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301. Eyes Hidden and Opened

On occasions, the Lord stops us from seeing things. On other occasions He opens our eyes to see things we didn't see before:

Genesis 21:19

And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

2 Kings 6:16,17

And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2 Kings 6:18-20

And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

Luke 24:15,16,30,31

*And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. **But their eyes were holden that they should not know him...** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. **And their eyes were opened, and they knew him;** and he vanished out of their sight.*

John 20:15

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? **She, supposing him to be the gardener,** saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.*

John 21:4,12

*But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: **but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus...** Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

302. The Rod of the Lord

Israel is spoken of as the rod of the Lord's inheritance:

Psalm 74:2

*Remember **thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.***

Jeremiah 10:16

*The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and **Israel is the rod of his inheritance:** The LORD of hosts is his name.*

Jeremiah 51:19

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Ezekiel 21:9,10

*Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished: It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth **the rod of my son, as every tree.***

Heathen armies are spoken of as the rod of the Lord's anger:

Isaiah 10:5

*O Assyrian, **the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.***

Lamentations 3:1

*I am the man that hath seen affliction by **the rod of his wrath.***

Christ is the ultimate fulfilment as the Lord's rod:

Psalm 110:2

*The LORD shall send **the rod of thy strength** out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

Isaiah 11:1

*And there shall come forth **a rod out of the stem of Jesse**, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots*

Micah 7:14

*Feed thy people with **thy rod**, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.*

Rod of His Mouth

The effect of Christ's rod comes from His mouth, I.e. His words:

Isaiah 11:4

*But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with **the rod of his mouth**, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

Revelation 19:15

*And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Proverbs 14:3

***In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride**: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.*

Rod of Iron

Psalms 2:9

*Thou shalt break them with a **rod of iron**; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Revelation 2:27

*And he shall rule them with a **rod of iron**; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*

Revelation 12:5

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to **rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Revelation 19:15

*And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a **rod of iron:** and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Sharp Sword

Psalms 57:4

*My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a **sharp sword.***

Proverbs 25:18

*A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and **a sword, and a sharp arrow.***

Isaiah 49:2

*And he hath made **my mouth like a sharp sword;** in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me*

Revelation 19:15

*And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,** that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Twoedged Sword

Psalms 149:6

*Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and **a twoedged sword** in their hand*

Proverbs 5:4

*But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as **a twoedged sword.***

Hebrews 4:12

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Revelation 1:16

*And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword**: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

Revelation 2:12

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith **he which hath the sharp sword with two edges***

Sword of the Lord

Any invading army could be spoken of as being the “*sword of the Lord*”:

Deuteronomy 33:29

*Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is **the sword of thy excellency!** and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.*

Judges 7:18

*When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, **The sword of the LORD**, and of Gideon.*

1 Chronicles 21:16

*And David lifted up his eyes, and saw **the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem.** Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.*

Isaiah 34:6

***The sword of the LORD** is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.*

Isaiah 66:16

For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Jeremiah 12:12

*The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for **the sword of the LORD** shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.*

Ezekiel 30:25

*But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when **I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon**, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.*

303. Straight Course

The Lord providing a “*straight course*” confirms a correct decision:

Acts 16:11

*Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with **a straight course** to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;*

This confirmed Paul not going elsewhere:

Acts 16:6-10

*Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and **were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia**, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but **the Spirit suffered them not**. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And **after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.***

Note the return journey took five days:

Acts 20:6

*And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and **came unto them to Troas in five days**; where we abode seven days.*

Leaving Miletus, albeit a sad occasion, Paul also knew to be right:

Acts 21:1

*And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with **a straight course** unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:*

Paul knew this was the right decision, despite others' reservations:

Acts 20:22,23

*And now, behold, **I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem**, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.*

Acts 21:4

*And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: **who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.***

Acts 21:10-12,14

*And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, **So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.** And when we heard these things, both **we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem....** And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, **The will of the Lord be done.***

304. Eden

Apart from references in Genesis 1-4, referring to the original garden of Eden, this name occurs elsewhere. A vast majority of these occurrences are references to the original place:

Isaiah 51:3

*For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness **like Eden**, and her desert **like the garden of the LORD**; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.*

Ezekiel 28:13

*Thou hast been **in Eden the garden of God**; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*

Ezekiel 31:9

*I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all **the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God**, envied him.*

Ezekiel 31:16

*I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and **all the trees of Eden**, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.*

Ezekiel 31:18

*To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among **the trees of Eden**? yet shalt thou be brought down with **the trees of Eden** unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.*

Ezekiel 36:35

*And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like **the garden of Eden**; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.*

Joel 2:3

*A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is **as the garden of Eden** before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.*

There are also references to a person, a Gershonite, of the priestly house of Levi:

2 Chronicles 29:12

*Then the Levites arose, Mabath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jebaleel: and of the Gershonites; Joab the son of Zimmah, and **Eden the son of Joah***

2 Chronicles 31:15

*And next him were **Eden**, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, **in the cities of the priests, in their set office**, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small*

There are also references to “*the children of Eden*” living in Telassar. These children are presumably the descendants of the original Gershonite. They seem to have migrated to Syria, as they are always referenced with Haran:

2 Kings 19:12

*Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and **the children of Eden which were in Thelesar?***

Isaiah 37:12

*Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and **the children of Eden which were in Telassar?***

Ezekiel 27:23

*Haran, and Canneh, and **Eden**, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were thy merchants.*

Amos 1:5

*I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him **that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden:** and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.*

305. East

East is an interesting direction in Scripture.

The garden of Eden was said to be “*eastward*,” presumably east of the land of Israel to whom the Scriptures would come:

Genesis 2:8

*And the LORD God planted a garden **eastward in Eden**; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

Cherubim were placed “*at the east*” of the garden after Adam and Eve had been driven out:

Genesis 3:24

*So he drove out the man; and he placed **at the east** of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Cain lived “*in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden*”:

Genesis 4:16

*And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the **east of Eden**.*

Men built the Tower of Babel “*as they journeyed from the east*” (maybe heading west, trying to get back into the garden):

Genesis 11:2

*And it came to pass, **as they journeyed from the east**, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*

Abraham sent the sons of his concubines away “*unto the east country*”:

Genesis 25:6

*But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, **eastward, unto the east country.***

Job was the greatest man in the east:

Job 1:3

*His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was **the greatest of all the men of the east.***

The blood is to be sprinkled on the mercy seat “eastward”:

Leviticus 16:14

*And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger **upon the mercy seat eastward;** and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.*

Moses and Aaron and their family are to camp on the east side of the Tabernacle:

Numbers 3:38

*But those that encamp before the tabernacle **toward the east,** even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.*

Judah pitched on the east side of the Tabernacle, and they were to set off first:

Numbers 2:3

*And on **the east side toward the rising of the sun** shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.*

Numbers 10:5

*When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie **on the east parts** shall go forward.*

Numbers 10:14

In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

The sea in the Temple was set on the east side:

1 Kings 7:39

*And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea **on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.***

Elisha was to open the window “eastward”:

2 Kings 13:17

*And he said, Open the window **eastward**. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.*

Jonah sat “on the east side” of Nineveh to see what would become of it:

Jonah 4:5

*So Jonah went out of the city, and sat **on the east side of the city**, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.*

The east gate of the Temple was holy:

Ezekiel 10:19

And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at

*the door of the **east gate** of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.*

Ezekiel saw a vision of wickedness in the Temple, and the perpetrators were worshipping the Sun toward the east (where it rises):

Ezekiel 8:16

*And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces **toward the east**; and they worshipped the sun **toward the east**.*

Ezekiel 11:1

*Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto **the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward**: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.*

In Ezekiel's vision of the glorified Temple, the east gate was the most holy. The glory of God came in that way and only the prince was allowed to use it:

Ezekiel 41:14

*Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of **the separate place toward the east**, an hundred cubits.*

Ezekiel 43:1-2,4

*Afterward he brought me to the gate, even **the gate that looketh toward the east**: And, behold, **the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east**: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.... And **the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east**.*

Ezekiel 43:17

*And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; **and his stairs shall look toward the east**.*

Ezekiel 44:1-3

*Then he brought me back the way of **the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east**; and it was shut. Then said the LORD unto me; **This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.***

Ezekiel 46:1-3

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; **The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.***

Ezekiel 46:12

*Now when **the prince** shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, one shall then **open him the gate that looketh toward the east**, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.*

Ezekiel 47:1-3,8

*Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, **waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east**, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate **by the way that looketh eastward**; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand **went forth eastward**, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles..... Then said he unto me, These waters issue out **toward the east country**, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.*

