

# VALOR : THE CUP OF TREMBLING

JESUS CHRIST DRANK THE CUP. BUT HIS ENEMIES MUST DRINK THE DREGS.

JESUS CAME TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE TO PRAY TO HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN BEFORE HIS CRUEL BETRAYAL BY JUDAS. MARK 14:33. AND HE (JESUS) TOOK WITH HIM PETER AND JAMES AND JOHN, AND HE BEGAN TO BE SORE AMAZED AND TO BE VERY HEAVY (HEARTED).

(SORE AMAZED = 'ekthambeo' = To Be Utterly Astonished, or Affrighted, Greatly Amazed) And sometimes Men are put in situations where we are astonished that we do not have much support for what we have to do. It's at these times that we are bewildered, discouraged and heart sick).

AND JESUS SAID TO THEM, MY SOUL IS EXCEEDINGLY SORROWFUL UNTO DEATH: STAY HERE AND WATCH.

(Peter, James and John were the disciples closest to Jesus, but did they understand what Jesus was facing and about to face? No other man can really feel the sorrow or grief of those close to them. No one but The Heavenly Father could understand, so He asked them to give Him space to Pray to His Father, and to keep themselves awake and on guard).

AND HE WENT FORWARD A LITTLE, AND FELL TO THE GROUND, AND PRAYED THAT, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THE HOUR MIGHT PASS FROM HIM.

(As Men in this world, there are times when we are given more trouble and distress than we can bear without the Heavenly Father's Help. We have to go beyond where others stop. And we can be Mighty in Spirit But Suffer in Our Soul (mind, will and emotions). At times like these we can be grieved all around, even face down and overwhelmingly sad to the point of despair).

JESUS PRAYED EARNESTLY: As Men we must pray like we really need Father's Help. We may not get the answer we want, but we will know HE heard us. Some things cannot be reversed or averted, and we must confront them.

AND JESUS SAID, ABBA FATHER, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE UNTO THEE; TAKE AWAY THIS CUP FROM ME: NEVERTHELESS NOT MY WILL BUT THY WILL BE DONE.

ABBA = FATHER, MY FATHER. (A TERM OF ENDEARMENT).

CUP = FIGURATIVE OF A LOT IN LIFE OR FATE THAT ONE MUST FACE. JESUS WOULD HAVE TO DRINK THIS FULL CUP OF SUFFERING, BUT HIS ENEMIES WOULD LATER DRINK THE DREGS OR SEDIMENT IN THAT LOATHSOME CUP.

PSALM 75:8. FOR IN THE HAND OF THE LORD THERE IS A CUP, AND THE WINE IS RED; IT IS FULL OF MIXTURE; AND HE POURETH OUT OF THE SAME (ON CHRIST): BUT THE DREGS THEREOF, ALL THE WICKED OF THE EARTH SHALL WRING THEM OUT AND DRINK THEM.

In this Psalm we hear of THE LORD GOD (THE SELF EXISTENT AND ETERNAL GOD) Handing the Cup of red wine, full of the Mixture of Sin and Suffering to JESUS Christ to drink down for the Forgiveness Of Mankind's Sins. But for the Wicked ('rasha' = who are morally wrong, actively bad, guilty, ungodly) who are anti-Christ; their final Lot is to Wring Out ('masa' = to suck out, squeeze out, and drain out) And Drink Down The Awful Dregs Of That Bitter Cup. YES! THE GRAPES OF HIS WRATH!

THE DISTRCTION OF JERUSALEM :

ISAIAH 51:17-18. AWAKE, AWAKE, STAND UP, O JERUSALEM, WHICH HAS DRUNK AT THE HAND OF THE LORD THE CUP OF HIS FURY; THOU HAST DRUNKEN THE DREGS OF THE CUP OF TREMBLING, AND WRUNG THEM OUT.

THERE IS NONE (ELSE) TO GUIDE HER AMONG ALL THE SONS WHOM SHE HAS BROUGHT FORTH; NEITHER IS THERE ANY WHO TAKE HER BY THE HAND OF ALL THE SONS

THAT SHE HAS BROUGHT UP.

This verse speaks of all of the destruction the Jewish Nation has suffered because of their disobedience to THE LORD and His Christ. Even their Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. This should be a Sign to all the other Nations of the world who go anti-Christ.

When the world is looking at Israel as a Nation Under God's Wrath, they need to seriously consider themselves as being next in line.

ISA 51:22- 23. THUS SAYS THY LORD THE LORD AND THY GOD THAT PLEADETH THE CAUSE OF HIS PEOPLE, BEHOLD, I HAVE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR HAND THE CUP OF TREMBLING, EVEN THE DREGS OF THE CUP OF MY FURY; YOU SHALL NO MORE DRINK IT AGAIN.

BUT I WILL PUT IT INTO THE HAND OF THEM THAT AFFLICT YOU; WHICH HAVE SAID TO YOUR SOUL, BOW DOWN, THAT WE MAY OVER RUN YOU: AND YOU HAVE LAID YOUR BODY AS THE GROUND, AND AS THE STREET, TO THOSE WHO WENT OVER YOU.

NOW THE GRAPES OF WRATH IN THE CUP OF TREMBLING IS PUT IN THE HANDS OF THE NATIONS THAT AFFLICT ISRAEL.

ZECHARIAH 12:2- 3. BEHOLD I WILL MAKE JERUSALEM A CUP OF TREMBLING UNTO ALL THE NATIONS ROUND ABOUT, WHEN THEY SHALL BE IN THE SEIGE BOTH AGAINST JUDAH AND AGAINST JERUSALEM.

IN THAT DAY I WILL MAKE JERUSALEM A BURDENOME STONE FOR ALL PEOPLE: ALL THAT BURDEN THEMSELVES WITH IT SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES, THOUGH ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH BE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST IT.

LEAVE JERUSALEM ALONE! EVEN YOU WHO ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CIRCLE OF ISRAEL. VAIN IS YOUR THOUGHTS OF LAYING SEIGE ON HER. DON'T BURDEN YOURSELF!