John 5:24 Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Psalm 73:1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

The Valley of Decision

Joel 3:1 Multitudes, multitudes in <u>the valley of decision</u>! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. ¹⁶ The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the heavens will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Isaiah 26:9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

To But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil ■ and do not regard the majesty of the Lord.

1 Kings 18:21 How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him. If Baal is God, follow him.

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Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.

Series review: Narrow Road, beach, forest, mountains.

Valley of Trouble, the Valley of Achor

Joshua 7:1 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

Joshua 7:24 Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today."

Isaiah 65:10 Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.

Valley of Death

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for You are with me.

The Valley of Judgment; Valley of Vision

Isaiah 48:10 Behold, I have refined you but not like silver. I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

Isaiah 22:1 A prophecy against the Valley of Vision: What troubles you now, that you have all gone up on the roofs, ² you town so full of commotion, you city of tumult and revelry? Your slain were not killed by the sword, nor did they die in battle. ³ All your leaders have fled together; they have been captured without using the bow. All you who were caught were taken prisoner together, having fled while the enemy was still far away.

⁴ Therefore I said, "Turn away from me; let me weep bitterly. Do not try to console me over the destruction of my people."

⁵ The Lord, the Lord Almighty, has a day of tumult and trampling and terror in the Valley of Vision, a day of battering down walls and of crying out to the mountains. ⁶ Elam takes up the quiver, with her charioteers and horses; Kir uncovers the shield. ⁷ Your choicest valleys are full of chariots, and horsemen are posted at the city gates.

**The Lord stripped away the defenses of Judah, and you looked in that day to the weapons in the Palace of the Forest. **You saw that the walls of the City of David were broken through in many places; you stored up water in the Lower Pool. **10 You counted the buildings in Jerusalem and tore down houses to strengthen the wall. **11 You built a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool, ...

...but you did not look to the One who made it, or have regard for the One who planned it long ago. ¹² The Lord, the Lord Almighty, called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth.

¹³ But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! "Let us eat and drink," you say, "for tomorrow we die!"

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can

■ these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "<u>Prophesy to these bones and say to them</u>, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

Ezekiel 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Ezekiel 37:11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy

■ and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"