The Mount of Olives is on the east side of the Temple:

Ezekiel 11:23

*And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon **the mountain which is on the east side of the city.***

Zechariah 14:4

*And his feet shall stand in that day upon **the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east**, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

The wise men came “*from the east*”:

Matthew 2:1

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men **from the east** to Jerusalem*

Other interesting references to “*east*”:

Revelation 7:2

*And I saw another angel **ascending from the east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea*

Revelation 16:12

*And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that **the way of the kings of the east** might be prepared.*

East wind

This is a particularly strong wind:

Thin ears of corn are blasted by the east wind:

Genesis 41:6,23,27

*And, behold, seven thin ears and **blasted with the east wind** sprung up after them.... And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and **blasted with the east wind**, sprung up after them.... And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears **blasted with the east wind** shall be seven years of famine.*

Locusts came on the east wind:

Exodus 10:13

*And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought **an east wind** upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, **the east wind** brought the locusts.*

The east wind was partly responsible for the quail in the wilderness:

Psalms 78:26-28

*He caused **an east wind to blow in the heaven:** and by his power **he brought in the south wind.** He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.*

Moses parted the Red Sea by an east wind:

Exodus 14:21

*And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong **east wind** all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.*

Job speaks of the east wind:

Job 15:2

*Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with **the east wind**?*

Job 27:21

***The east wind** carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.*

Job 38:24

*By what way is the light parted, which scattereth **the east wind** upon the earth?*

Large ships can be broken by the east wind:

Psalm 48:7

*Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with **an east wind**.*

A rough wind can be stayed by an east wind:

Isaiah 27:8

*In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind **in the day of the east wind**.*

Other references to an “east wind”:

Jeremiah 18:17

*I will scatter them as with **an east wind** before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.*

Ezekiel 17:10

*Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when **the east wind** toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.*

Ezekiel 19:12

*But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and **the east wind** dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.*

Ezekiel 27:26

*Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: **the east wind** hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.*

Hosea 12:1

*Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after **the east wind**: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.*

Hosea 13:15

*Though he be fruitful among his brethren, **an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD** shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.*

Jonah 4:8

*And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared **a vehement east wind**; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.*

Habakkuk 1:9

*They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up **as the east wind**, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.*

306. The Jews are NOT the People of God

God never gave His promises to the Jews as a whole, but to the true Israel of God, those from all lands who worship Him:

Numbers 14:19-21

*Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: But as truly as I live, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.***

Joshua 4:23,24

*For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to **the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.***

1 Kings 9:6,7

*But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and **Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people***

Isaiah 65:15

*And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and **call his servants by another name***

Ezekiel 38:8

*After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, **which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.***

Matthew 22:8

*Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden **were not worthy.***

Matthew 23:38

*Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate.***

Luke 13:35

*Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate:** and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Acts 13:45-47

*But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves **unworthy of everlasting life**, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.*

Romans 2:28,29

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Romans 3:19

*Now we know that **what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God***

Galatians 3:7-9

*Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*

Galatians 3:28,29

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Colossians 3:10,11

*And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where **there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.***

Most Jews rejected Christ when He came:

Stone Which the Builders Rejected

Psalm 118:22

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

Matthew 21:42-44

*Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?** Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.** And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

Mark 12:10,11

*And have ye not read this scripture; **The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:** This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

Luke 20:17,18

*And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?** Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

Acts 4:10-12

*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.***

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 Peter 2:6-8

*Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

Rock of Offence / Stumblingstone

Isaiah 8:13-15

*Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; **but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.*

Romans 9:31-33

*But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For **they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence:** and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

1 Peter 2:6-8

*Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, **And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence,** even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

307. The Unfruitful True Believer

The parable of the sower gives us three kinds of unfruitful soil. The seed that fell on the wayside and the stony ground **had no root**. They may have flourished briefly, but they soon died. These are shown to be unbelievers in the end:

Matthew 13:4-6

*And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and **the fowls came and devoured them up**. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because **they had no root**, they withered away.*

Mark 4:4-6

*And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and **the fowls of the air came and devoured it up**. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because **it had no root**, it withered away.*

Luke 8:5,6,13

*A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and **the fowls of the air devoured it**. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, **it withered away, because it lacked moisture....** They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and **these have no root**, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*

But the seed that fell on thorny ground is different. They **do** have a root. They begin to grow. But the thorns of this world choke the growing plant and, although it is still alive, it **becomes** unfruitful:

Matthew 13:7,22

*And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them.... He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he **becometh unfruitful**.*

Mark 4:7,18,19

*And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and **it yielded no fruit**.... And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it **becometh unfruitful**.*

Luke 8:7,14

*And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.... And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and **bring no fruit to perfection**.*

These are not unbelievers, but **unfruitful true believers**.

Similarly in the following passages:

2 Peter 1:5-9

*And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor **unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that **he was purged from his old sins**.*

This is a call to those who have **faith**, i.e. they are true believers. We are called to add the fruit of the Spirit to our lives. If we do this, we are told, not that we would fall away from the faith, that is impossible, but that we would not be **unfruitful**.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

*For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. Now if any man **build upon this foundation** gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but **he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire**.*

This is a call to those who have the **foundation**, which is Jesus Christ. So they are true believers. We are called to build wisely on that foundation. If we don't, we will still be saved in the end, *“yet so as by fire”*.

John 15:2,6

*Every branch **in me** that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.... If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and **men** gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

This is not about men being cast into hell-fire by God. This passage is about fruitful and unfruitful believers. All are *“in me,”* i.e. in Christ. So they are true believers. And notice it is *“men”* who cast out the unfruitful branches, not God. One of the most pathetic things we can come across is unfruitful true believers trying to be like the world. Men will cast them out of their company.

This is similar to:

Matthew 5:13

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot **of men**.*

This is *“men”* treading them underfoot, not God. An unfruitful Christian is no witness to the world at all, in fact the world laughs at them.

308. Appointed to Destruction

Some people are appointed to destruction:

1 Kings 20:42

*And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I **appointed to utter destruction** [cherem = accursed thing], therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.*

Some are appointed to disobedience, which leads to destruction:

1 Peter 2:8

*And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: **whereunto also they were appointed.***

Appointed to Death

We are all appointed to death. Several words are used for this in the Bible:

Old Testament

Chaloph:

Proverbs 31:8

*Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are **appointed to destruction.***

The Authorised Version of the Bible uses the word “*destruction*” here. This is the only place this word occurs in Scripture, and is really equivalent to “death.”

Maveth:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “death”:

Job 30:23

*For I know that thou wilt bring me to **death**, and to **the house appointed for all living**.*

Temutath:

This Hebrew word, also meaning “death,” only occurs in two places in Scripture:

Psalm 79:11

*Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are **appointed to die***

Psalm 102:20

*To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are **appointed to death***

New Testament

Epithanatos:

This Greek word means the whole phrase “*appointed to death.*” It only occurs in one place in Scripture:

1 Corinthians 4:9

*For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were **appointed to death**: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.*

Apothnesko:

This is the usual Greek word for “die”:

Hebrews 9:27

*And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment*

309. Can't Deny the Miracles

Religious leaders in the church today try to deny the miracles of Christ. But in Christ's day, it is notable that the religious leaders, who hated Him and wanted to put Him to death, couldn't deny the miracles:

John 11:47,48

*Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for **this man doeth many miracles**. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.*

Acts 4:16

*Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed **a notable miracle hath been done by them** is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.*

310. Paul Grew Up in Jerusalem

Acts 22:3

*I 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.*

His whole family seem to have lived in Jerusalem:

Acts 23:16

*And when **Paul's sister's son** heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.*

311. Ye Cannot Come

There are some places the disciples couldn't follow Jesus to:

John 7:34,36

*Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and **where I am, thither ye cannot come**.... What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and **where I am, thither ye cannot come**?*

John 8:21,22

*Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: **whither I go, ye cannot come**. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, **Whither I go, ye cannot come**.*

John 13:33

*Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, **Whither I go, ye cannot come**; so now I say to you.*

312. Judgment Seat of Christ

[See also: 39. Day of the Lord]

The phrase “*the judgment seat of Christ*” appears twice in the Scriptures:

Romans 14:10

*But why dost thou judge **thy brother**? or why dost thou set at nought **thy brother**? for we shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ**.*

2 Corinthians 5:10

*For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether **it be good or bad**.*

Some people think this judgment is not the final judgment at the end of time, but refers to a separate judgment for believers only, distributing their rewards after they get to heaven. But that’s not so. This judgment refers to everybody. Christ will judge the world:

