

Why Suffering?

Know Pain/Know Gain

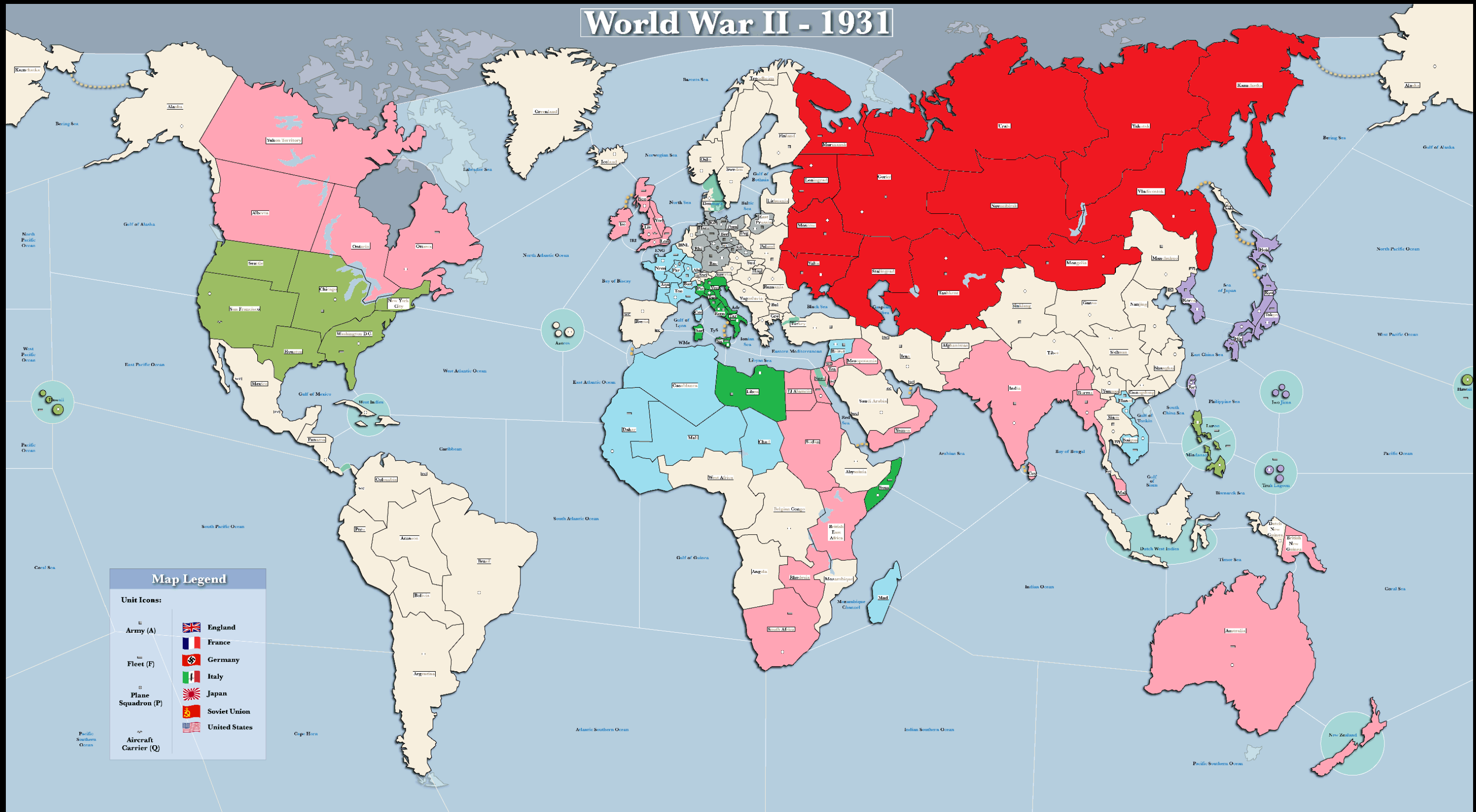
John 15:11-23

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Who's side
are you on?



World War II - 1931



The year of overcoming.

1John 5:4, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

What's wrong with the world?

Why does faith overcome the world?

What has suffering got to do with it?

What's wrong with the world?

James 4:4, “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

What's wrong with the world?

1John 2:15-17, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

Changing sides:

Romans 4:23-25, “But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

Logizomai: to take an inventory, conclude, accounting of, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon

Faith in Jesus chooses sides

- We become numbered among the believers.
- Choosing has consequences.



