

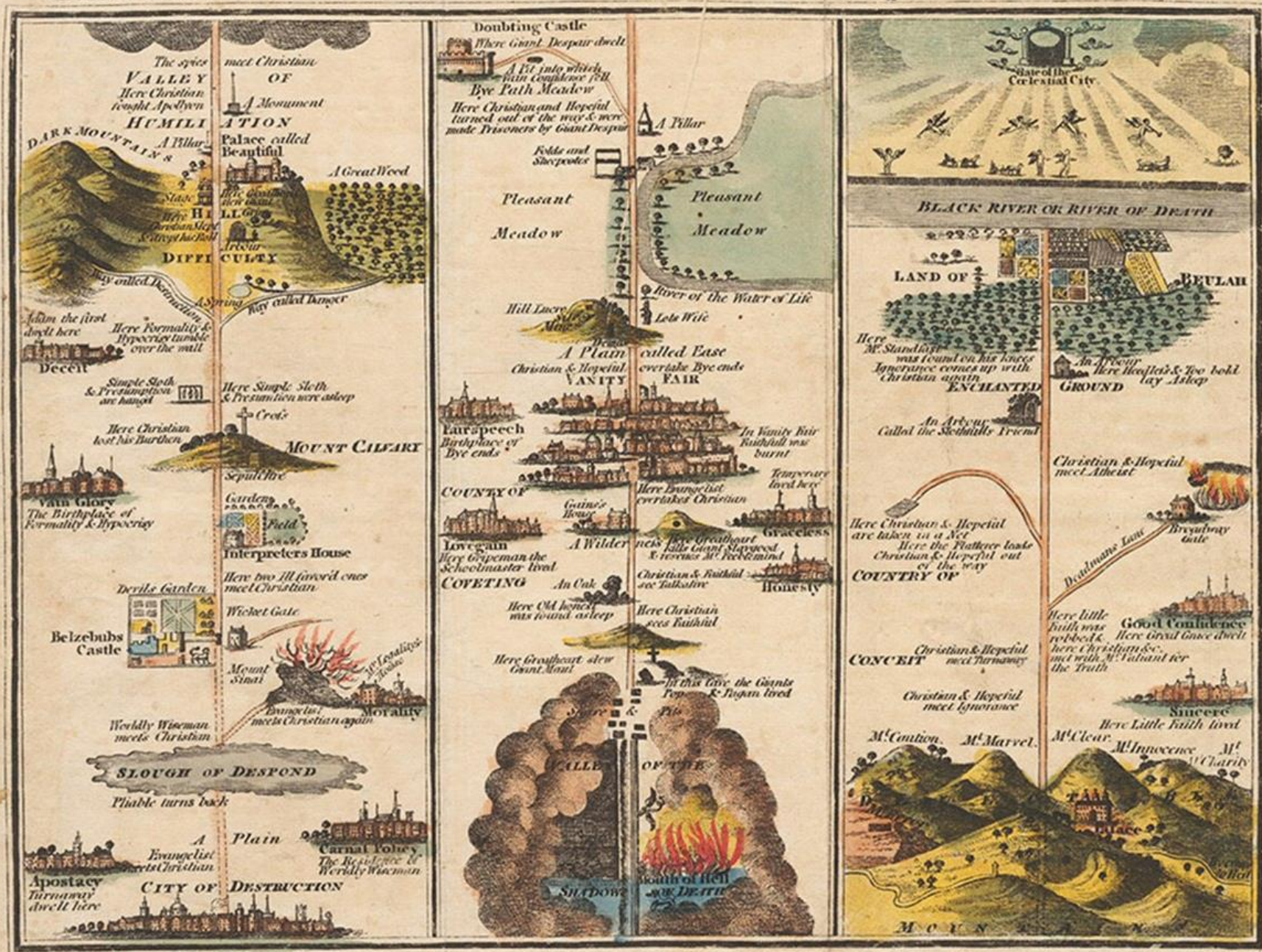
# THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

A Readable Modern-Day Version  
of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress

John Bunyan

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A PLAN of the ROAD from the CITY of DESTRUCTION to the CELESTIAL CITY, Adapted to the PILGRIMS PROGRESS.



# Obstacles in Pilgrim's Progress

- Slough of Despond – doubts
- Village of Morality – self-righteousness
- Difficulty Hill –hypocrisy, formalism, laziness
- Valley of Humiliation – persecution
- Valley of Shadow of Death – demons and lies
- Vanity Fair – worldliness
- Doubting Castle and Giant Despair – pride
- Dark River - unbelief





# Rough Ride to Heaven



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Living in a Chaotic World

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## Refining Trials Lead to Eternal Glory

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

1 Peter 1:6-7



## Jesus' Endurance Based on Future Joy

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:1-3



# Rejoicing to Suffer for Jesus

“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”

Acts 5:41





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# Glory Now!

“Those suffering for Christ experience through the Spirit now the glory they are promised in the future.”

Peter Davids, The New Int'l Commentary on the NT: 1 Peter





“But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” Acts 6:55-56

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Famous English missionary devoted her life to God



# Judgment Time

“Jewish tradition often emphasized that the righteous experienced their sufferings in this age but that the wicked would experience theirs throughout the age to come.”

Craig Keener, The IVP Bible Backgrounds Commentary: NT



# Judgment Begins at God's House

“Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, the mothers and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the old men (elders) who were in front of the temple.”

Ezekiel 9:6



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“Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:32

“The persecution these Christians are experiencing is the act of God whereby he purges his people to prepare them for his final display of salvation, insofar as he makes them fit for that judgment through suffering.”

Scott McKnight, The NIV Application Bible Commentary: 1 Peter



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Jesus in Luke 23:46, ““Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”



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3.the God of Glory is in control. vv.17-19





Don't Lose the Dove!