

My Life is Full of Suffering - Am I Cursed?

<u>Romans 8:17</u>: (NASB) And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



How often do we hear of someone who just seems to have everything going wrong in their lives? They suffer loss, have physical ailments, are deeply distressed and their life seems to be going nowhere. Sometimes when we find ourselves in these circumstances we may begin to wonder, "What did I do to deserve this? Is God mad at me? Am I cursed?" When in dire circumstances, these can be very human questions that actually have the ability to unravel our faith. We can easily allow seeds of doubt to be planted in our hearts, and that leads to becoming unnerved in our minds. Bottom line, if we were not thrown off



by our circumstances, we can certainly be derailed by our reactions. Does God really get mad at us? As Christians, does He ever curse us?

Who, what and when does God curse?

There are several Old Testament words for curse.

Curse: Strongs #779 árar; to execrate

Merriam Webster: execrate: verb 1: to declare to be evil or detestable: denounce 2: to detest utterly

Execrate is similar to the word execute, which is cutting off from something.

The first time the word *curse* is used in the Scriptures is in Genesis after the first sin.

Genesis 3:14-17: (NASB) ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, cursed <0779> are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; ¹⁵and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel. ¹⁶To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children (this was a consequence, not a curse.); yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you. ¹⁷Then to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it; cursed <0779> is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

Satan, as a serpent, was cursed. He delivered death to God's human family and was now bound to the dust of the ground. Satan, as the angel Lucifer, was given the responsibility to oversee earth, and he was usurping God's authority. He no longer had access to the heavens. He was bound to the earth. The Scripture does not say Adam and Eve were cursed. Unlike Satan, they were punished or disciplined for their mistake. The ground was cursed because of man. It would no longer be naturally fertile.

Cain's punishment after killing his brother:

<u>Genesis 4:11-12</u>: (NASB) ¹¹Now you are cursed <0779> from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you cultivate the ground; it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.

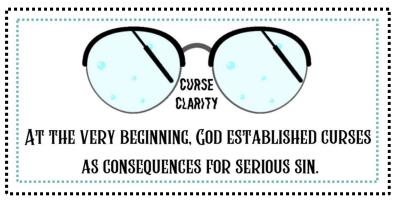
Cursed FROM the ground - What had already been cursed but was usable would be further cursed from Cain's use. Remember, Cain was a tiller of the ground. Because the ground received the blood of his brother, he could no longer receive what the ground offered. He was not cut off from God.

The next appearance of someone or something being cursed takes place after the flood with Canaan, the son of Ham:

<u>Genesis 9:24-25</u>: (NASB) ²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him. ²⁵So he said, cursed <0779> be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brothers.

This curse was Noah's prophecy regarding Ham's son, Canaan, and his posterity becoming very evil and showing the consequence of their own actions. Israel was given the land of Canaan by God, specifically to "dispossess" them. (The Canaanites were excessively evil in the sight of God. <u>Deuteronomy 9:1-5</u>). Unfortunately, some people have twisted these Scriptures to say the Bible supports racism.

For more on this topic, please search our archives for Episode 849: Does the Bible Support Racism? (Part I).



Adam was not "cursed," but Cain was. What about the nation of Israel and its enemies?

God's dealings with humanity are predictable. Sin and disobedience always bring the consequences of God's favor distancing itself from the person, family or nation. Next, we need to understand this distance regarding human to human relationships between friends and enemies of God.

This audio clip expresses the heartbreaking suffering some people feel in life.

) Just make it stop, Sad Audio/Life is Pain, I'm in Pain, Maheer Afghan

- I need you to calm down.
- No! No! I can't! I can't! It hurts! Make is stop. Please make it stop it hurts. It hurts so bad I can't breathe. I can't, I can't do worse, okay? I shouldn't have to. I just need the pain to be gone. How do you keep going



when the worst thing has happened? What do you have to change inside to survive? Who do you have to become? I've had enough.

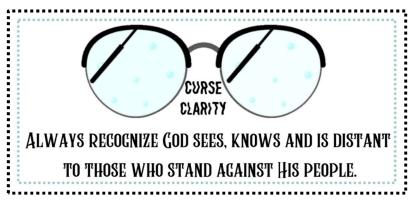
We will be taking a look at what we, as Christians, need to do to manage our suffering.

God took the first steps to establish a people for His name:

<u>Genesis 12:1-3</u>: (NASB) ¹Now the LORD said to Abram, Go forth... ²and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; ³and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses <7043> you I will curse <0779>. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Curses: Strongs #7043 qalal; to be (causatively, make) light

To "make light" means to not be treated respectfully. God told Abram his posterity would be God's chosen nation that would receive His laws. God proclaims the consequence to those who do not respect His chosen. They would suffer God pushing them away and He will be far from them.