John 5:22

*For **the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son***

John 8:26

I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

John 12:47,48

*And if any man hear my words, and believe not, **I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath **one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.***

Acts 10:42

*And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that **it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.***

Acts 17:31

*Because he hath appointed a day, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained**; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.*

Romans 14:9

*For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, **that he might be Lord both of the dead and living***

Romans 14:11

*For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.***

The great white throne in heaven is occupied by a Lamb:

Revelation 5:6

*And I beheld, and, lo, **in the midst of the throne** and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

There is a sense in which all Christians will judge the world and angels. Our witness, poor as it is, is a witness of Christ in the world and will help condemn it at the last day:

1 Corinthians 6:2,3

*Do ye not know that **the saints shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?*

313. Lightness

Judges 9:4

*And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith **Abimelech hired vain and light persons**, which followed him.*

Jeremiah 23:32

*Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and **cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness**; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.*

Jeremiah 3:9

*And it came to pass **through the lightness of her whoredom**, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.*

Zephaniah 3:4

***Her prophets are light and treacherous persons**: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.*

2 Corinthians 1:17

*When I therefore was thus minded, **did I use lightness?** or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?*

314. Christ in Old Testament Believers

Christ in the Prophets

1 Peter 1:10,11

*Of which salvation **the prophets** have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.*

John 12:41

*These things said Esaias, when **he saw his glory, and spake of him.***

Tempting Christ

Numbers 21:5,6

*And **the people spake against God, and against Moses,** Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.*

This is called “tempting Christ”:

1 Corinthians 10:9

***Neither let us tempt Christ,** as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.*

315. Ransom for Many / All

Matthew 20:28

*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a **ransom for many**.*

Mark 10:45

*For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a **ransom for many**.*

1 Timothy 2:6

*Who gave himself a **ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.*

Whether we use the word “*many*” or “*all*” here, we must only be speaking of Christ’s people.

316. Churches Meet in Houses

Acts 2:46

*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread **from house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart*

Acts 5:42

*And **daily in the temple, and in every house**, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*

Acts 12:12

*And when he had considered the thing, he came **to the house** of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; **where many were gathered together praying.***

Acts 20:20

*And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you **publicly, and from house to house***

Romans 16:5

*Likewise greet **the church that is in their house**. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.*

1 Corinthians 16:19

*The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, **with the church that is in their house.***

Colossians 4:15

*Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and **the church which is in his house.***

Titus 1:11

*Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole **houses**, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.*

Philemon 1:1,2

*Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, **and to the church in thy house***

317. Groaning

In this fallen world, the whole creation is “groaning”:

Romans 8:22

*For we know that the whole creation **groaneth** and travaileth in pain together until now.*

We, in our fallen state are “groaning”:

Romans 8:23

*And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan** within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

2 Corinthians 5:2-4

*For in this we **groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do **groan**, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*

The Holy Spirit “groans” within us as He helps us to pray:

Romans 8:26

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with **groanings** which cannot be uttered.*

Other occurrences in Scripture of “groaning”:

Exodus 2:24

*And God heard their **groaning**, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.*

Exodus 6:5

*And I have also heard the **groaning** of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.*

Judges 2:18

*And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their **groanings** by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.*

Job 23:2

*Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my **groaning**.*

Job 24:12

*Men **groan** from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.*

Psalms 6:6

*I am weary with my **groaning**; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.*

Psalms 38:9

*Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my **groaning** is not hid from thee.*

Psalms 102:5

*By reason of the voice of my **groaning** my bones cleave to my skin.*

Psalms 102:20

*To hear the **groaning** of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death*

Jeremiah 51:52

*Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall **groan**.*

Ezekiel 30:24

*And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall **groan** before him with the **groanings** of a deadly wounded man.*

Joel 1:18

*How do the beasts **groan**! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.*

John 11:33,38

*When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he **groaned** in the spirit, and was troubled.... Jesus therefore again **groaning** in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.*

Acts 7:34

*I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their **groaning**, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.*

318. Preachers Should Not Take Money

Preachers should be given reasonable expenses, but they should not take money for preaching itself, or worse, turn their preaching into a business:

1 Corinthians 9:9-15

*For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. **But I have used none of these things:** neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.*

2 Corinthians 11:7-9

*Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because **I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?** I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things **I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.***

319. Seven Days of Astonishment

Job 2:11-3:1

*Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground **seven days and seven nights**, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great. **After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.***

Ezekiel 3:15,16

*Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there **astonished among them seven days**. And it came to pass **at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying***

320. Fowls Lodging in Branches

In the parable of the sower, it was the fowls who devoured the seed that fell by the wayside:

Matthew 13:4

*And when he sowed, **some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up***

Mark 4:4

*And it came to pass, as he sowed, **some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.***

Luke 8:5

*A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, **some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.***

The fowls represent the devil:

Matthew 13:19

*When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, **then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.** This is he which received seed by the way side.*

Mark 4:15

*And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, **Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.***

Luke 8:12

*Those by the way side are they that hear; **then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts,** lest they should believe and be saved.*

The waters produce the trees, where the fowls of the air live:

Psalm 104:10-12

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall

the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

So, fowls lodging in branches, represent evil lodging in a far larger body:

The fowls lodged in the branches of the Assyrian:

Ezekiel 31:6

All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

The fowls still lodged in Assyria even after its collapse:

Ezekiel 31:13,14

Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches: To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

And the same will happen to Egypt on its collapse:

Ezekiel 32:4

*Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will **cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee**, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.*

The fowls lodged in the branches of the king of Babylon:

Daniel 4:14,21,22

*He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, **and the fowls from his branches....** Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much,*

*and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and **upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:** It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.*

They lodged in the branches of Israel:

Ezekiel 17:23

*In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and **it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.***

They lodge in the branches of the visible church:

Matthew 13:31,32

*Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that **the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.***

Mark 4:30-32

*And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that **the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.***

Luke 13:18,19

*Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and **the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.***

321. Faithful Sayings

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 3:1

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Timothy 4:8,9

*For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. **This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.***

2 Timothy 2:11

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him

Titus 3:8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

322. Waiting / Patience

Waiting

Christians are called to wait:

Psalm 25:3

*Yea, let none that **wait** on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.*

Psalm 25:5

*Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I **wait** all the day.*

Psalm 25:21

*Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I **wait** on thee.*

Psalm 27:14

***Wait** on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait**, I say, on the LORD.*

Isaiah 40:31

*But they that **wait** upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Isaiah 64:4

*For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared **for him that waiteth for him.***

Lamentations 3:25,26

*The LORD is good unto them that **wait for him**, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.*

Micah 7:7

*Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will **wait** for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.*

Habakkuk 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.*

Zephaniah 3:8

*Therefore **wait ye upon me**, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.*

Luke 12:36

*And ye yourselves like unto men that **wait** for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.*

Acts 1:4

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait** for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

1 Corinthians 1:7

*So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting** for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Galatians 5:5

*For we through the Spirit **wait** for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

1 Thessalonians 1:9,10

*For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to **wait** for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

Patience

This involves patience:

Psalm 37:7

*Rest in the LORD, and **wait patiently** for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.*

Psalm 40:1

*I **waited patiently** for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*

Ecclesiastes 7:8

*Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and **the patient in spirit** is better than the proud in spirit.*

Luke 8:15

*But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit **with patience**.*

Luke 21:19

*In your **patience** possess ye your souls.*

Romans 2:7

*To them who by **patient** continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life*

Romans 5:3,4

*And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh **patience**; And **patience**, experience; and experience, hope*

Romans 8:25

*But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with **patience** wait for it.*

Romans 12:12

*Rejoicing in hope; **patient in tribulation**; continuing instant in prayer*

Romans 15:4,5

*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through **patience** and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of **patience** and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus*

2 Corinthians 6:4

*But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much **patience**, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses*

2 Corinthians 12:12

*Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all **patience**, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.*

Colossians 1:11

*Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all **patience** and longsuffering with joyfulness*

1 Thessalonians 1:3

*Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and **patience of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father*

1 Thessalonians 5:14

*Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be **patient** toward all men.*

2 Thessalonians 1:4

*So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your **patience** and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure*

2 Thessalonians 3:5

*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the **patient waiting** for Christ.*

1 Timothy 3:3

*Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but **patient**, not a brawler, not covetous*

1 Timothy 6:11

*But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, **patience**, meekness.*

