Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:9-11 (KJV)

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- 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
- 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

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Right & Wrong

Causes

Revelation 1:9 (kjv & nasb)

- 9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- 9 I, John, your brother and fellow participant in the tribulation and kingdom and [a]perseverance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Luke 23:41 (kjv & nasb)

- 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
- 41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our crimes; but this man has done nothing wrong."

I Peter 4:15, 16 (kjv & nasb)

- 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.
- 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
- 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a [a]troublesome meddler;
- 16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

Inevitable to Christians

John 16:33 (kjv & nasb)

- 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- 33 These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Acts 14:22 (kjv & nasb)

- 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
- 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "It is through many tribulations that we must enter the kingdom of God."
- 2 Timothy 3:12 (kjv & nasb)
- 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- 12 Indeed, all who want to live in a godly way in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Benefits

Revelation

Revelation 1:12b, 21:1 - KJV

- 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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- 21 Then 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 Corinthians 12:4 (kjv & nasb)
- 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
- 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 (kjv & nasb)
- 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [a]about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Communication

Revelation 1:11(kjv & nasb)

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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Revelation 2:1-3 (kjv)

- 2 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
- 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
- 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Message to the Seven Churches

Revelation 2:22 (kjv & nasb)

- 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
- 22 Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

Edification

Ephesians 4:11,12 (kjv & nasb)

- 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 11 And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers,
- 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;

Challenge

Philippians 1:23-25 (kjv)

- 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
- 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.
- 25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

Philippians 1:23-25 (nasb)

- 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;
- 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sakes.
- 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy [a]in the faith,
- 2 Timothy 2:12 (kjv & nasb)
- 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

If we endure, we will also reign with Him;

If we deny Him, He will also deny us;

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