There is a parallel between the nation of Israel and individuals in Christianity today. We will address parallels as we go further.

The blessing God gives to those who seek Him:

<u>Psalm 16:7-8,11</u>: (NASB) ⁷I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. ⁸I have set the LORD continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ¹¹You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Just because we may be blessed by God does not mean we are exempt from consequence:

<u>Deuteronomy 11:26-28</u>: (NASB) ²⁶See, I am setting before you (the nation of Israel) today a blessing and a curse <7045>: ²⁷the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today; ²⁸and the curse <7045>, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.

Curse: Strongs #7045 qelalah; vilification

Lexicon: 1) curse, vilification, execration

Merriam Webster:

vilification: noun an instance of vilifying: a defamatory utterance

God is telling His chosen people, "Follow My Law and you are blessed. Do not follow My Law and you are vilified before Me."



This is about maintaining a national blessing from God or becoming a nationally-vilified people.

God is cursing groups of people, NOT cursing individuals. Why do some people think God would curse us as an individual?

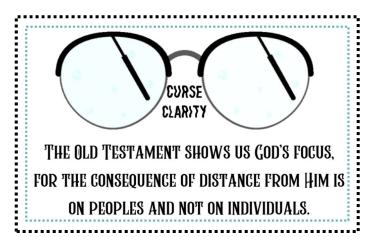
The misunderstanding may have begun here:

<u>Malachi 3:8-10</u>: (NASB) ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, How have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are cursed <0779> with a curse <3994>, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

Curse: Strongs #3994 me'erah; an execration

This Scripture is about a group, not a person. The spiritual leaders of Israel were being confronted. Unfortunately, this Scripture is often used by those in the "Prosperity Gospel" to guilt people into giving money to the leader's bank account. This is a travesty of Christianity.

For more on this topic, please search our archives for Episode 1040: Do Tithes and Offerings Belong in Christianity?



Being individually cursed by God is NOT a big Old Testament thing. What about the New Testament?

We will find that in this case, the Old Testament does set a general precedent for the New Testament. In the gospel message there is very little mentioned about people being cursed. What we do want to recognize is who is subject to this consequence, and most importantly why.

Here are two New Testament words with the same definition as in the Old Testament:

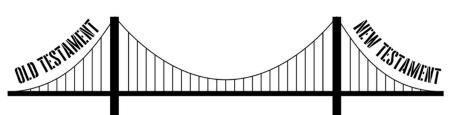
Curse: Strongs #2671 katara; imprecation, execration

Curse: Strongs #1944 epikataratos; imprecated, i.e. execrable



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<u>Galatians 3:10-12</u>: (NASB)¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse <2671>; for it is written, Cursed <1944> is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.¹¹Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, the righteous man shall live by faith.¹² However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, he who practices them shall live by them.

For the Jew, not following the Law was absolutely a pathway away from God and into darkness. This was the consequence before Jesus came on the scene.

The next point shows us where we, as Christians, stand in our liability before God:

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a **curse** <**2671**> for us-for it is written, **Cursed** <**1944**> is everyone who hangs on a tree ¹⁴in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We are blessed by Jesus removing the curse from the Law. Because of the promise to Abraham - And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice, we can also help to bless all the nations of the earth in the future. (Genesis 22:18)

Remember, the Scriptures do not say Adam was cursed. It does say those who do not follow the Law as a nation were cursed.

Adam sinned, and through that sin came sin and death for all. The Law is what came to identify sin. God said if we do not live up to that identification and follow what it says, we are stuck under sin and death. Jesus became the cursed for us - cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.

Jesus absorbed the curse of the Law for every human being. This cancelled the sin that the Law identified.



Does God curse you? NO! Has He cursed you? NO! Will He curse you? NO!



< CQRewind ()) What will you teach me, Gifts of Adversity: Tiffany Peterson at TEDxBountiful

Ask yourself, "What is this here to teach me? What is the gift of this experience?" Many of you would not even be in this room had you not gone through past adversities. You wouldn't be prepared to handle and hold this space. So, let's turn these whatever your challenges are today or will be. Because as long as you're alive guess what, change is involved. As long as you're alive, you're going to be growing. Change - it's a part of the process. The day we stop growing is the day we



die. How is it that rather than resist these adversities or these challenges, welcome them. What are you here to teach me? What's the gift of this?

What about our suffering? If we are not cursed, then what brings it to us?

What is "suffering"?

Suffer: Strongs #3958 pascho; apparently a primary verb; to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful)

Moses chose to suffer:

Hebrews 11:24-26: (NASB) ²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to endure (suffer) ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

Moses chose hardship because he was one of God's chosen people.

Jesus also chose to suffer. It was a requirement for the accomplishment of his mission:

Hebrews 5:8: (KJV) Though he were a son, yet, learned he obedience by the things which he *suffered* <3958>.

