

Grace and Peace be to you Brethren.

My Brethren, persecutions will come. Be ready, be prepared, for suffering persecution in the name of Yahshua our Messiah is our reasonable service. Messiah himself told us to carry our cross (Matthew 16:24), as he carried his (Matthew 27:32). And just as his was too heavy for him to carry (Luke 23:26), so when our crosses become too heavy for us to carry on our own we have his body, our brothers, to carry the burdens we cannot (Galatians 6:2), and if they are unavailable or unable, we have Yahuah (2 Corinthians 12:9), He who raised Messiah from the grave and gave him victory over death (Revelation 1:18), He who empowered Messiah to conquer the world (Romans 8:37). No burden is too heavy for Him, nor for Yahshua, not anymore, and in truth his never was. He who could have called upon twelve legions of angels to conquer (Matthew 26:53), could have called upon their assistance in carrying a large block of wood. He allowed the burden for our instruction, therefore my brethren, suffer happily (Matthew 5:10), knowing your reward is great for having done so (Matthew 10:30). For what is food, but a temporal pleasure? What is pain, but a taste of Messiah's suffering (1 Peter 2:21, 4:1)? What is death, but a release into glory, as it is written, "For this perishable must be endowed with imperishability, and this mortal must be endowed with immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53), and "...we shall all be changed, in a moment, in an eye's glance, at the last trumpet-call; for it will be sounded, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51b-52). For glory and immortality will be ours upon our release!

Therefore, do not mourn for the persecutions coming upon you brethren. For afflictions must come (John 15:20), and all who desire to live righteously in Messiah will be afflicted (2 Timothy 3:12). Is it not written, "We are killed all day on account of you! We are regarded as sheep for slaughter (Psalm 44:23; Romans 8:36)"? Take heart, fortify yourself! "Take, brethren, as a model of suffering, and of patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of Yahuah (James 5:10)." Remember, the world was not worthy of them (Hebrews 11:38a), just as it is not worthy of you!

My brethren, let it comfort your hearts to know that judgment and affliction will be to those who afflict us (2 Thessalonians 1:8-10). Their suffering will be at the hands and command of a Righteous Judge (James 5:9b), for it is fearful to fall into the hands of a living Mighty One (Hebrews 10:31).

Grace, Peace, and Joy to the Brethren in Yahuah. Amen.