2 Timothy 2:24

*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, **patient***

2 Timothy 3:10

*But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, **patience***

Titus 2:2

*That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in **patience**.*

Hebrews 6:12

*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and **patience** inherit the promises.*

Hebrews 6:15

*And so, after he had **patiently endured**, he obtained the promise.*

Hebrews 10:36

*For ye have need of **patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

Hebrews 12:1

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with **patience** the race that is set before us*

James 1:3,4

*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh **patience**. But let **patience** have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

James 5:7,8

*Be **patient** therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman **waiteth** for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long **patience** for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also **patient**; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

James 5:10,11

*Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of **patience**. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the **patience** of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*

1 Peter 2:20

*For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it **patiently**? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it **patiently**, this is acceptable with God.*

2 Peter 1:6

*And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance **patience**; and to **patience** godliness*

Revelation 1:9

*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and **patience** of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Revelation 2:2,3

*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy **patience**, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast **patience**, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.*

Revelation 2:19

*I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy **patience**, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.*

Revelation 3:10

*Because thou hast kept the word of my **patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

Revelation 13:10

*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the **patience** and the faith of the saints.*

Revelation 14:12

*Here is the **patience** of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

323. Mixed Multitude

There was always a “*mixed multitude*” who followed the people of God around:

Exodus 12:38

And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

Numbers 11:4

And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

Nehemiah 13:1-3

*On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. Now **it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.***

324. Finding Out God

We cannot find out all that God is doing:

Job 11:7

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

But we can come to know Him:

Deuteronomy 4:29

But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Joel 2:12,13

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

325. Coming One by One

The Lord does not choose His people as nations or churches, but as individuals:

Isaiah 27:12

*And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and **ye shall be gathered one by one**, O ye children of Israel.*

Isaiah 57:1,2

*The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that **the righteous is taken away from the evil to come**. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, **each one walking in his uprightness**.*

Jeremiah 3:14

*Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and **I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion***

There are many examples in Scripture of impending judgment, but individuals will be saved out of it:

1 Kings 14:11-13

*Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for **he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel** in the house of Jeroboam.*

2 Kings 22:16-20

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him,

*Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; **Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD,** when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; **I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.** Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.*

326. Honour Church Leaders

We are to honour our church leaders, no matter how evil they are:

Matthew 23:1-3

*Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.***

Acts 23:5

*Then said Paul, **I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.***

Exodus 22:28

Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

327. Firstborn

Whenever the “*firstborn*” is mentioned with regards the Exodus from Egypt, it is always the masculine form of the word that is used, i.e. “*bekah*.” Therefore the firstborn that died in the Exodus, and the firstborn of man and beasts that should be set apart for the Lord (either by being killed or redeemed) always and only means the ***firstborn male***.

When this masculine word is not used, other phrases make it explicit that it is only males that are meant:

Exodus 13:12

*That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; **the males** shall be the LORD’S.*

Exodus 13:15

*And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, **being males**; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.*

Exodus 34:19

*All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, **that is male****.

[*Note: This is in italics in the Authorised Version of the Bible, which means that it is not in the original, but in the following verse the masculine is used.]

In Numbers 3, where the Levites are taken by God in place of the firstborn, it is only the ***male*** Levites that are numbered (as indeed it was for all the tribes), also implying the firstborn were only males:

Numbers 3:12,15, 40, 41

*And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine.... Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: **every male from a month old and upward** shalt*

thou number them.... And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

Any firstborn male beast that has a blemish gets killed and eaten but not sacrificed to the Lord:

Deuteronomy 15:19-23

*All the **firstling males** that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep. Thou shalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household. And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean person shall eat it alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.*

A different word is used for female firstborn, i.e. “bekiyrah.”:

Genesis 19:31-37

*And the **firstborn [bekiyrah]** said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the **firstborn [bekiyrah]** went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the **firstborn [bekiyrah]** said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the **firstborn [bekiyrah]** bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.*

Genesis 29:26

*And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the **firstborn** [bekiyrah].*

1 Samuel 14:49

*Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the **firstborn** [bekiyrah] Merab, and the name of the younger Michal*

328. Hur

There are several men with the name “*Hur*” in the Bible:

(1.) Hur is first mentioned with Aaron when they both held up Moses’ hands as they fought the Amalekites. Easton’s Dictionary thinks this means he was Miriam’s husband, but there is no evidence of this:

Exodus 17:10-12

*So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and **Moses, Aaron, and Hur** went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and **Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands**, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.*

This same Hur is next mentioned just before Moses goes up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments:

Exodus 24:13,14

*And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, **Aaron and Hur are with you**: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.*

This is the last we hear of this Hur. This implies that he was not complicit in the worship of the golden calf, as only Aaron is mentioned in that regard:

Exodus 32:1

*And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, **the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron**, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

(2.) A Hur from the tribe of Judah was grandfather to Bezaleel, who made the things of the tabernacle:

Exodus 31:2

*See, I have called by name **Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur**, of the tribe of Judah*

Exodus 35:30

*And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name **Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur**, of the tribe of Judah*

Exodus 38:22

*And **Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur**, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.*

2 Chronicles 1:5

*Moreover the brasen altar, that **Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur**, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.*

This Hur was the son of Caleb the son of Hezron:

1 Chronicles 2:9

*The **sons also of Hezron**, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and **Chelubai** [probably Caleb].*

1 Chronicles 2:18-20

*And **Caleb the son of Hezron** begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, **Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.***

Hezron was the direct ancestor of our Lord, the Lord's line going through Caleb's brother, Ram:

1 Chronicles 2:9

*The **sons also of Hezron**, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, **and Ram**, and **Chelubai** [probably Caleb].*

Matthew 1:3 [the genealogy of Christ]

And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom [Hezron]; and Esrom [Hezron] begat Aram [Ram]

Caleb the son of Hezron may or may not have been the same as Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who was one of the spies who went into the land of Canaan with Joshua.

Caleb the son of Jephunneh was of the tribe of Judah:

Numbers 13:6

Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

But Hur is not mentioned amongst his immediate sons:

1 Chronicles 4:15

And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

As is often the case, some names may be missing from the lists, “son” can also mean “grandson” or “descendant.”

Hur’s mother was Ephrath, Caleb’s second wife:

1 Chronicles 2:18-20

And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

1 Chronicles 4:1,4

The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.... And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrath, the father of Beth-lehem.

Hur seems to have had a son named Caleb too:

1 Chronicles 2:50

*These were the sons of **Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah**; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim*

(3.) Another Hur was one of the kings of Midian:

Numbers 31:8

*And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, **and Hur**, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.*

Joshua 13:21

*And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, **and Hur**, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.*

(4.) Another Hur was the father of one of Solomon's officers from Ephraim:

1 Kings 4:7,8

*And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision. And these are their names: **The son of Hur**, in mount Ephraim*

(5.) Another Hur was the father of one of Nehemiah's men:

Nehemiah 3:9

*And next unto them repaired Rephaiah **the son of Hur**, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.*

329. Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth

Exodus 21:22-27

*If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give **life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.** And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.*

Leviticus 24:19,20

*And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; **Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth:** as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.*

Deuteronomy 19:19-21

*Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but **life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.***

Matthew 5:38,39

*Ye have heard that it hath been said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

330. Hanging on a Tree

He that is hanged on a tree is accursed of God:

Deuteronomy 21:22,23

*And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for **he that is hanged is accursed of God;**) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*

People who were hung on a tree:

Pharaoh's Baker:

Genesis 40:18,19

*And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: **Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree;** and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.*

Genesis 40:21,22

*And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: **But he hanged the chief baker:** as Joseph had interpreted to them.*

The King of Ai:

Joshua 8:29

***And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide:** and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.*

The Five Kings at Makkedah:

Joshua 10:26,27

*And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, **and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.** And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.*

Ahithophel:

2 Samuel 17:23

*And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, **and hanged himself, and died,** and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.*

Bigthan and Teresh:

Esther 2:21-23

*In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Abasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; **therefore they were both hanged on a tree:** and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.*

Judas Iscariot:

Matthew 27:5

*And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, **and went and hanged himself.***

Jesus Christ:

Acts 5:30

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Acts 10:39

And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree

Christ was accursed of God for us:

Galatians 3:13,14

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

331. Ziklag

Ziklag was originally given to Judah by Joshua:

Joshua 15:31

And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

It was subsequently given to Simeon, because Judah's portion was too much for him:

Joshua 19:5,9

*And Ziklag, and Beth—marcaboth, and Hazar—susab.... **Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.***

1 Chronicles 4:24,26,27,30

The sons of Simeon** were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerab, and Shaul.... And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.... And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, **and at Ziklag

But it seems to have been taken over by Philistines subsequently, and was given back to David (and therefore Judah) by Achish:

1 Samuel 27:5,6

*And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? **Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.***

Subsequently, the Amalekites attacked it, but David recovered it and made it his base:

1 Samuel 30:1

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire

1 Samuel 30:14

We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

1 Samuel 30:26

And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD

1 Chronicles 12:1

Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

1 Chronicles 12:20

As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh.