Jesus chose to experience hardship.

Matthew 16:21: (KJV) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer <3958> many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Jesus was not "suffering" every day of his life - he was sacrificing his own will every day and, in many cases, it was a joyful experience. He was experiencing being "offered up" daily as a sacrifice.

We must also suffer - be offered up:

Philippians 1:29: (NASB) For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer <3958> for his sake.

Suffering can be a blessing in disguise. When we look back on some of our most difficult experiences, we see the opportunity for growth. They can be our best growth experiences in Christ if we have the right heart attitude and learn from them. This can draw us closer to God.





SUFFERING AS SERVICE: To suffer is to experience. Our privilege is to experience WHATEVER is before us, the way Jesus experienced all that was before him. Do we see this as a problem or privilege?

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Jesus suffering. I was thinking of his compassion when he would see the crowds before him and heal them. Do you think it is part of our journey to learn from him in being touched with the infirmities of the world? We can't touch them or heal them.

We have the opportunity to feel the pain of those around us. We can pray for them and encourage them, but we cannot do what Jesus did. We cannot heal them. We can learn about the depth of sin and be faithful to the ministry of reconciliation.

Now that the fabricated fear of being cursed is out of the way, suffering can be seen with much more reasoning.

Is suffering JUST experiencing? Scriptures also say we will suffer reproach - what does that mean?

While "suffering" does mean "to experience," we do not want to take away the fact that pain and emotional distress are present as well. On top of the suffering that can come from illness and life circumstances, there are also negative reactions from others regarding our faith.



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Suffering or experiencing MUST be for the right reasons and with the right attitude:

1 Peter 2:19-23: (NASB) ¹⁹For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering <3958> unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer <3958> for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. ²¹For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered <3958> for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in his steps, ²²who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth; ²³and while being reviled, he did not revile in return; while suffering <3958>, he uttered no threats, but kept entrusting himself to him who judges righteously.



Jesus showed us an incredible standard of what suffering is supposed to do for us.

Dis-appointment is His-appointment.

Suffering with and for Christ is a family trait. As a Christian, this is part of our life.

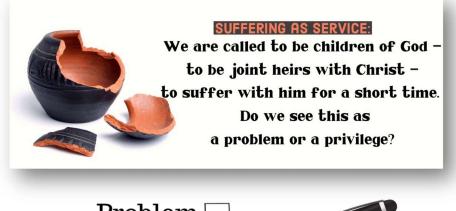
Here are different definitions used for the word suffer:

Suffer: Strongs #4841 sumpascho; to experience pain jointly or of the same kind (specifically, persecution; to "sympathize")

Suffer: Strongs #3804 pathema; something undergone, i.e. hardship or pain; subjectively, an emotion or influence

<u>Romans 8:14-18</u>: (NRSV) ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, Abba! Father! ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer <4841> with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings <3804> of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

The reward for this faithfulness is glory, honor and immortality so we can be part of helping to bless the world.





The experience is the same; what is important is how we look at it.

As if suffering were not enough, we also need to withstand the onslaughts of reproach.

Reproach: Strongs #3679 oneidezo; to defame, i.e. rail at, chide, taunt

To be reproached may be one of the hardest tests of faith - after all, it is your reputation:

<u>Matthew 5:11</u>: (KJV) Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

One of the hardest trials for Jesus was not a reproach against himself but the accusation of being a blasphemer of God.

The following audio clip is about two missionaries who were in a middle eastern country doing Christian work. In the middle of the night, radical terrorists broke into their home and beat them nearly to death with the back side of an ax.

Redemptive suffering, Suffering: The Best (Worst) Day of My Life, Cru Legacy

• There was some sense in which we had done more in our suffering than we had ever done in our ministry. Seeing hearts opened by laying there and getting beaten than we ever did in any of the trips we took to proclaim the message. Because the fact of the matter is that the sinful waywardness of the world is only undone through suffering, through the suffering of Christ. And as Paul said, he talked about filling up the sufferings of Christ. By just the wear and tear of human life, every one of us suffers and we wonder, "Wow, is there anything redemptive in our suffering?"

Most of us will never experience this. Over our lifetime we will have an accumulation of revilement and taunting which comes from standing for something bigger.

<u>1 Peter 4:12-16</u>: (NASB) ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³but to the degree that you share the sufferings <3804> of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. ¹⁴If you are reviled <3679> for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers <3958> as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

If we are suffering and *reviled for the name of Christ*, we are blessed. Our suffering may not always be standing for Christ, but we may have a terminal disease, such as cancer, which helps us identify with the millions of people who are suffering from cancer. Every suffering we have can be for the glory of God.



Part of our suffering is the need to stand ready to be misunderstood and mocked for Jesus. Do we see this as a problem or a privilege?

