

Suffering and Glory

in Biblical Timing and Balance

Matthew 16:21-17:13

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Suffering

²¹ From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

²² And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

²⁵ "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

²⁶ "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Glory

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

²⁸ "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

17:1 And six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.

² And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

⁴ And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

⁶ And when the disciples heard *this*, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.

⁷ And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

⁸ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone.

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⁹ And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

¹⁰ And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

¹² but I say to you, that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

¹³ Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

The Key: Biblical Timing and Balance

2 Peter 1:14 knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you may be able to call these things to mind.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"--

¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,

⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be *any* death; there shall no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

⁷ "He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

⁸ "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

⁹ And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

¹¹ having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

¹² It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

¹³ *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

¹⁶ And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

¹⁷ And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, *according to* human measurements, which are *also* angelic *measurements*.

¹⁸ And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

¹⁹ The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple.

²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

²⁴ And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

²⁵ And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed;

²⁶ and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

²⁷ and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

² in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;

⁴ and they shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

⁵ And there shall no longer be *any* night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.