The Cry for Glory
Rom. 8:19-27

Ez. 37:1-10

Suffering and glory vv. 17-18

Joh 16:20-22 (NAU) 20 “Truly, truly, I say to you, that a you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but b your grief will be turned into joy.

21 Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

22 Therefore a you too have grief now; but b I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

2 Cor. 4:17 For momentary, a light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

18 while we a look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

I. The Groans of Creation (vv. 19-22)

a. Subjected to corruption

(Gen 3:17-20 NAU) 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; a Cursed is the ground because of you; b In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.

18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field;

19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you a return to the ground, Because b from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

20 Now the man called his wife's name a Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

b. Anticipating freedom of the sons of God

(2Pe 3:7-12 NAU) 7 But by His word a the present heavens and earth are being reserved for b fire, kept for c the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, a beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and b a thousand years like one day.

9 a The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but b is patient toward you, c not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

II. The Groans of Believers (vv. 23-25)

a. Conceived by the Spirit (beginning of the groan)

b. Awaiting redemption of the body

(Eph 4:30 NAU) Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

(Eph 1:13-14 NAU) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

III. The Groans of the Spirit (vv. 26-27)

a. United with human weakness

(2Co 1:21-22 NAU) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

b. Interceding for the saints