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> O! to be nothing, nothing, Only to lie at his feet, A broken and emptied vessel,

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For the Master's use made meet. Emptied that he might fill me As forth to his service I go; Broken, that so unhindered, His life through me might show.

O! to be nothing, nothing, Only to lie at his feet, A broken and emptied vessel, For the Master's use made meet.



Even though our suffering and reproach are not related to some curse, they are still not pretty pictures.

Hard experiences, pain and suffering are tough enough. How do we cope with pressure from others?

Let's say it one more time - our life may include lots of suffering, but this does not mean we are cursed by God. As Christians, these things are appropriately understood as blessings to be seen in light of eternity. When it comes to pressure, especially peer pressure, what should we expect?

We would like to take a moment and mention someone we know who is suffering right now. She is a wonderful example of Christianity; we call her

Sister Marge. We have never seen her without an attitude of reverence and faithfulness. She is elderly, riddled with cancer and at the end of her life. She sent out a message to many other Christians who know her, saying, "I'm happy. Be happy for me." She knows and understands the grace of eternity and the grace of "the call." What an inspiration for suffering. Our prayers are with her and we are happy for her.



Tribulation: Strongs # 2347 thlipsis; pressure (literally or figuratively)

Tribulation/Pressure = peer pressure/social pressure - not complying with what the world expects.

Pressure comes from the world. It is natural:

John 16:33: (NASB) These things I have spoken to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation <2347> but take courage; I have overcome the world.

As ambassadors for Christ, we live in a foreign country. Our home is in heaven. Our lives should look strange to the people around us.

Pressure is necessary:

<u>Acts 14:22</u>: (NASB) Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, Through many tribulations <2347> we must enter the kingdom of God.

Pressure is inspirational:

<u>2 Thessalonians 1:4</u>: (NASB) Therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions <2347> which you endure.

The apostle is talking to those who have suffered great things. They were pursued for their beliefs and endured afflictions or pressure.

Pressure has seasons:

<u>Hebrews 10:32-36</u>: (NASB) ³²But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, ³³partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulation <2347>, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.



Pressure wears us down. It is like having a vice grip on us.

Pressure is costly and rewarding:

³⁴For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. ³⁵Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

There was a brother who came to our area to give a sermon. While he was giving the sermon, his house burned to the ground. His reaction was, "It was temporary and served us well."

Accepting divine wisdom under perplexing trials is the secret to every successful Christian.

(Worst) Day of My Life, Cru Legacy

• I sometimes say my mom used to bake chocolate cookies. She would buy the bakers chocolate, you know, that has absolutely no sugar and tastes horrible, but it smells like chocolate which we associate with good flavors. And I remember, maybe I was four years old, I finally worked up the courage to actually steal some of the chocolate while she was baking the cookies and it was just so bitter, but then she would add butter and sugar to it, and it was the most delicious stuff. And that's kind of an image for me of suffering. The suffering we go through is not happy, it's not fun, it's by its very nature, painful. Suffering hurts, but when in the midst of that we come to Christ and we press into him and we embrace his presence, those times for me become the sweetest times because that's where the treasure is.



Why do we suffer? To produce a tested faith, which brings inner peace and direction. It is a blessing, not a curse:

<u>1 Peter 1:4-7</u>: (NASB) ⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

If we are living a Christian life, all of our suffering IS for our good and IS within God's providence:

⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (our suffering is MORE precious than gold!)

If we bury ourselves in the Lord's will, we will know no disappointment. If our heart and mind are completely focused on the Lord's will, the circumstances are merely things on the outside and suffering will be a privilege, not a problem. We need to treat it like a privilege, even though it may not feel like one.

<u>Hebrews 12:11</u>: (NASB) All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

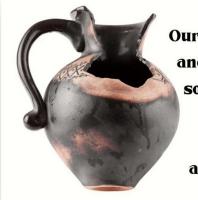
The keyword in the Scripture is afterwards.

God walks us through the privilege of suffering for our growth.



My daughter was assaulted when she was 15-years-old. That was one of the hardest experiences of my life. We were trying to survive each day. *Afterward*, my daughter's story has touched the lives of thousands. By God's grace, she was able to come through the difficulty.

Please search our archives for Episode 829: What Happens When Life Gets Broken?



SUFFERING AS SERVICE: Our pain, suffering, reproach and tribulation are for the sole purpose of ultimately bringing glory to God. Do we see this as a problem or a privilege?



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When our sole purpose is to bring glory to God, it is a privilege!

We go through different stages and experiences in our lives, and sometimes we are just lost. If you have faith as a footstep follower of Christ, hold onto the promises of God. Fellowship with those around you to help encourage you until you can find the peace of God which passes all understanding.