Settling in to our new colors

Romans 5:1-2, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

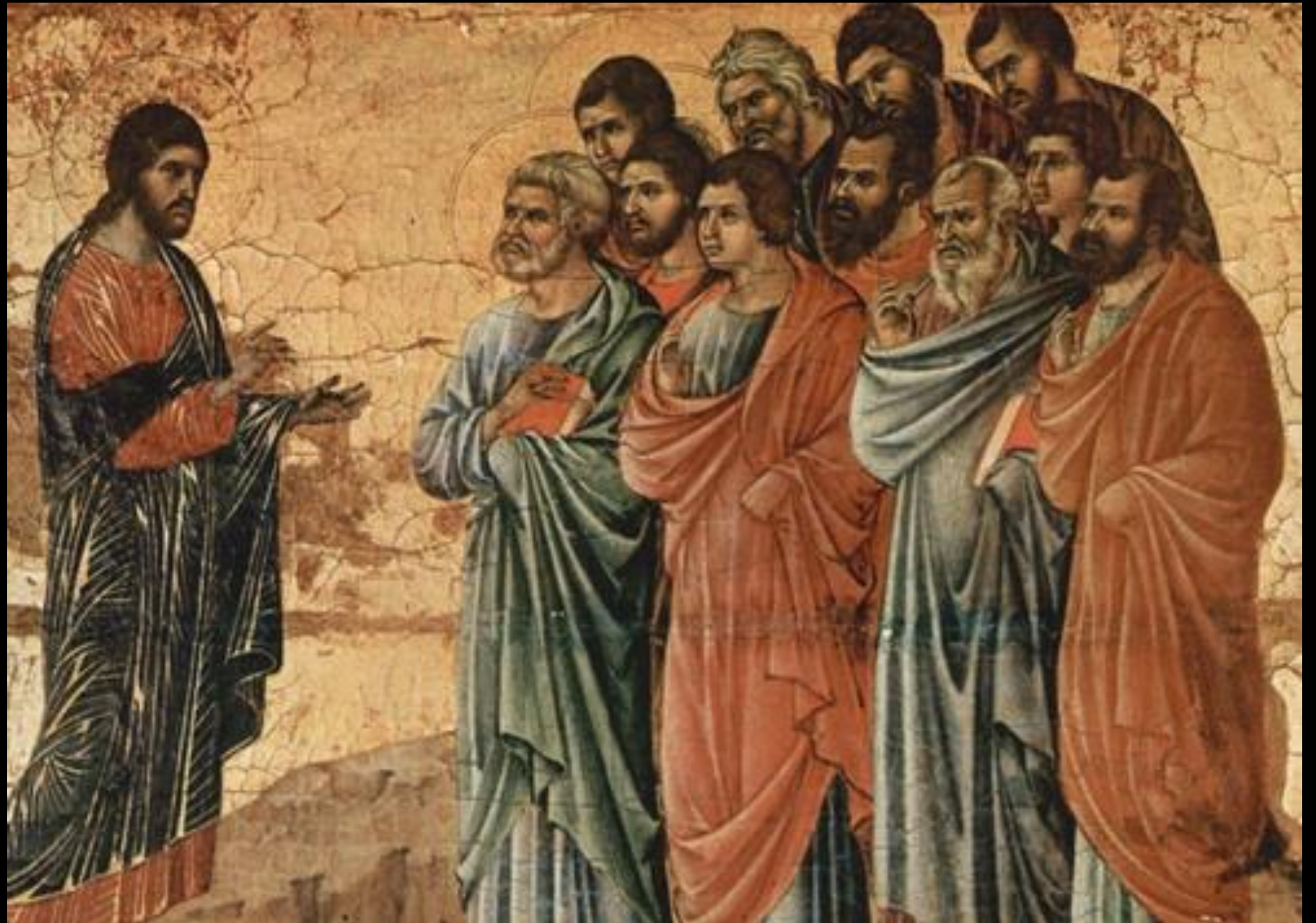
Sorry, what?

Romans 5:3-5, “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Rejoice “kauchaomai”: Boast, glory, instagram post, facebook bragging

John 15:11-23

“Hey guys
-team meeting”



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Thlipsis: pressure - affliction, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Thlibō: to crowd, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.

Mark 4:16-17, “And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.”

Matthew 7:13-14, “Go in through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in through it. Because narrow is the gate and *constricted* (thlibō- crowded in, narrow) is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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What pain? What gain?

Does all suffering produce good things?

Absolutely not.

So how does it work?

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1. Suffering (for godliness) produces
2. Endurance (patience continuance) produces
3. Character (proven trustiness) produces
4. Hope (confidence)

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Remember this: What's wrong with the world?

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The un-trust-worthy, no-character qualities of the world.

-the desires of the flesh

-the desires of the eyes

-pride of life

is from the world.

“And the world is passing away, along with its desires”

The Faith Test:

Can Gods love provide me with something better?

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Can God do better than momentary pleasures, vain tokens and human effort?

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Suffering matures faith by narrowing our
dependence onto God.

How much of the world are you standing on?

-purity, honesty, charity, eternity

-The narrow Gate is Jesus