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Revelation 19:7

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself**

ready

There is preparation taking place

Martyrs for the witness of Christ

Revelation 7:13-14

What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation** and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Daniel 11:33-34

And **they that understand**
among the people shall instruct
many: **yet they shall fall** by the
sword, and by flame, by
captivity, and by spoil, many
days. Now when they shall fall,
they shall be **holpen with a little**
help

Daniel 11:35

And **some of them of**
understanding shall fall to try
them, and to purge, and to
make them white, even to the
time of the end: **because it is**
yet for a time appointed

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Hebrews 11:35-36

Some were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment.

Hebrews 11:37-38

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy

Hebrews 11:38-39

They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith.

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John 21:18

Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
When thou wast young, thou
girdedst thyself, and walkedst
whither thou wouldest: but
when thou shalt be old, thou
shalt stretch forth thy hands,
and another shall gird thee, and
carry thee whither thou
wouldest not.

John 21:19

This spake he, **signifying by
what death he should glorify
God**

**Peter's death for his
witness of Jesus
brought God Glory!**



Acts 5:27-28

They had brought Peter and John before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Acts 5:40-41

When they had called the apostles, and **beaten them** they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name**

1Peter 3:17

For it is better if the will of God be so, that **ye suffer for well doing** than for evil doing

1Peter 2:19

For this is thankworthy if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

1 Peter 2:21

For even **hereunto were ye called** because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that ye should follow his steps**

that we might be partakers of his holiness

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while** **make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you**

1Peter 4:12

Beloved, **think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you** as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Peter 4:13

But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Hebrews 12.5

My son, despise not thou the
chastening of the Lord nor
faint when **thou art rebuked** of
him:

that we might be
partakers of his
holiness

Hebrews 12.5

For whom the Lord loveth he
chasteneth, and scourgeth
every son whom he receiveth.

I want to close with these this. The hour we find ourselves in is one of persecution of the saints

When Peter was arrested and confined in Prison

Acts 12. 1-3

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, **he proceeded further to take Peter also**

Acts 12:4-5

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him... **Peter therefore was kept in prison**

When Peter was arrested and confined in Prison

Acts 12:5-7

**but prayer was made without
ceasing of the church unto God
for him** And, behold, and a
light shined in the prison and

Acts 12:5-7

the same night Peter was
sleeping between two soldiers,
bound with two chains and the
angel of the Lord came upon
him smote Peter on the side,
and raised him up, saying,
Arise up quickly. **And his chains
fell off from his hands**

When Paul and Silas were arrested

Acts 16:21-24

When the multitude rose up against Paul and Silas to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, **they** **cast them into prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely.

Acts 16:25-26

And at midnight Paul and Silas **prayed, and sang praises unto** **God** and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the **foundations of the prison were** **shaken: and immediately all the** **doors were opened**

closing

2 Corinthians 11:23-24

I Paul in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten at times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.

2 Corinthians 11:25

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

2 Corinthians 11:26

I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

2 Corinthians 11:27-28

I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:32-33

In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.