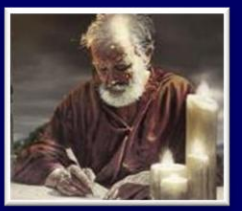
HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE





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Answering Ten Questions



1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**

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Positive Results of Imprisonment
(Phil. 1:12-30)

- Captive audience (Phil. 1:12-13)
- Church's boldness in preaching (Phil. 1:14-18)
- Greater prayer (Phil. 1:19)
- Protection from martyrdom (Phil. 1:20-26)



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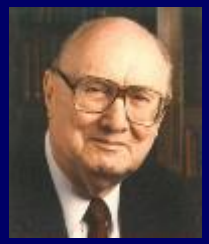
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Philippians 2:7

"[7] but **emptied [*kenoō*]** Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."





John Walvoord

Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

"The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that **He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations**."



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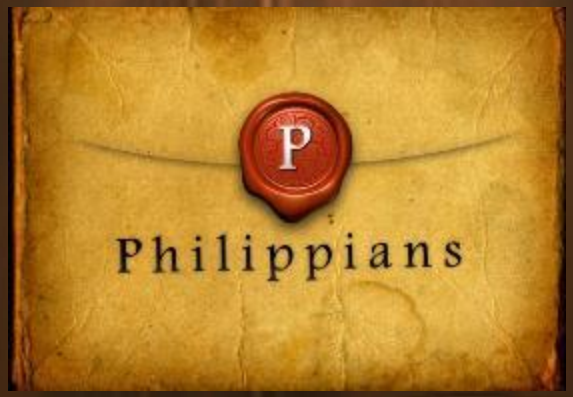
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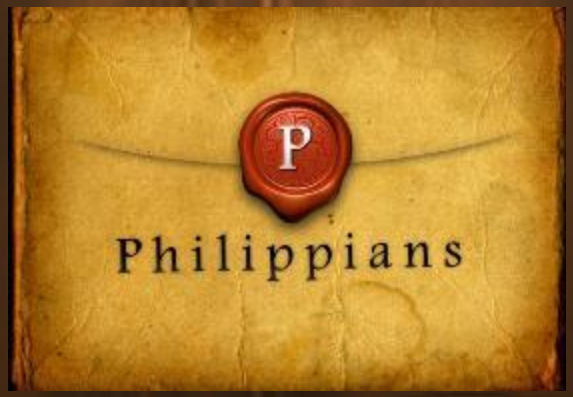
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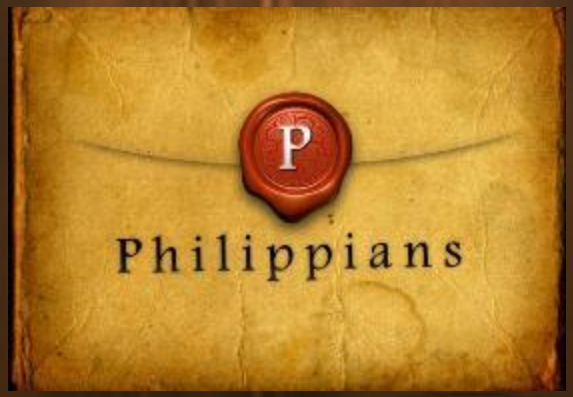
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- Middle tense of salvation
- Immediate context – Philippians 2:14-16
- Overall context – Philippians 4:2-3