David was there until the death of Saul:

2 Samuel 1:1

Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag

2 Samuel 4:10

When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings

It still pertained to Judah even after the return from exile in Babylon:

Nehemiah 11:25,28

*And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath–arba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof.... **And at Ziklag,** and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof*

332. Things We Should Beware Of

Exodus 23:20,21

*Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. **Beware of him, and obey his voice**, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.*

Deuteronomy 6:12

*Then **beware lest thou forget the LORD**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*

Deuteronomy 8:11

***Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God**, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day*

Deuteronomy 15:9

***Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart**, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.*

Job 36:18

*Because there is wrath, **beware lest he take thee away with his stroke**: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.*

Matthew 7:15

***Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

Matthew 10:17

*But **beware of men**: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues*

Matthew 16:6

*Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees**.*

Matthew 16:11,12

*How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the***

*Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not **beware** of the leaven of bread, but **of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.***

Mark 8:15

*And he charged them, saying, Take heed, **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.***

Mark 12:38

*And he said unto them in his doctrine, **Beware of the scribes,** which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces*

Luke 12:1

*In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.***

Luke 12:15

*And he said unto them, Take heed, and **beware of covetousness:** for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

Luke 20:46

***Beware of the scribes,** which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts*

Acts 13:40

***Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish:** for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.*

Philippians 3:2

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

2 Peter 3:17

*Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.***

333. Bounds Set by God

God sets the bounds of every nation:

Deuteronomy 32:8

When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 27:5

I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

Acts 17:26-28

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

The nation of Israel had bounds set by God:

Exodus 23:31

And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

The bounds of our lives are set by God:

Job 14:1,5

*Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.... Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, **thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass***

The sea has been given bounds by God:

Job 26:10

He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

Kings think they can remove bounds:

Isaiah 10:13

*For he [the king of Assyria] saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and **I have removed the bounds of the people**, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man*

Hosea 5:10

***The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound:** therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.*

334. Worthiness

Modern Christian psychology tells us that we naturally have a very poor sense of self-worth, and to become a Christian is to understand that God thinks we are worth something. They say that we are made in the image of God, so, we must be precious and of value to Him. But that's not true, because we lost that image in the Fall. Yet this is what all the modern churches are teaching, but it is totally opposite to what the Scriptures teach us about ourselves.

Such people think they are helping us by making us feel better about ourselves, but in reality they are making things worse. We KNOW we're unworthy, ungodly, useless, vile sinners with no good in us whatsoever. Telling us not to think that way because it's negative, is asking us to believe what we KNOW is a lie.

But we needn't worry. The Bible tells us something quite different, and it agrees with us:

Romans 5:6-8

*For when we were yet **without strength**, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

Even after we become Christians, we are still vile sinners by nature, but we are saved by grace. We're forgiven sinners:

Matthew 6:12

*And forgive us **our debts**....*

Luke 11:4

*And forgive us **our sins**....*

Luke 18:13

*And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner.***

Compare also:

Genesis 32:10

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

Matthew 8:8

*The centurion answered and said, Lord, **I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:** but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

Luke 15:18,19

*I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And **am no more worthy** to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

Revelation 5:3,4

*And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because **no man was found worthy** to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

Anglican Prayer Book

*“We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. **We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.** But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.”*

Walk Worthy

Although Christians are not worthy of the least of the Lord’s mercies, yet we are called to walk worthy of our profession:

Luke 20:35

*But **they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage***

Luke 21:36

*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, **that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.***

Acts 5:41

*And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were **counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.***

Ephesians 4:1

*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called***

Colossians 1:10

*That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God*

1 Thessalonians 2:12

*That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*

2 Thessalonians 1:4,5

*So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, **that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which ye also suffer*

1 Timothy 5:17,18

*Let the **elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, **The labourer is worthy of his reward.***

Hebrews 11:37,38

*They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (**Of whom the world was not worthy:**) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*

Revelation 3:4

*Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for **they are worthy.***

335. Good Cheer / Good Comfort

Christians are told to be of good comfort. Several different Greek words are used in Scripture:

Tharseo:

Matthew 9:2

*And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, **be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.***

Matthew 9:22

*But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, **be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

Matthew 14:27

*But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.***

Mark 6:50

*For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, **Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.***

Mark 10:49

*And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, **Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.***

Luke 8:48

*And he said unto her, Daughter, **be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.***

John 16:33

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but **be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.***

Acts 23:11

*And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, **Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.***

Euthumeo:

Acts 27:22

*And now I exhort you to **be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.***

Acts 27:25

*Wherefore, sirs, **be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.***

James 5:13

*Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. **Is any merry?** let him sing psalms.*

Euthumos:

Acts 24:10

*Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more **cheerfully** answer for myself*

Acts 27:36

Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

Eupsuchoe:

Philippians 2:19

*But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, **that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.***

Parakaleo:

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, **be of good comfort**, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

336. Evil Spirit / Lying Spirit from the Lord

God Sends an Evil Spirit

Judges 9:23

*Then **God sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech*

1 Samuel 16:14-16,23

*But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and **an evil spirit from the LORD** troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, **an evil spirit from God** troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.... And it came to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.*

1 Samuel 18:10

*And it came to pass on the morrow, that **the evil spirit from God** came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.*

1 Samuel 19:9

*And **the evil spirit from the LORD** was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.*

1 Kings 22:19-23

*And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. **And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.** And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, **I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.** And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, **the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets,** and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.*

2 Chronicles 18:18-22

*Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. **Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him.** And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, **I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.** And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so. Now therefore, behold, **the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets,** and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.*

Ezekiel 14:9

*And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, **I the LORD have deceived that prophet,** and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.*

2 Thessalonians 2:11,12

*And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

There is one other place in Scripture where “*evil spirit*” is mentioned:

Acts 19:15,16

*And the **evil spirit** answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the **evil spirit** was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

One place in Scripture uses the phrase “*evil angels*”:

Psalms 78:49

*He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending **evil angels** among them.*

God Creates Evil

Isaiah 45:7

*I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and **create evil**: I the LORD do all these things.*

This is the usual Hebrew word for evil, and in these cases it means both that God is in control of the evil and also that He creates unpleasant circumstances:

Job 2:10

*But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and **shall we not receive evil**? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.*

Isaiah 31:2

*Yet he also is wise, and **will bring evil**, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.*

Jeremiah 32:42

*For thus saith the LORD; Like as **I have brought all this great evil** upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.*

Lamentations 3:38

*Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not **evil and good**?*

Amos 3:6

*Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? **shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?***

God Uses Evil

Genesis 50:20

*But as for you, **ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.*

Isaiah 45:1-4

*Thus saith the LORD to **his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden**, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, **I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.***

Habakkuk 2:12-14

*Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! **Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?** For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Acts 2:23

*Him, being **delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain***

337. Pisseth Against the Wall

This rather crude phrase means males:

1 Samuel 25:22

*So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light **any that pisseth against the wall.***

1 Samuel 25:34

*For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light **any that pisseth against the wall.***

1 Kings 14:10

*Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam **him that pisseth against the wall,** and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.*

1 Kings 16:11

*And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him **not one that pisseth against a wall,** neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.*

1 Kings 21:21

*Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab **him that pisseth against the wall,** and him that is shut up and left in Israel,*

2 Kings 9:8

*For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab **him that pisseth against the wall,** and him that is shut up and left in Israel*

338. Non-Priests Performing Priestly Functions

Wearing an Ephod

This is usually condemned:

Gideon:

Judges 8:27

And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

Micah:

Judges 17:5

And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

But sometimes it is not condemned:

Samuel:

1 Samuel 2:18

But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

David:

2 Samuel 6:14

And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

1 Chronicles 15:27

*And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: **David also had upon him an ephod of linen.***

Making Offerings

This is usually condemned:

Saul:

1 Samuel 13:9-14

*And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. **And he offered the burnt offering.** And it came to pass, that as soon as **he had made an end of offering the burnt offering**, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. **And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.***

Uzziah:

2 Chronicles 26:16-21

*But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for **he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.** And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, **It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn***

incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God. Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

But in some cases the Lord blesses this:

Samuel:

1 Samuel 7:9,10

And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

1 Samuel 10:8

And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

David:

2 Samuel 6:17,18

And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

David isn't rebuked for this, in fact Michal is rebuked for rebuking David:

2 Samuel 6:20-23

Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

339. The Word is Nigh Unto Thee

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

*For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But **the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart**, that thou mayest do it.*

Romans 10:5-9

*For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? **The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart**: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

Luke 17:20,21

*And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you**.*

Acts 17:26-28

*And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For **in him we live, and move, and have our being**; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

340. The High Priestly Line

Both sons of Aaron, Eleazar and Ithamar, were equally High Priests:

Numbers 3:4

*And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and **Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office** in the sight of Aaron their father.*

1 Chronicles 24:1,2

*Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore **Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.***

This dual arrangement continued through history, even through David's reign:

1 Chronicles 24:3,4

*And David distributed them, both **Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar**, according to their offices in their service. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.*

Note this verse is the only place where we are shown that Ahimelech's (and therefore Eli's) line was from Ithamar.