If we do these things, then we can say, my life is full of suffering, I am not cursed; I am truly blessed!

My life is full of suffering - am I cursed? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions... Think about it...!



Bonus Material

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. - Helen Keller

I am responsible. Although I may not be able to prevent the worst from happening, I am responsible for my attitude toward the inevitable misfortunes that darken life. Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have – life itself. – Walter Anderson

A few other "curse" examples from the Old Testament:

<u>Deuteronomy 29</u> was after forty years of wilderness wandering, and Moses spoke to the people about staying faithful to the God of their deliverance.

He also spoke about the consequences - the curse upon those who would not remain faithful:

<u>Deuteronomy 30:1-5</u>: (NASB) ¹So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, ²and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, ³then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. ⁵The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.



End times prophesy:

<u>Isaiah 24:1-6</u>: (NASB) ¹Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface and scatters its inhabitants. ²And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. ³The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word. ⁴The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. ⁵The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

Daniel reiterates God's "curse" upon Israel:

<u>Daniel 9:9-11</u>: (NASB) ⁹To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him; ¹⁰nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets. ¹¹Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

Some miscellaneous Scriptures referring to rejection:

While this is not necessarily a curse, it is a rejection from favor:

Luke 13:26-28: (NASB) ²⁶Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets; ²⁷and he will say, I tell you, I do not know where you are from; depart from me, all you evildoers. ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.

Here is where the New Testament clarifies an actual and serious "curse" from God. It is the FINAL judgment of humanity after the resurrection. They have been given every opportunity to fairly accept God through Jesus, and in this case have chosen not to comply. The result is NOT torture but destruction.

<u>Matthew 25:41</u>: (NASB) Then he will also say to those on his left, Depart from me, accursed <2672> ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Accursed: Strongs #2672 kataraomai; to execrate; by analogy, to doom

King James Version translates #2672 as "curse" 6 times

Lexicon: 1) to curse, doom, imprecate evil upon

The same consequence is there for those who have answered the call to follow Jesus, been begotten of God's Spirit and consciously walked away from it:

<u>Hebrews 6:4-8</u>: (NASB) ⁴For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put him to open shame. ⁷For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; ⁸but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

We must learn to share each other's suffering:

<u>1 Corinthians 12:26</u>: (NASB) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.



<u>1 Peter 2:20-23</u>: (NASB) ²⁰For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. ²¹For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in his steps, ²²who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth; ²³and while being reviled, he did not revile in return; while suffering, he uttered no threats, but kept entrusting himself to him who judges righteously.

Comprehensive word study on the meaning of "curse" - Old and New Testament:

Old Testament:

Curse: Strongs #0779 'arar; to execrate

King James Version translates #0779 as "curse" 62 times and "bitterly" once

<u>Genesis 3:14</u>: (KJV) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed <0779> above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

<u>Genesis 3:17</u>: (KJV) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed <0779> is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

<u>Genesis 4:11</u>: (KJV) And now art thou cursed <0779> from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

<u>Genesis 5:29</u>: (KJV) And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed <0779>.

<u>Genesis 9:25</u>: (KJV) And he said, cursed <0779> be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

<u>Genesis 12:3</u>: (KJV) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse <0779> him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

<u>Genesis 27:29</u>: (KJV) Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed <0779> be every one that curseth <0779> thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

<u>Genesis 49:7</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Exodus 22:28: (KJV) Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse <0779> the ruler of thy people.

<u>Numbers 5:18</u>: (KJV) And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse <0779>:

<u>Numbers 5:19</u>: (KJV) And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse <0779>:

<u>Numbers 5:22</u>: (KJV) And this water that causeth the curse <0779> shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

<u>Numbers 5:24</u>: (KJV) And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse <0779>: and the water that causeth the curse <0779> shall enter into her and become bitter.

<u>Numbers 5:27</u>: (KJV) And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse <0779> shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

<u>Numbers 22:6</u>: (KJV) Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse <0779> me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest <0779> is cursed <0779>.

<u>Numbers 22:12</u>: (KJV) And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse <0779> the people: for they are blessed.

<u>Numbers 23:7</u>: (KJV) And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse <0779> me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

<u>Numbers 24:9</u>: (KJV) He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee and cursed <0779> is he that curseth <0779> thee.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:15</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:16</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:17</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:18</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:19</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:20</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:21</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:22</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:23</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:24</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:25</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:26</u>: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.



Deuteronomy 28:16: (KJV) Cursed <0779> shalt thou be in the city and cursed <0779> shalt thou be in the field.

Deuteronomy 28:17: (KJV) Cursed <0779> shall be thy basket and thy store.