Galatians 3:3

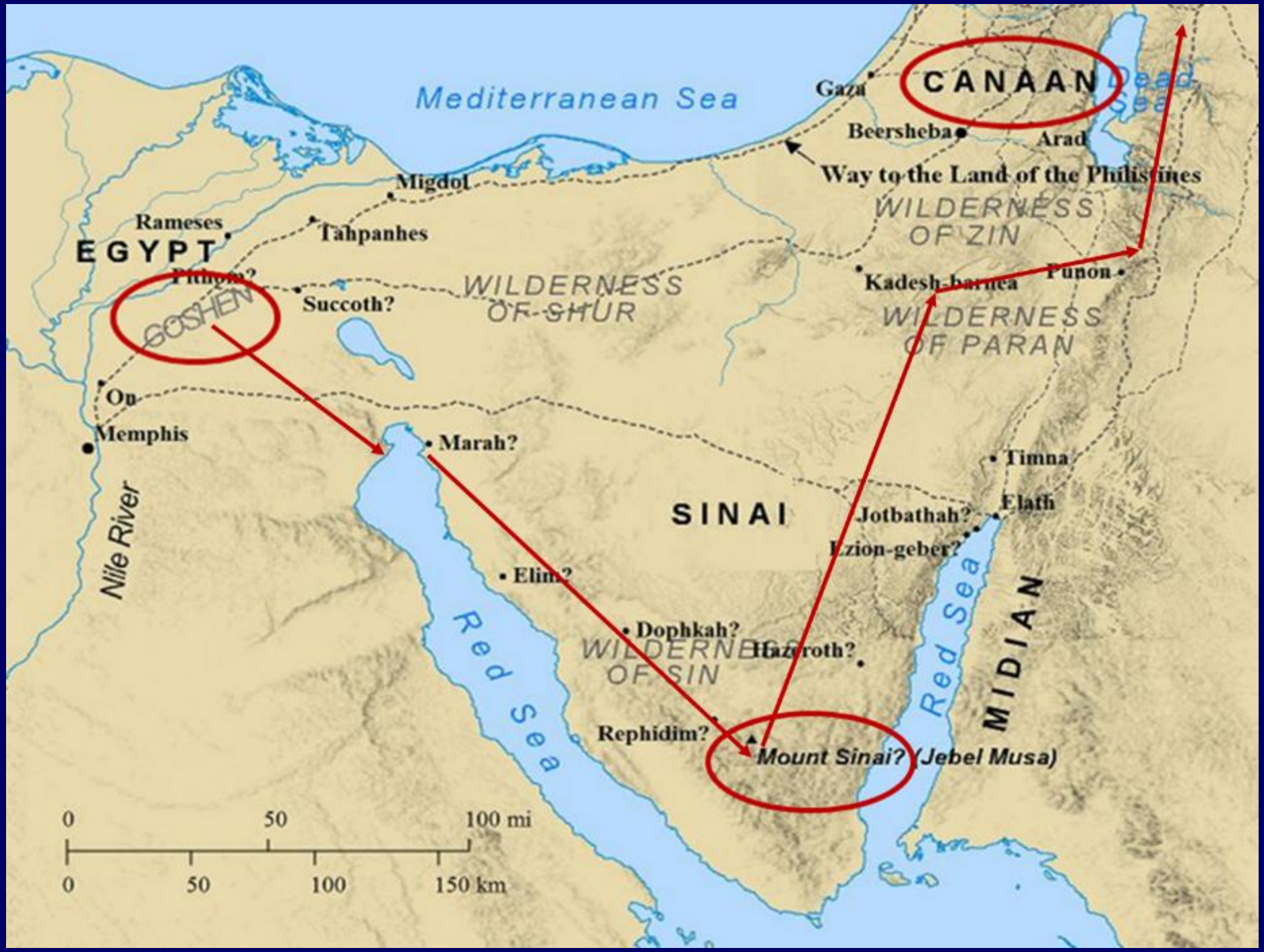
"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?"



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Migdol
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Pithom?
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1 Corinthians 3:15

"If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."



1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. [25] Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. [26] **Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air**; [27] but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