However, because Eli couldn't control his sons, a prophecy was made that his line (Ithamar's) would one day cease from being priests:

1 Samuel 2:31-34

Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. And the man of thine, whom I

*shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on **Hophni and Phinehas***; in one day they shall die both of them*

[*not to be confused with Phinehas the son of Eleazar]

Ithamar's line continued as priests through Ahitub and Ahiah:

1 Samuel 14:3

*And **Ahiah***, the son of **Ahitub****, Ichabod's brother, the son of **Phinehas**, the son of **Eli**, the **LORD'S** priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.*

[*could be Ahimelech's brother or another name for Ahimelech himself]

[**not to be confused with Ahitub the father of Zadok in Eleazar's line]

Ithamar's line nearly got wiped out at Nob, only one son of Ahimelech surviving, i.e. Abiathar:

1 Samuel 22:18-20

*And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword. And **one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar**, escaped, and fled after David.*

The dual priesthood continued:

2 Samuel 8:17

*And **Zadok the son of Ahitub**, and **Ahimelech*** the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe*

[*not to be confused with his grandfather. This son of Abiathar is called Abimelech in 1 Chronicles 18:16]

2 Samuel 15:29

***Zadok** therefore and **Abiathar** carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.*

2 Samuel 20:25

*And Sheva was scribe: and **Zadok** and **Abiathar** were the priests*

Both Zadok and Abiathar had sons:

2 Samuel 15:27

*The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, **Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.***

Ithamar's line was finally removed by Solomon, after Abiathar followed Adonijah, and Zadok's line only continued:

1 Kings 1:7

*And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with **Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah** helped him.*

1 Kings 2:27

*So **Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD;** that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.*

In contrast, Eleazar's line continued the priesthood throughout until the captivity in Babylon:

1 Chronicles 6:3-15

And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, And Uzzi begat Zerabiah, and Zerabiah begat Meraioth, Meraioth begat

Amariah, and Amariah begat Abitub, And Abitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaꝛ, And Ahimaaꝛ begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, And Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:) And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Abitub, And Abitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, And Shallum begat Hilkiyah, and Hilkiyah begat Azariah, And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak, And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

This high priesthood still continued after the return from captivity:

Nehemiah 3:1

*Then **Eliashib the high priest** rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.*

Haggai 1:1

*In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to **Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest**, saying*

Zechariah 3:1

*And he shewed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.*

Ezra and others were descended from the line of Ithamar, but were not the High Priest:

Ezra 7:1-5

*Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, **Ezra** the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiyah, The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Abitub, The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, The son of Zerabiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, The son of Abishua, **the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest***

Ezra 8:1,2

*These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. **Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.***

341. The Tabernacle and Ark in Canaan

After the Israelites had crossed the Jordan, the Tabernacle and Ark were first pitched in *Gilgal*:

Joshua 5:10

And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

The Tabernacle and Ark were later moved to *Shiloh*:

Joshua 18:1

And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

The Ark:

From Shiloh the Ark of God was foolishly taken out of the Tabernacle to **Ebenezer**, never to be reunited with the Tabernacle again until Solomon's time. From Ebenezer the Ark was captured by the Philistines:

1 Samuel 4:1

*And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside **Ebenezer**: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.*

1 Samuel 4:4

*So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence **the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts**, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.*

1 Samuel 4:11

*And **the ark of God was taken**; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.*

The Ark was with the Philistines for seven months, first in **Ashdod**, then **Gath**, then **Ekron**:

1 Samuel 5:1

*And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto **Ashdod**.*

1 Samuel 5:8

*They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto **Gath**. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.*

1 Samuel 5:10

*Therefore they sent the ark of God to **Ekron**. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.*

1 Samuel 6:1

*And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines **seven months**.*

It was returned to Israel, first to **Beth-Shemesh**:

1 Samuel 6:12-14

*And the kine took the straight way to the way of **Beth-shemesh**, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.*

Then it was sent to **Kiriath-Jearim** and stayed there for twenty years in the house of Abinadab:

1 Samuel 7:1,2

*And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was **twenty years**: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.*

Abinadab's house was near **Gibeah**, from where Saul briefly borrowed it:

2 Samuel 6:3

*And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of **the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah**: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.*

1 Samuel 14:16,18

*And the watchmen of Saul in **Gibeah of Benjamin** looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.... And Saul said unto Ahiah, **Bring hither the ark of God**. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.*

David moved the Ark from Kiriath-Jearim to try to take it to Jerusalem:

2 Samuel 6:2

*And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from **Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God**, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.*

1 Chronicles 13:6

*And David went up, and all Israel, to **Baalath, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD**, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.*

But David tried to use a cart, which displeased the Lord and it was stopped at **Nachon's (Chidon's) threshing floor** and set aside in **the house of Obed-Edom** for three months:

2 Samuel 6:6,10,11

*And when they came to **Nachon's threshingfloor**, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.... So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into **the house of Obed-edom the Gittite**. And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.*

1 Chronicles 13:9,13,14

*And when they came unto the **threshingfloor of Chidon**, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.... So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into **the house of Obed-edom the Gittite**. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.*

David then had the Ark carried in the proper manner to **Jerusalem** and pitched his own tent for it:

2 Samuel 6:12

And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

2 Samuel 6:17

And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

2 Chronicles 1:4

But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

The Tabernacle:

It is assumed that the Tabernacle was subsequently moved from Shiloh to **Nob**, because the High Priest Ahimelech was there, the shewbread was there, and it was called “*the city of the priests*”:

1 Samuel 21:6

*So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but **the shewbread**, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.*

1 Samuel 22:19

*And Nob, **the city of the priests**, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.*

It then was moved at some point to **Gibeon**, otherwise known as “*the great high place*” which Solomon attended:

1 Kings 3:4

*And the king went to **Gibeon** to sacrifice there; for that was **the great high place**: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.*

1 Chronicles 21:29

For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

2 Chronicles 1:3,5

*So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to **the high place that was at Gibeon**; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.... Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.*

2 Chronicles 1:13

*Then Solomon came from his journey to **the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.***

Tabernacle and Ark Reunited:

Solomon moved the original Tabernacle from Gibeon to **Jerusalem** and reunited it with the Ark, where they were both used together until the completion of the Temple:

1 Kings 8:4

*And **they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.***

2 Chronicles 5:5

*And **they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.***

1 Chronicles 6:32

*And **they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.***

The Ark was finally moved into the Temple at which point the Tabernacle disappears from Holy Scripture as its equipment is now incorporated into the Temple:

2 Chronicles 5:2-7

*Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, **to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.** Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. **And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle***

of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up. Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims

Some contents of the Ark – the manna and Aaron’s rod that budded – seem to have gone missing:

1 Kings 8:9

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

New vessels and furniture were made by Solomon for the Temple, the original Tabernacle furniture then presumably being put into the treasury, with other things David had dedicated:

1 Kings 7:48-51

And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was, And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple. So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

The last mention of the Ark in the Old Testament is in Jeremiah, where he prophesies that it will no longer be used or necessary. We presume it was taken away in the Babylonian captivity when the Temple was destroyed, never to be reused or discovered again:

Jeremiah 3:16

*And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, **in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD:** neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.*

This Tabernacle and Ark are mentioned in the book of Hebrews as only ever having been patterns of the true Tabernacle in heaven:

Hebrews 8:1-5

*Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and **of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.** For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto **the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.***

Hebrews 9:1-5

*Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and **a worldly sanctuary.** For **there was a tabernacle made;** the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*