Deuteronomy 28:18: (KJV) Cursed <0779> shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Deuteronomy 28:19: (KJV) Cursed <0779> shalt thou be when thou comest in and cursed <0779> shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Joshua 6:26: (KJV) And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed <0779> be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

Joshua 9:23: (KJV) Now therefore ye are cursed <0779>, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

Judges 5:23: (KJV) Curse <0779> ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse <0779> ye **bitterly** <0779 the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

Judges 21:18: (KJV) Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, **Cursed <0779>** be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

1 Samuel 14:24: (KJV) And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed <0779 be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be averaged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

1 Samuel 14:28: (KJV) Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed <0779 be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

1 Samuel 26:19: (KJV) Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed <0779> be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

2 Kings 9:34: (KJV) And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed <0779> woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.

Job 3:8: (KJV) Let them curse it that curse <0779> the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

Psalms 119:21: (KJV) Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed <0779>, which do err from thy commandments.

Jeremiah 11:3: (KJV) And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed <0779> be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

Jeremiah 17:5: (KJV) Thus saith the LORD; Cursed <0779> be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

Jeremiah 20:14: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

Jeremiah 20:15: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

Jeremiah 48:10: (KJV) Cursed <0779> be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully and **cursed** <0779> be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. Christian Questions ©2019 all rights reserved



<u>Malachi 1:14</u>: (KJV) But cursed <0779> be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

<u>Malachi 2:2</u>: (KJV) If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse <0779> your blessings: yea, I have cursed <0779> them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

<u>Malachi 3:9</u>: (KJV) Ye are cursed <0779> with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Old Testament:

Cursed: Strongs #7045 *gelalah*; vilification

King James Version translates #7045 as "curse" 27 times, "cursing" five times and "accursed" once

Lexicon 1) curse, vilification, execration

<u>Genesis 27:12</u>: (KJV) My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse <7045> upon me, and not a blessing.

<u>Genesis 27:13</u>: (KJV) And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse <7045>, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

Deuteronomy 11:26: (KJV) Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse <7045>;

<u>Deuteronomy 11:28</u>: (KJV) And a curse <7045>, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

<u>Deuteronomy 11:29</u>: (KJV) And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse <7045> upon mount Ebal.

<u>Deuteronomy 21:23</u>: (KJV) His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; for he that is hanged is **accursed <7045**> of God; that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

<u>Deuteronomy 23:5</u>: (KJV) Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse <7045> into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

<u>Deuteronomy 27:13</u>: (KJV) And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse <7045>; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

<u>Deuteronomy 28:15</u>: (KJV) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses <7045> shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

<u>Deuteronomy 28:45</u>: (KJV) Moreover all these curses <7045> shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:</u>

<u>Deuteronomy 29:27</u>: (KJV) And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses <7045> that are written in this book:

<u>Deuteronomy 30:1</u>: (KJV) And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse <7045>, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

<u>Deuteronomy 30:19</u>: (KJV) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing <7045>: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

<u>Joshua 8:34</u>: (KJV) And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings <7045>, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

<u>Judges 9:57</u>: (KJV) And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse <7045> of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

<u>2 Samuel 16:12</u>: (KJV) It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing <7045> this day.

<u>1 Kings 2:8</u>: (KJV) And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse <7045> in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

<u>2 Kings 22:19</u>: (KJV) Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse <7045>, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

<u>Nehemiah 13:2</u>: (KJV) Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse <7045> into a blessing.

<u>Psalm 109:17</u>: (KJV) As he loved cursing <7045>, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

<u>Psalm 109:18</u>: (KJV) As he clothed himself with cursing <7045> like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

<u>Proverbs 26:2</u>: (KJV) As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse <7045> causeless shall not come.

<u>Proverbs 27:14</u>: (KJV) He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse <7045> to him.

<u>Jeremiah 24:9</u>: (KJV) And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse <7045>, in all places whither I shall drive them.

<u>Jeremiah 25:18</u>: (KJV) To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse <7045>; as it is this day;

<u>Jeremiah 26:6</u>: (KJV) Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse <7045> to all the nations of the earth.

<u>Jeremiah 29:22</u>: (KJV) And of them shall be taken up a curse <7045> by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

Jeremiah 42:18: (KJV) For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be



poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse <7045>, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

<u>Jeremiah 44:8</u>: (KJV) In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse <7045> and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

Jeremiah 44:12: (KJV) And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse <7045>, and a reproach.

<u>Jeremiah 44:22</u>: (KJV) So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore, is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse <7045>, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

<u>Jeremiah 49:13</u>: (KJV) For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse <7045>; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

<u>Zechariah 8:13</u>: (KJV) And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse <7045> among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Old Testament:

Curse: Strongs #7043 *qalal*; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile)

King James Version translates #7043 as "curse" 39 times, "swifter" five times

Online Bible Hebrew Lexicon: 1) to be slight, be swift, be trifling, be of little account, be light

<u>Genesis 8:8</u>: (KJV) Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were **abated** <7043> from off the face of the ground;

<u>Genesis 8:11</u>: (KJV) And the dove came into him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were <u>abated</u> <7043 > from off the earth.

