

# First Peter

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1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

As our faith is tried, and we remain faithful in walking by faith, our faith AND love gets deeper – “...faith worketh by love.” Gal. 5:6b.

## II. THE QUESTION OF SCRIPTURE, 1:9-12

### A. As to its message, 1:9

1 Pet. 1:9 Receiving **the end of your faith**, *even* **the salvation of your souls**.

Original Word: τέλος

Transliteration: telos

Definition: (a) an end, (b) event or issue, (c) the principal end, aim, purpose, (d) a tax.

Properly, consummation (the *end-goal, purpose*), such as *closure* with all its *results*.

[This root (*tel-*) means "reaching the *end (aim)*."] ]

In *philosophy*, the doctrine that the doctrine that final causes exist, that there is evidence of purpose or design in the universe, and especially that this provides proof of the existence of a Designer.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/teleology?s=t>

1 Tim. 1:5 Now **the end** of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

2 Cor. 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For **in this we groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Rom. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, **to wit, the redemption of our body.**

## B. As to its mystery, 1:10-11

1. What the prophets pursued, 1:10a “Of which salvation **the prophets have enquired and searched diligently...**”

We need to realize that what we have in Christ is SO special to our dispensation!

Original Word: ἐκζητέω

Transliteration: ekzeteo

Definition: I seek out, seek out after, require.

Properly, seek *out*, emphasizing the *personal intent* of the seeker, i.e. the *outcome intensely* and personally desired by the seeker. This seeking is only as valuable (viable) as the motive which drives it.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1567.htm>

Original Word: ἐξερευνάω

Transliteration: exeraunaó

Definition: I search diligently, I examine carefully (minutely).

*eksereunáō* ("diligently search") is used only in 1 Pet 1:10. Here it focuses on the *end*-result of the searching, i.e. the *fulfillment* of salvation (unique glorification) in a believer's life (cf. 1 Pet 3:9). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1830.htm>

2. What the prophets proclaimed, 1:10b "...who prophesied of **the grace** *that should come unto you:*"

Isa. 53:4 Surely **he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes** we are healed. ...

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make **his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for **he shall bear their iniquities.**

12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and **he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**



2 Cor. 8:9 For ye know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Psa. 89:28 **My mercy** will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless **my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him**, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Eph. 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of **the dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that **by revelation he made known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which **in other ages was not made known** unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

### 3. What the prophets pondered, 1:11

#### a. The times of which they prophesied, 1:11a

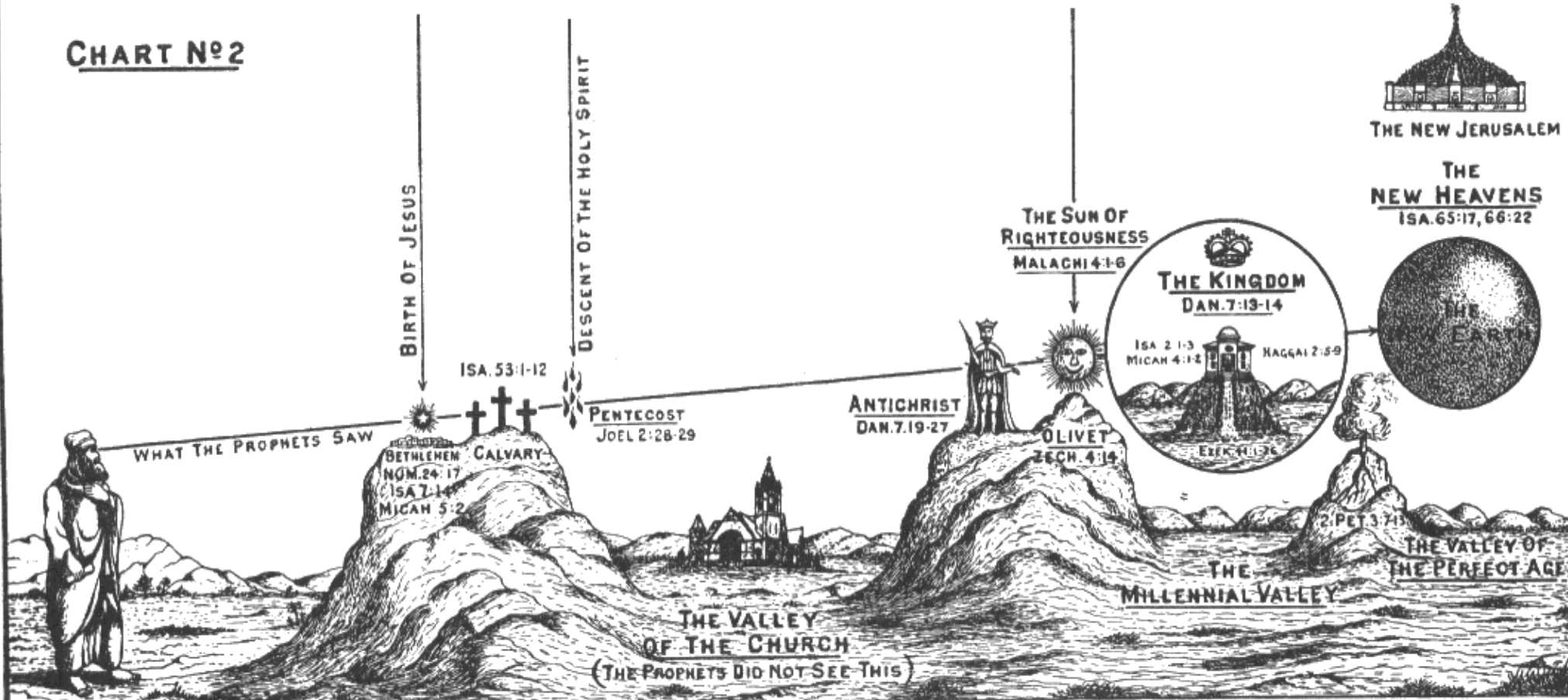
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#### b. The truths of which they prophesied, 1:11b-c

(1) The mystery of Christ’s sufferings, 1:11b “...when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ...”

(2) The manifestation of Christ’s splendor, 1:11c “...and the glory that should follow.”

**CHART No 2**



**THE OLD TESTAMENT VALLEY**  
THE VIEW-POINT OF THE PROPHETS

**OUR VIEW-POINT**  
WE SEE THE "MOUNTAIN PEAKS" AND "VALLEYS" FROM THE SIDE  
AND SO CAN SEPARATE THE FIRST AND SECOND COMING PROPHECIES

**THE "MOUNTAIN PEAKS" OF PROPHECY**

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## C. As to its majesty, 1:12

1. The disappointment of the prophets, 1:12a “Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things...”
2. The dispensation of the church age, 1:12b “...which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven...”
3. The desire of the angels, 1:12c “...which things the angels desire to look into.”

## Conclusion

2 Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But **he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man.

Heb. 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of **full age**, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised **to discern both good and evil.**