

Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
- 4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance

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- Teacher (2:2)
- Soldier (2:3-4)
- Athlete (2:5)
- Farmer (2:6)
- Christ (2:7-8)
- Paul (2:9-10)
- Trustworthy statement (2:11-13)
- Workman (2:14-18)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
- Servant (2:24-26)

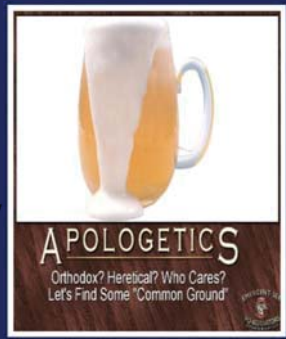


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- *apos* = away from
- *histēmi* = to stand
- Apostasy = to stand away from
- Apostasy = a departure from known (or previously embraced) truth



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The Great Falling Away!

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INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE
2 Peter 2:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
"phero" = to carry Acts 27:15,17
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
 - ◆ Which is their own imagination
 - ◆ Jer. 23:16



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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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“so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

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2 Timothy 4:3-4

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”



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Paul's Two Roman Imprisonments Contrasted

1 ST IMPRISONMENT (ACTS 28:16-31)	2 ND IMPRISONMENT (2 TIM)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wrote prison epistles ■ Religious charges ■ Local and sporadic persecutions (AD 60-63) ■ Decent conditions (house) ■ Many friends ■ Evangelistic opportunities ■ Optimistic for release (Phil 1:24-26) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wrote 2 Timothy ■ Political charges ■ Neronian persecution (AD 64-68) ■ Poor conditions (dungeon) ■ Virtually alone ■ Opportunities restricted ■ Execution anticipated (2 Tim 4:6)

Adapted from Nelson's Complete Book of Charts and Maps, 433.

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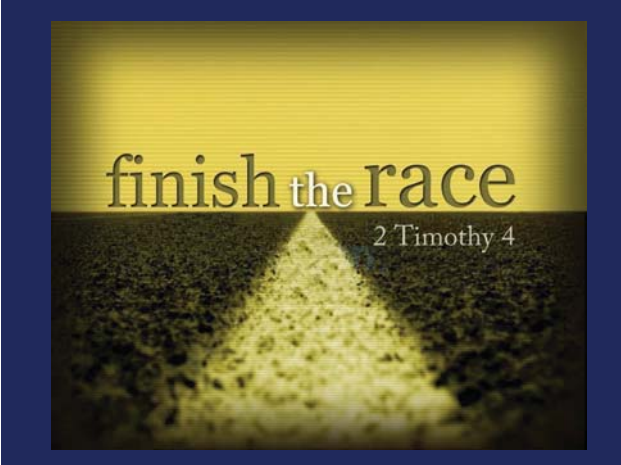


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Mark Twain, *Autobiography*, 2:37

“A myriad of men are born; they labor and sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble and scold and fight; they scramble for little mean advantages over each other. Age creeps upon them and infirmities follow; shames and humiliations bring down their prides and their vanities. Those they love are taken from them, and the joy of life is turned to aching grief. The burden of pain, care, and misery grows heavier year by year. At length ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead; longing for release is in their place. It comes at last—the only un-poisoned gift earth ever had for them—and they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence; where they achieved nothing, where they were a mistake and a failure and a foolishness; where they left no sign that they have existed—a world that will lament them a day and forget them forever.”


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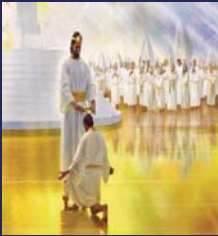
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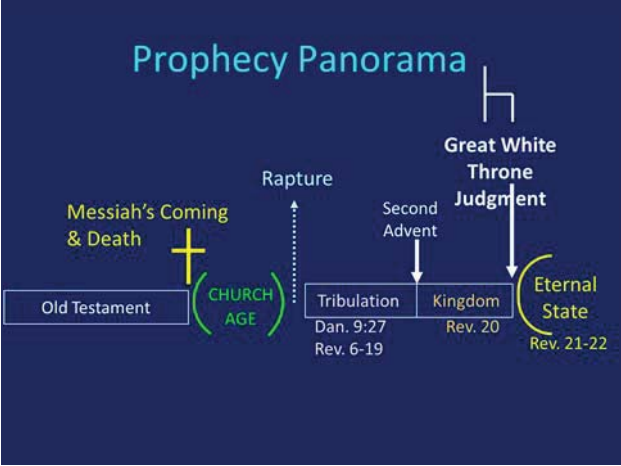
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Scripture's Five Crowns
(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