Hebrews 9:8-12

*The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as **the first tabernacle** was yet standing: **Which was a figure for the time then present,** in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, **by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not***

*made **with hands**, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

And finally the Ark is mentioned as being in the Temple of God in heaven:

Revelation 11:19

*And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple **the ark of his testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

342. The World shall be Afraid of True Believers

Deuteronomy 28:9,10

*The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. **And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.***

1 Samuel 18:12,15

And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.... Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

1 Samuel 18:28,29

And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

Acts 5:12-14

*And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. **And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.** And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)*

Philippians 1:27,28

*Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.***

Therefore we shouldn't be afraid of the world:

Jeremiah 1:17

*Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: **be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.***

Luke 12:4,5

*And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

343. Song of Moses

In heaven we will be singing two songs:

Revelation 15:3

*And they sing **the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

Moses' song was to remind the Israelites of their sins:

Deuteronomy 31:19-21

*Now therefore **write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.** For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, **when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed:** for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.*

344. Puffed Up

In the New Testament, the phrase “*puffed up*” means “inflated” or “made proud”:

1 Corinthians 4:6

*And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, **that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.***

1 Corinthians 4:18,19

*Now **some are puffed up**, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of **them which are puffed up**, but the power.*

1 Corinthians 5:2

*And **ye are puffed up**, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.*

1 Corinthians 8:1

*Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffeth up**, but charity edifieth.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Charity** suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, **is not puffed up

Colossians 2:18

*Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind***

In the Old Testament, the word “*puffeth*” appears twice in the Authorised Version of the Bible, and means “blows at” or “sneers at”:

Psalms 10:5

*His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, **he puffeth at them.***

Psalm 12:5

*For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from **him that puffeth at him.***

345. The Brother of Goliath

2 Samuel 21:15-22

Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. **And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him.** Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then **Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.** And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where **Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.** And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was **a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.** And when he defied Israel, **Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him.** These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

We are told here of the death of four Philistines:

- (1.) Abishai smote *Ishbebenob*,
- (2.) Sibbechai the Hushathite slew *Saph*,
- (3.) Elhanan the son of Jared-oregim, a Bethlehemite slew "*the brother of Goliath the Gittite*"
- (4.) Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew **an unnamed man with six fingers and six toes.**

(1.), (2.), and (4.) we are told were "*of the sons of the giant,*" whom we assume to be Goliath.

(3.) we are told was "*the brother of Goliath the Gittite.*" The words "*the brother of*" are in italics in the Authorised Version of the Bible, which mean they aren't in the original language. The original says "*Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew Goliath.*" But 1 Samuel 17 tells us that David slew Goliath.

At the end of this list we have the statement: *“These four were born to the giant in Gath.”*

So this is seemingly a list of the battles in which the four sons of Goliath were slain. Modern translations therefore have *“the son of,”* not *“the brother of”* in v.19, so it reads, *“Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the son of Goliath.”* Verse 22 would then seem to make sense.

But this is not right. The equivalent passage in 1 Chronicles **does** have *“the brother of”* in the text, and it is not in italics:

1 Chronicles 20:4-8

*And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time **Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant:** and they were subdued. And there was war again with the Philistines; and **Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite,** whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at Gath, where was **a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant.** But when he defied Israel, **Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him.** **These were born unto the giant in Gath;** and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.*

Here we have recorded the death of only three of these Philistines:

- (1.) Sibbechai the Hushathite slew *Sippai*
- (2.) Elhanan the son of Jair slew ***Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite.***
- (3.) Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew **an unnamed man with six fingers and six toes.**

At the end of this list we also have the statement, *“These were born unto the giant in Gath.”*

346. Lucre

1 Samuel 8:3

*And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after **lucre**, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.*

1 Timothy 3:3

*Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of **filthy lucre**; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous*

1 Timothy 3:8

*Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of **filthy lucre***

Titus 1:7

*For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to **filthy lucre***

Titus 1:11

*Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for **filthy lucre's** sake.*

1 Peter 5:2

*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for **filthy lucre**, but of a ready mind*

347. Mammon

This is the Greek word “*Mammonas*” transliterated:

Matthew 6:24

*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon**.*

Luke 16:9

*And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the **mammon** of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.*

Luke 16:11

*If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous **mammon**, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*

Luke 16:13

*No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon**.*

348. Coals of Fire

Burning Coals

Psalm 140:10

*Let **burning coals** fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.*

Proverbs 26:21

*As coals are to **burning coals**, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.*

Habakkuk 3:5

*Before him went the pestilence, and **burning coals** went forth at his feet.*

Coals of Fire

Leviticus 16:12

*And he shall take a censer full of **burning coals of fire** from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail*

2 Samuel 22:9,13

*There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.... Through the brightness before him were **coals of fire** kindled.*

Psalm 18:8,12,13

*There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: **coals were kindled by it....** At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and **coals of fire**. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and **coals of fire**.*

Proverbs 25:21,22

*If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap **coals of fire** upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.*

Song of Songs 8:6

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are **coals of fire**, which hath a most vehement flame.*

Ezekiel 1:13

*As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like **burning coals of fire**, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.*

Ezekiel 10:2

*And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with **coals of fire** from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.*

Romans 12:20

*Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap **coals of fire** on his head.*

Fire of Coals

John 18:18

*And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a **fire of coals**; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.*

John 21:9

*As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a **fire of coals** there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.*

349. Beards

Full beards were part of the Law of the Lord:

Leviticus 19:27

*Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, **neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.***

Leviticus 21:5

*They shall not make baldness upon their head, **neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.***

Deuteronomy 14:1

*Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, **nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.***

Having no beard was a sign of shame:

2 Samuel 10:4,5

*Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and **shaved off the one half of their beards**, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, **Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown**, and then return.*

1 Chronicles 19:4,5

*Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and **shaved them**, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, **Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown**, and then return.*

Notice, it seems to be more important to have one's beard grown than to worry about uncovered buttocks.

Isaiah 7:20

In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

Cutting off one's beard was a sign of mourning:

Isaiah 15:2

*He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and **every beard cut off**.*

Jeremiah 41:5

*That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, **having their beards shaven**, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.*

Jeremiah 48:37,38

*For every head shall be bald, **and every beard clipped**: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD.*

And a sign of cleansing:

Leviticus 14:8,9

*And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and **shave off all his hair**, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days. But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall **shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off**: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.*

Numbers 8:7

*And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them **shave all their flesh**, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.*

Men in Scripture who we know had beards:

Joseph:

Genesis 41:14

*Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and **he shaved himself**, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.*

His brethren did not recognise him because the Egyptians were clean shaven.

David:

1 Samuel 21:13

*And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and **let his spittle fall down upon his beard**.*

Mephibosheth:

2 Samuel 19:24

*And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, **nor trimmed his beard**, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.*

Amasa:

2 Samuel 20:9

*And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And **Joab took Amasa by the beard** with the right hand to kiss him.*

Ezra:

Ezra 9:3

*And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and **plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard**, and sat down astonished.*

Aaron:

Psalm 133:2

*It is like the precious ointment upon the head, **that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard:** that went down to the skirts of his garments*

Ezekiel:

Ezekiel 5:1

*And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, **take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard:** then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.*

Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 50:6

*I gave my back to the smiters, and **my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:** I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*

350. The Birthright of Jacob

Jacob was tricked into having two wives, Leah and Rachel. He loved Rachel and hated Leah:

Genesis 29:30,31

*And he went in also unto Rachel, and **he loved also Rachel more than Leah**, and served with him yet seven other years. And when the LORD saw that **Leah was hated**, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.*

Jacob's firstborn son was Reuben, by Leah:

Genesis 29:32

*And **Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben**: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.*

But Jacob took the birthright away from Reuben and gave it to the firstborn of his beloved wife Rachel, namely Joseph:

1 Chronicles 5:1,2

*Now the sons of **Reuben the firstborn of Israel**, (for he was the **firstborn**; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, **his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel**: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's)*

Therefore Joseph, having been given the birthright by his father, had a double portion:

Genesis 48:21,22

*And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. Moreover **I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren**, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.*

So, Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, were given one portion each:

Genesis 48:1-5

*And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. And now **thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.***

But, although God allowed this to happen, it was not right according to the Law:

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

*If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated: Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: **But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.***

So, God in His providence gave Leah, the hated wife, the blessedness of having the genealogy of the Messiah going through her line, through her fourth son, Judah:

1 Chronicles 5:1,2

*Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and **the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's)***

Leah's eldest son Reuben forfeited this privilege, and the birthright, by going into his father's concubine:

Genesis 35:22

*And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine:** and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve*

Genesis 49:3,4

*Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; **because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it:** he went up to my couch.*

Leah's second and third sons Simeon and Levi forfeited this privilege because they slaughtered the men of Shechem whilst they were still sore from circumcision:

Genesis 34:25,26

*And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, **Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.***

Genesis 49:5-7

*Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for **in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.***

So, the Messiah, the true birthright in God's eyes, was given to Leah's fourth son, Judah:

Genesis 49:10

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

351. Date of Rebuilding Jerusalem

Daniel prophesied the exact time of the coming of the Messiah. This was to be calculated from the commandment going forth to rebuild Jerusalem:

Daniel 9:25

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

But, when was this, exactly?

