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