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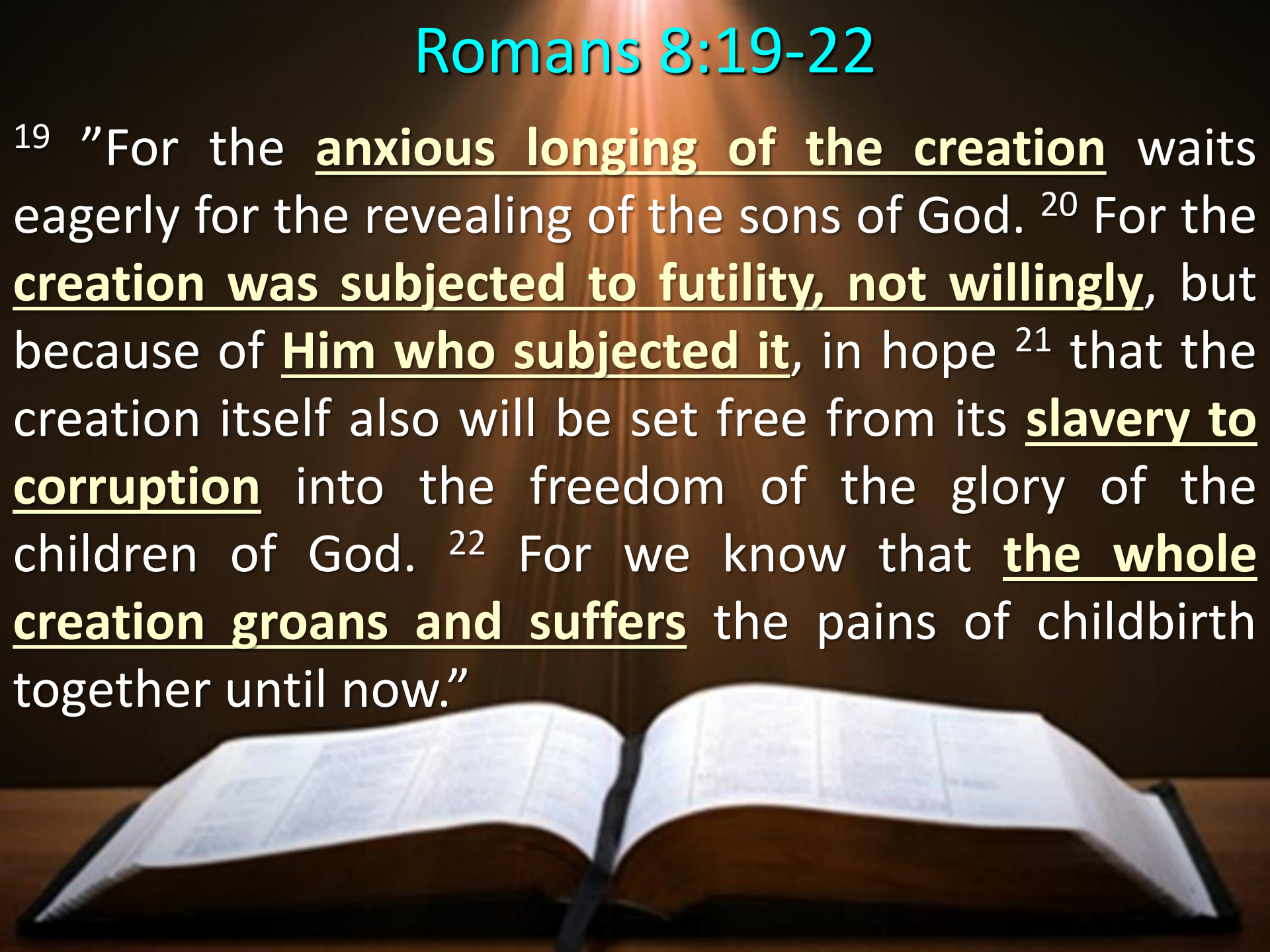
Galatians 4:13-14

"[13] but you know that it was because of a **bodily illness** that I preached the gospel to you the first time; [14] and that which was a trial to you in **my bodily condition** you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*."



Romans 8:19-22

19 ”For the **anxious longing of the creation** waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the **creation was subjected to futility, not willingly**, but because of **Him who subjected it**, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its **slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans and suffers** the pains of childbirth together until now.”



1 Timothy 5:23

"No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."



2 Timothy 4:20

"Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus."



Revelation 21:4

"and He will wipe away every **tear** from their eyes; and there will no longer be any **death**; there will no longer be any **mourning**, or **crying**, or **pain**; the **first things** have passed away."



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