<u>Genesis 8:21</u>: (KJV) And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse <7043> the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

<u>Genesis 12:3</u>: (KJV) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth <7043> thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

<u>Genesis 16:4</u>: (KJV) And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was <u>despised</u> <7043> in her eyes.

<u>Genesis 16:5</u>: (KJV) And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was <u>despised</u> <7043> in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

Exodus 18:22: (KJV) And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier <7043> for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

Exodus 21:17: (KJV) And he that curseth <7043> his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 22:28: (KJV) Thou shalt not revile <7043> the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

<u>Leviticus 19:14</u>: (KJV) Thou shalt not curse <7043> the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 20:9: (KJV) For everyone that curseth <7043> his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed <7043> his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

Leviticus 24:11: (KJV) And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed <7043>. And they brought him unto Moses: and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:

Leviticus 24:14: (KJV) Bring forth him that hath cursed <7043> without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head and let all the congregation stone him.

Leviticus 24:15: (KJV) And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth <7043> his God shall bear his sin.

<u>Leviticus 24:23</u>: (KJV) And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed <7043> out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

<u>Deuteronomy 23:4</u>: (KJV) Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse <7043> thee.

Joshua 24:9: (KJV) Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse <7043> you:

<u>Judges 9:27</u>: (KJV) And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed <7043> Abimelech.

<u>1 Samuel 2:30</u>: (KJV) Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me forever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed <7043>.

<u>1 Samuel 3:13</u>: (KJV) For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile <7043>, and he restrained them not.

<u>1 Samuel 6:5</u>: (KJV) Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten <7043> his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

<u>1 Samuel 17:43</u>: (KJV) And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed <7043 > David by his gods.

<u>1 Samuel 18:23</u>: (KJV) And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light <7043> thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

<u>2 Samuel 1:23</u>: (KJV) Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter <7043> than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

<u>2 Samuel 6:22</u>: (KJV) And I will yet be more vile <7043> than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

<u>2 Samuel 16:5</u>: (KJV) And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed <7043> still as he came.

<u>2 Samuel 16:7</u>: (KJV) And thus said Shimei when he cursed <7043>, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

<u>2 Samuel 16:9</u>: (KJV) Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse <7043> my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

<u>2 Samuel 16:10</u>: (KJV) And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse <7043>, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse <7043> David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

<u>2 Samuel 16:11</u>: (KJV) And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse <7043>; for the LORD hath bidden him.

<u>2 Samuel 16:13</u>: (KJV) And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed <7043> as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

<u>2 Samuel 19:21</u>: (KJV) But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he **cursed <7043>** the LORD'S anointed?

<u>2 Samuel 19:43</u>: (KJV) And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye **despise** <**7043**> us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

<u>1 Kings 2:8</u>: (KJV) And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed <7043> me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

<u>1 Kings 12:4</u>: (KJV) Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter <7043>, and we will serve thee.

<u>1 Kings 12:9</u>: (KJV) And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make <7043 > the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter <7043 >?</u>

<u>1 Kings 12:10</u>: (KJV) And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it **lighter** <**7043**> unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

<u>1 Kings 16:31</u>: (KJV) And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing <7043> for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

<u>2 Kings 2:24</u>: (KJV) And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed <7043> them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

<u>2 Kings 3:18</u>: (KJV) And this is but a light thing <7043> in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

<u>2 Kings 20:10</u>: (KJV) And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing <7043> for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

<u>2 Chronicles 10:4</u>: (KJV) Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease <7043> thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

<u>2 Chronicles 10:9</u>: (KJV) And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, **Ease <7043>** somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

<u>2 Chronicles 10:10</u>: (KJV) And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter <7043 > for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

<u>Nehemiah 13:2</u>: (KJV) Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse <7043> them: howbeit our God

<u>Nehemiah 13:25</u>: (KJV) And I contended with them, and cursed <7043> them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

Job 3:1: (KJV) After this opened Job his mouth and cursed <7043> his day.

<u>Job 7:6</u>: (KJV) My days are *swifter* <7043> than a weaver's shuttle and are spent without hope.

Job 9:25: (KJV) Now my days are swifter <7043> than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

<u>Job 24:18</u>: (KJV) He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed <7043> in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

<u>Job 40:4</u>: (KJV) Behold, I am vile <7043>; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

<u>Psalm 37:22</u>: (KJV) For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed <7043> of him shall be cut off.

<u>Psalm 62:4</u>: (KJV) They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse <7043> inwardly. Selah.

