

Jesus Has Destroyed Death!

March 3, 2019 – II Timothy 1:1-2; 8-12 (NIV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, Who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

Decisive battles.

History is filled with battles that have changed / altered / resulted in what could be considered a change in history. Some of those battles include the following:

Syracuse (413 B.C); Marathon (490 B.C.);

Tours 732 A.D.; Hastings 1066 A.D.

The Spanish Armada (1588); Saratoga 1777; Waterloo 1815; Thermopylae 480 B.C.

When The Children of Israel were led by God’s Servant Moses, they were camped on the shores of the **Red Sea** and the Egyptian Pharaoh, who had just released the children of Israel from slavery, had a change of heart and mind and pursued Israel. God divided the Red Sea so that the Children of Israel could escape to the other side.

Pharaoh and the Egyptian army pursued, and the Lord closed up the Waters of the Red Sea and the entire Egyptian Army was destroyed. Exodus 14

Sennacharib and his Assyrian army had surrounded Jerusalem at the time of Isaiah (700 B.C.)

Hezekiah was King of Judah, and the Angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers during the night, thus Sennacharib returned to Nineveh – Isaiah Chapters 36-37.

Despite these decisive battles there is a Decisive battle that has determined whether we spend eternity in heaven or hell, and it was only needed to be completed ONE TIME.

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