



ATHEY
CREEK

SECOND EPISTLE
TO THE
CORINTHIANS
ATHEY CREEK





2 CORINTHIANS 12



³I AM VERILY A MAN WHICH
AM A JEW, BORN IN TARSUS,
A CITY IN CILICIA, YET
BROUGHT UP IN THIS CITY AT
THE FEET OF GAMALIEL, AND
TAUGHT ACCORDING TO THE
PERFECT MANNER OF THE
LAW OF THE FATHERS, AND
WAS ZEALOUS TOWARD GOD,
AS YE ALL ARE THIS DAY.

ACTS 22:3



⁸YEA DOUBTLESS, AND I
COUNT ALL THINGS BUT
LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF
CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR
WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE
LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND
DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG,
THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST,

PHILIPPIANS 3:8



²³ AND AFTER THAT MANY
DAYS WERE FULFILLED, THE
JEW'S TOOK COUNSEL TO KILL
HIM: ²⁴ BUT THEIR LAYING AWAIT
WAS KNOWN OF SAUL. AND THEY
WATCHED THE GATES DAY AND
NIGHT TO KILL HIM. ²⁵ THEN THE
DISCIPLES TOOK HIM BY NIGHT,
AND LET HIM DOWN BY THE
WALL IN A BASKET.

ACTS 9:23-25



2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

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PROTECTS
FROM PRIDE

II

PUSHES US
TO PRAYER

III

PRODUCES
POWER

INFIRMITIES

2 CORINTHIANS 12:10



- GREEK -

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WEAKNESS, WANT OF STRENGTH,
FEEBLENESS, FRAILTY

MADE PERFECT

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



- GREEK -

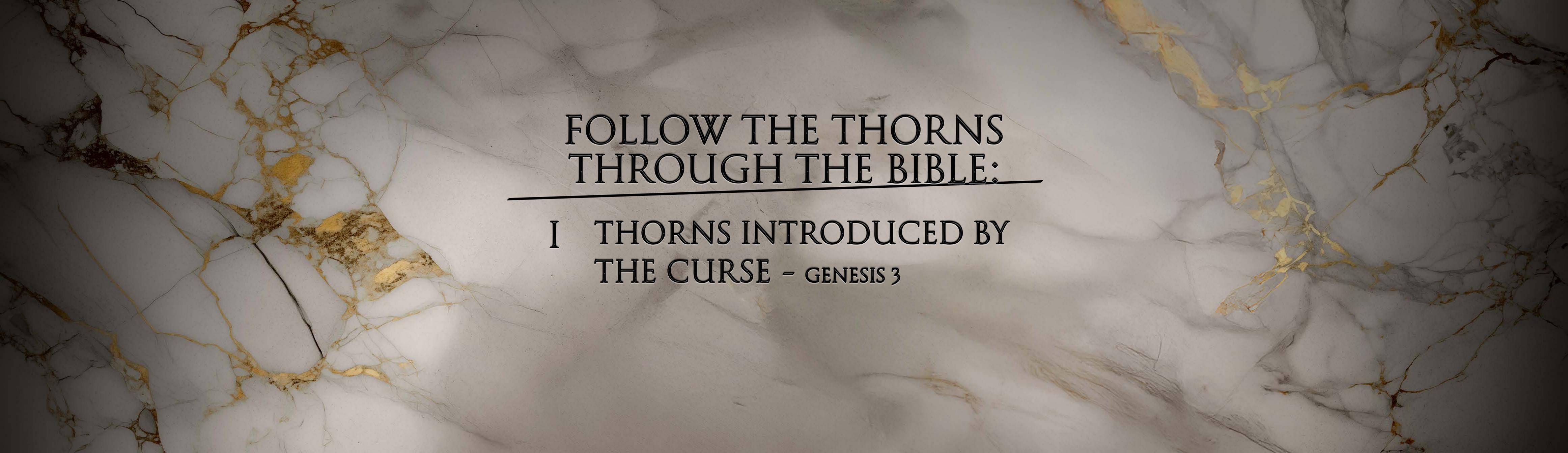
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COMPLETE, ACCOMPLISH, FINISH,
FULFILL, TO BRING TO AN END GOAL,
TO BRING TO MATURITY

IV

PROVIDES
PERSPECTIVE



FOLLOW THE THORNS
THROUGH THE BIBLE:

I THORNS INTRODUCED BY
THE CURSE - GENESIS 3



¹⁷ AND UNTO ADAM HE SAID, BECAUSE
THOU HAST HEARKENED UNTO THE
VOICE OF THY WIFE, AND HAST EATEN
OF THE TREE, OF WHICH I COMMANDED
THEE, SAYING, THOU SHALT NOT EAT
OF IT: CURSED IS THE GROUND FOR
THY SAKE; IN SORROW SHALT THOU
EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE;
¹⁸ THORNS ALSO AND THISTLES SHALL IT
BRING FORTH TO THEE; AND THOU
SHALT EAT THE HERB OF THE FIELD;

GENESIS 3:17-18

FOLLOW THE THORNS THROUGH THE BIBLE:

I THORNS INTRODUCED BY
THE CURSE - GENESIS 3

II THORNS USED BY GOD AS A HEDGE
TO KEEP YOU FROM SIN - HOSEA 2



⁶THEREFORE, BEHOLD, I WILL
HEDGE UP THY WAY WITH THORNS,
AND MAKE A WALL, THAT SHE
SHALL NOT FIND HER PATHS. ⁷AND
SHE SHALL FOLLOW AFTER HER
LOVERS, BUT SHE SHALL NOT
OVERTAKE THEM; AND SHE SHALL
SEEK THEM, BUT SHALL NOT FIND
THEM: THEN SHALL SHE SAY, I
WILL GO AND RETURN TO MY
FIRST HUSBAND; FOR THEN WAS
IT BETTER WITH ME THAN NOW.

HOSEA 2:6-7

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THE CURSE - GENESIS 3

II THORNS USED BY GOD AS A HEDGE
TO KEEP YOU FROM SIN - HOSEA 2

III THORNS BECOME PART OF
THE SAVIOR'S SUFFERING - MARK 15



¹⁵ AND SO PILATE, WILLING TO
CONTENT THE PEOPLE, RELEASED
BARABBAS UNTO THEM, AND
DELIVERED JESUS, WHEN HE HAD
SCOURGED HIM, TO BE CRUCIFIED.

¹⁶ AND THE SOLDIERS LED HIM
AWAY INTO THE HALL, CALLED
PRÆTORIUM; AND THEY CALL
TOGETHER THE WHOLE BAND. ¹⁷ AND
THEY CLOTHED HIM WITH PURPLE...

MARK 15:15-20



AND PLATTED A CROWN OF THORNS,
AND PUT IT ABOUT HIS HEAD, ¹⁸ AND
BEGAN TO SALUTE HIM, HAIL, KING
OF THE JEWS! ¹⁹ AND THEY SMOTE HIM
ON THE HEAD WITH A REED, AND DID
SPIT UPON HIM, AND BOWING THEIR
KNEES WORSHIPPED HIM. ²⁰ AND WHEN
THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY TOOK
OFF THE PURPLE FROM HIM, AND PUT
HIS OWN CLOTHES ON HIM, AND LED
HIM OUT TO CRUCIFY HIM.

MARK 15:15-20



WHY DOES GOD ALLOW A THORN IN THE FLESH?

I PROTECTS FROM PRIDE

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