<u>Psalm 109:28</u>: (KJV) Let them curse <7043>, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

<u>Proverbs 14:6</u>: (KJV) A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy <7043> unto him that understandeth.

<u>Proverbs 20:20</u>: (KJV) Whoso curseth <7043> his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

<u>Proverbs 30:10</u>: (KJV) Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse <7043> thee, and thou be found guilty.

<u>Proverbs 30:11</u>: (KJV) There is a generation that curseth <7043> their father, and doth not bless their mother.

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Ecclesiastes 7:21: (KJV) Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse <7043> thee:

<u>Ecclesiastes 7:22</u>: (KJV) For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed <7043> others.

<u>Ecclesiastes 10:10</u>: (KJV) If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet <7043> the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

<u>Ecclesiastes 10:20</u>: (KJV) Curse <7043> not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse <7043> not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

<u>Isaiah 8:21</u>: (KJV) And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse <7043> their king and their God and look upward.

<u>Isaiah 9:1</u>: (KJV) Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted <7043> the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

<u>Isaiah 23:9</u>: (KJV) The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt <7043> all the honourable of the earth.

<u>Isaiah 30:16</u>: (KJV) But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift <7043>.

<u>Isaiah 49:6</u>: (KJV) And he said, It is a light thing <7043> that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

<u>Isaiah 65:20</u>: (KJV) There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be **accursed** <7043>.

<u>Jeremiah 4:13</u>: (KJV) Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are *swifter* <7043> than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

Jeremiah 4:24: (KJV) I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly <7043>.

<u>Jeremiah 6:14</u>: (KJV) They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly <7043>, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

<u>Jeremiah 8:11</u>: (KJV) For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly <7043>, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

<u>Jeremiah 15:10</u>: (KJV) Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse <7043> me.

Ezekiel 8:17: (KJV) Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing <7043> to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

<u>Ezekiel 21:21</u>: (KJV) For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright <7043>, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

Ezekiel 22:7: (KJV) In thee have they set light <7043> by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

Jonah 1:5: (KJV) Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten <7043> it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay and was fast asleep.

<u>Nahum 1:14</u>: (KJV) And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile <7043>.

<u>Habakkuk 1:8</u>: (KJV) Their horses also are *swifter* <7043> than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

Old Testament:

Curse: Strongs #3994 *me'erah*; an execration

King James Version translates #3994 as "curse" 4 times, "cursing" once

<u>Deuteronomy 28:20</u>: (KJV) The LORD shall send upon thee cursing <3994>, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

<u>Proverbs 3:33</u>: (KJV) The curse <3994> of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

<u>Proverbs 28:27</u>: (KJV) He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse <3994>.

<u>Malachi 2:2</u>: (KJV) If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse <3994> upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

<u>Malachi 3:9</u>: (KJV) Ye are cursed with a curse <3994>: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

New Testament:

Curse: Strongs #2671 *katara*; imprecation, execration

King James Version translates #2671 as "curse" 3 times, "cursing" 2 times, "cursed" once

<u>Galatians 3:10</u>: (KJV) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse <2671>: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

<u>Galatians 3:13</u>: (KJV) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse <2671> of the law, being made a curse <2671> for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

<u>Hebrews 6:8</u>: (KJV) But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing <2671>; whose end is to be burned.

<u>James 3:10</u>: (KJV) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing <2671>. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

<u>2 Peter 2:14</u>: (KJV) Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed <2671 > children:



King James Version translates #2672 as "curse" 6 times

Lexicon: 1) to curse, doom, imprecate evil upon

<u>Matthew 5:44</u>: (KJV) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse <2672> you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

<u>Matthew 25:41</u>: (KJV) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed <2672>, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

<u>Mark 11:21</u>: (KJV) And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst <2672> is withered away.

Luke 6:28: (KJV) Bless them that curse <2672> you and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Romans 12:14: (KJV) Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse <2672> not.

<u>James 3:9</u>: (KJV) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse <2672> we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Cursed: Strongs# 1944 *epikataratos*; imprecated, i.e. execrable

Lexicon: 1) accursed, execrable, exposed to divine vengeance, lying under God's curse

John 7:49: (KJV) But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed <1944>.

<u>Galatians 3:13</u>: (KJV) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed <1944> is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Curseth: Strongs #2551 kakologeo; to revile

King James Version translates #2551 as "speak evil of" 2 times

Lexicon 1) to speak evil of, revile, abuse, one 2) to curse

<u>Matthew 15:4</u>: (KJV) For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth <2551> father or mother, let him die the death.

<u>Mark 7:10</u>: (KJV) For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth <2551> father or mother, let him die the death:

<u>Mark 9:39</u>: (KJV) But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil <2551 > of me.

<u>Acts 19:9</u>: (KJV) But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil <2551> of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.