

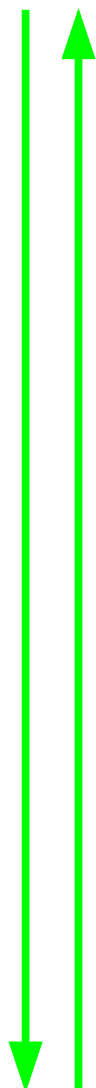
# Treasure Hunt

## Heb 11:37-40

- Ben: Who caused much of the suffering in this section, according to our Lord?
- Nate: Give an example where some “escaped the edge of the sword” (34) while others “were slain with the sword” (37).
- Caitlin: Why does God allow both outcomes?
- Elijah: What is the “good report” in v. 39?
- Michael: How does this “good report” explain 11:1?
- Faith: What is the difference between “the promise” (6:15; 10:37; 11:39) and “the promises” (11:13)?
- In what sense did Abraham “obtain the promise” (6:15)?
- In what sense is the promise still future (10:37; 11:39)?
- Why has it not yet arrived?

# Cycles in 11:32-38

11:32	Theme	11:33-38	
		The Victors	The Sufferers
Jephthah, David, Samuel	Political rule	33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises,	they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; ... 38 ... wandering in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
the prophets	Life and death	stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword,	37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword:
Gideon, Barak, Samson	Military success	out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.	36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
	(Hinge)	35a Women received their dead raised to life again:	35b and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:



# 11:37a they were stoned ... by whom?

2Chr. 24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; ... 20 And the Spirit of God came upon **Zechariah** the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and **stoned him** with stones ...

Matt 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ... 31 ... ye are the children of **them which killed the prophets**. ... 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 That **upon you** may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous **Abel** unto the blood of **Zacharias** son of Barachias, whom **ye slew** between the temple and the altar. ... 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **thou that killest the prophets**, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, ...

# 11:37b they were slain with the sword (or not, v. 34!)

1Ki 19:10 And [Elijah] said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and **slain thy prophets with the sword**; ...

Jer 26:20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah ...

23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who **slew him with the sword**, ... 24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Monarch	34, Escaped the Edge of the Sword	37, Slain with the Sword
Jezebel: 1 Ki 19:10	Elijah	“thy prophets”
Jehoiakim: Jeremiah 26	Jeremiah	Urijah

# 11:37-38, Skins and Caves

they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins

1Kings 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his **mantle** [LXX “goatskin”], and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

2Kings 1:8 And they answered him, He was an **hairy** man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah ...

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:)

Prov. 8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are **not to be compared to it.**

they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

1Sam. 22:1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the **cave** Adullam: ... 14 And David abode in the **wilderness** in strong holds, and remained in a **mountain** in the wilderness of Ziph.

1Kings 17:3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself **by the brook** Cherith, that is before Jordan.

1Kings 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty **in a cave,**

# Structural Context

11:1-40, Examples of Promise & Faith in the OT

1-3, Characterization

- 1, Its function
- 2, Its focus μαρτυρέω
- 3, Its precedent

4-38, Examples

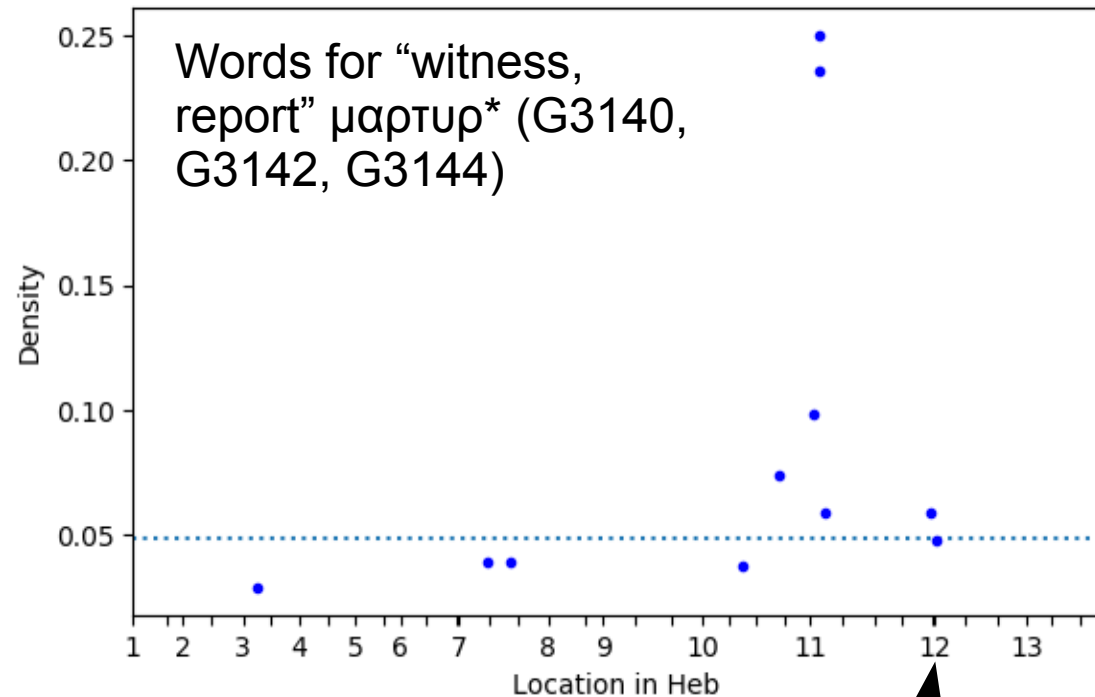
4-31, Levels of Faith

- 4-6, Belief in God
- 7-19, Obedience to God
- 20-22, Confession
- 23-31, Accepting rejection

32-38, Consequences of Faith

- 32, More examples
- 33-34, The Victors
- 35, Transition
- 36-38, The Sufferers

39-40, Summary μαρτυρέω



# Did they or Didn't they?

Heb. 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, **he obtained** ἐπιτυγχάνω **G2013 the promise.**

Heb. 11:13 **These all** died in faith, **not having received** λαμβάνω **G2983 the promises**, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them,

Heb. 11:39 And **these all**, having obtained a good report through faith, **received** κομίζω **G2865 not the promise:**

Heb 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, **ye might receive** κομίζω **the promise.** 37 For **yet a little while**, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Is. 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were **for a little moment**, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent;

Hab. 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because **it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

# References on 11:40

## They are waiting for us

### Some better thing κρείττων G2909

- Our Lord is **better** than the angels (1:4)
- Melchizedek, representing him, is **better** than Abraham (7:7)
- he brings us a **better** hope (7:19)
- He is the surety (7:22) and mediator (8:6) of a **better** covenant ...
- ... mediated by **better** blood (12:24)
- He provides for us a **better** possession (10:34) ...
- ... in our **better**, heavenly country (11:16),
- ... which we enter through a **better** resurrection (11:35).

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, ~~when~~ **in order that** the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

2Pet. 3:3 ... there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? ... 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pet. 3:12 Looking for and ~~hasting~~ **unto hastening the coming** of the day of God,