Scripture	Crown	Purpose
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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Ante-Nicene Fathers: "Heavenly and Eschatological" Interpretation of John 14:1-4


"Interestingly, references to John 14:1-3 virtually disappear when perusing the writings of the Nicene and Post-Nicene fathers. This is a bit surprising, given the abundance of material in these later writers when compared with the Ante-Nicenes. I would assume that with the rise of Augustinian amillennialism and its optimistic interpretation regarding the present arrival of the Kingdom of God, the kind of hope held out in John 14:1-3 ceased to hold relevance."

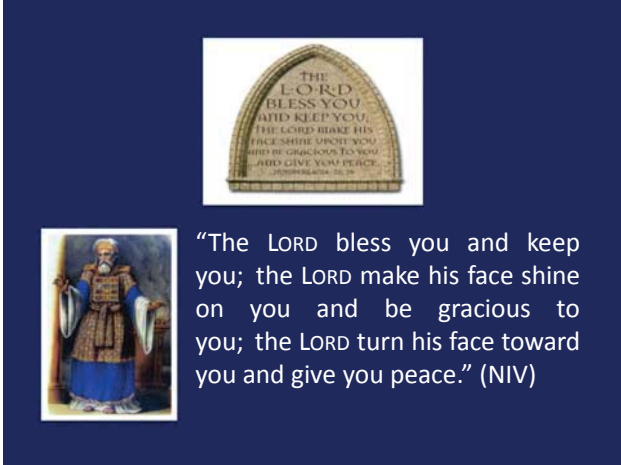
George Gunn, "John 14:1-3: The Father's House: Are We There Yet?," 30, n. 24.

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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

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2 Tim. 3:12-Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

John 16:33-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 13:36-For **David, after he had ^[m]served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep**, and was laid among his fathers and ^[n]underwent decay.

Rev. 3:2-Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; **for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.**

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Constable-"After the Jewish priest offered the lamb, ram, or bull in this ritual, he poured wine beside the altar. This was the last

act in the sacrificial ceremony, all of which symbolized the dedication of the believer to God in worship. The pouring out of the wine pictured the gradual ebbing away of Paul's life, that had been a living sacrifice to God since the apostle's conversion."

Philip. 2:17-But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

2 Cor. 5:8-we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord

Philip. 1:21-23- For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
²² ^[s]But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know ^[t]which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better.

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1 Kgs. 11:1-8- Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, ² from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not ^[a]associate with them, nor shall they ^[b]associate with you, *for* they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. ³ He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. ⁴ For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not

[c]wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.⁵ For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after [d]Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.⁶ Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.⁷ Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is [e]east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.⁸ Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

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Dallas businessman-"I have spent my entire life climbing the ladder of success only to discover that the ladder was leaning against the wrong wall."

Ryrie-"The faith-the recognized body of Christian doctrine. Paul kept the faith in two senses: he was obedient to it, and he passed it on as he received it." RSB p. 1503.

1 Cor. 4:2-In this case, moreover, it is required [a]of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

2 Tim. 4:1- I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to **judge** the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom.

Eph. 2:8-9- For by grace you have been saved through faith; and ^[h]that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 Cor. 3:15- If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 John 8- Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

Rev. 3:11- I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Gen. 22:2- He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

John 15:5-6- I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

Rev. 4:10- the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and **will cast their crowns before the throne**, saying,

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Philip. 1:10-so that you may ^[g]approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless ^[h]until **the day of Christ**.

2 Cor. 5:10-For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that **each one** may be recompensed for ^[d]his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 John 2:15-17- Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 5:19-We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

1 Pet. 1:17-If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*

1 Pet. 2:11-Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Heb. 11:13-All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Num. 6:24-26-““The LORD bless you and keep you;²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.””