Was this from when the Jews were allowed back after exile to rebuild the Temple?:

Ezra 1:1-3

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Was this from when the foundation of the Temple was laid?:

Haggai 2:18

Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

Or was this from when Nehemiah got permission to rebuild the walls of the city?:

Nehemiah 2:1-6

*And it came to pass **in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king**, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, *Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart.* Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, *Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?* Then the king said unto me, *For what dost thou make request?* So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, *If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, **that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.*** And the king said unto me, *(the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? **So it pleased the king to send me;*** and I set him a time.*

352. Set at Nought / No Reputation

The Christian life is to follow in the way of Christ. This means becoming *nothing* in the eyes of the world:

Exoudenoo:

Mark 9:12

*And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and **be set at nought**.*

[Note, this is the only occurrence of this word [exoudenoo] in Scripture].

Kenoo:

Philippians 2:7

*But **made himself of no reputation** [kenoo heautou kenoo], and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men*

Other occurrences of [kenoo] in Scripture:

Romans 4:14

*For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is **made void** [kenoo], and the promise **made of none effect** [katargeo = abolished]*

1 Corinthians 1:17

*For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be **made of none effect** [kenoo].*

1 Corinthians 9:15

*But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should **make my glorying void** [kenoo kauchema kenoo].*

2 Corinthians 9:3

*Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be **in vain** [kenoo] in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready*

In the light of this, we must make ourselves invisible:

Matthew 5:16

*Let your light so [i.e. in this manner] **shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify** [not you, but] **your Father which is in heaven.***

Matthew 25:37-39

*Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, **Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?***

The righteous don't know they're doing any good works at all.

353. Valley of Salt

We have three separate episodes in Scripture of battles in the valley of salt:

David (Abishai did the fighting) smiting eighteen thousand:

2 Samuel 8:13

And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

1 Chronicles 18:12

Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

Amaziah smiting ten thousand:

2 Kings 14:7

He [Amaziah] slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

2 Chronicles 25:11

And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

Joab smiting twelve thousand:

Psalms 60:title

To the Chief Musician. Upon Shushaneduth. Michtam of David. To Teach. When he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobab, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

354. Occasions When Divorce is Not Allowed

Those in the High Priestly family line were not to marry a divorced woman, which implies that, ordinarily, in the rest of the population, this was allowed (similarly he was not to take a widow or harlot, but ordinarily this was allowed too):

Leviticus 21:14

A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he [the High Priest] not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

There are certain situations in Scripture when a couple were not allowed to divorce:

Deuteronomy 22:13-19

*If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; **he may not put her away all his days.***

Deuteronomy 22:28,29

*If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, **he may not put her away all his days.***

355. The Year of Tithing

Deuteronomy 26:12

*When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase **the third year, which is the year of tithing**, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled*

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

*Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always. And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee. **At the end of three years** thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.*

Verses 28 and 29 here seem to suggest the Levites only get their portion every three years, (cf. “*the year of tithing*” above). But I think this refers to an **extra** tithe every three years for the poor of the land (including poor Levites).

This is also mentioned of this by Amos:

Amos 4:4

*Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, **and your tithes after three years:***

356. Fearing the Lord and Serving Other Gods

Many people outwardly profess to be worshipping the Lord, but at the same time they are worshipping other gods as well. None of these are true believers:

Exodus 32:4,5

*And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, **These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.** And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, **To morrow is a feast to the LORD.***

2 Kings 17:28-33,41

*Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. **So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.... So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.***

Jeremiah 7:9-11

*Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and **burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.***

Zephaniah 1:4-6

I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of

*the Chemarims with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; **and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;** And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.*

See also:

2 Chronicles 33:16,17

*And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. Nevertheless **the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.***

357. Orientation of the Tabernacle / Temple

Orientation of the Tabernacle:

Surprisingly little is mentioned in Scripture of the orientation of the Tabernacle. The only verses mentioning this are:

Exodus 38:11-13

*And for the **north side the hangings were an hundred cubits**, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the **west side were hangings of fifty cubits**, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the **east side eastward fifty cubits**.*

Exodus 27:9-13

*And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the **south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long** for one side: And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. And likewise for the **north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long**, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the breadth of the court on the **west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits**: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court on the **east side eastward shall be fifty cubits**.*

So, north and south sides are 100 cubits long, east and west fifty cubits long.

Exodus 26:18-23

*And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, **twenty boards on the south side southward**. And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. And for the **second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards**: And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. And for the **sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six***

boards. *And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.*

Exodus 26:26,27

*And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the **side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.***

Exodus 26:34,35

*And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and **the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south:** and thou shalt put **the table on the north side.***

It is implied that the Holy place is on the east side of the Tabernacle and the door on the west (in the shorter sides), but nowhere is this actually stated.

Orientation of the Temple:

Only mentions of orientation:

Jeremiah 19:1,2

*Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is **by the entry of the east gate,** and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee*

The east gate of the Temple was normally perfectly useable. Only in Ezekiel's glorified Temple is the east gate sealed and reserved for the Lord (and the prince) only.

1 Kings 7:39

*And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set **the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.***

2 Chronicles 4:10

*And he set **the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.***

Unlike Moses, Solomon did not have a blueprint from the Lord for the Temple. He made it up himself, or at least according to David's plan:

1 Kings 6:37,38

*In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif: And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and **according to all the fashion of it.** So was he seven years in building it.*

He took seven years to build the Temple, but thirteen years to build his house.

The Temple was sixty cubits long, but his palace was 100 cubits long, the size of the original Tabernacle:

1 Kings 6:2

*And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, **the length thereof was threescore cubits,** and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.*

1 Kings 7:1,2

*But **Solomon was building his own house thirteen years,** and he finished all his house. He built also **the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits,** and the breadth thereof **fifty cubits,** and the height thereof **thirty cubits,** upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.*

358. The Lord Commending Religious Laws

Smashing Idols

Asa (a believer):

1 Kings 15:11-13

And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

Jehu (an unbeliever):

2 Kings 10:25-31

*And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, **Go in, and slay them; let none come forth.** And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan. And the LORD said unto Jehu, **Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.** But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.*

Hezekiah (a believer):

2 Kings 18:4-7

*He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. **And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth:** and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.*

Josiah (a believer):

Josiah did more than anyone else to cleanse the land after reading the Law of the Lord which had been found:

2 Kings 23:4-15,19,20

And the king commanded Hilkiyah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate

of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.... And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:25,26

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

Capital Punishment for Unbelief

2 Chronicles 15:12-15

*And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; That **whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death**, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and **he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.***

359. Relatives in Scripture

“Mother” and “Daughter” Used for Grandmother / Granddaughter

In several passages, the word “*mother*” is used for grandmother:

Asa:

1 Kings 15:9,10

*And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel **reigned Asa over Judah.** And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And **his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.***

2 Chronicles 15:16

*And also concerning **Maachah the mother of Asa the king,** he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.*

Maachah the daughter of Abishalom was actually Asa’s grandmother. She was the wife of Rehoboam:

2 Chronicles 11:18-22

*And **Rehoboam took him** Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zabam. And after her he took **Maachah the daughter of Absalom [Abishalom]; which bare him Abijah,** and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.) And **Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.***

1 Kings 15:1,2

*Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat **reigned Abijam [Abijah] over Judah.** Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And **his mother name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.***

2 Chronicles 14:1

*So **Abijah slept with his fathers**, and they buried him in the city of David: and **Asa his son reigned in his stead**. In his days the land was quiet ten years.*

Elsewhere Maachah is called “*Michaiiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah*”:

2 Chronicles 13:1,2

*Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam **began Abijah to reign over Judah**. He reigned three years in Jerusalem. **His mother’s name also was Michaiiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah**. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.*

A possible explanation of this is that Uriel of Gibeah married Abishalom’s only daughter Tamar, in which case Maachah / Michaiiah is Abishalom’s granddaughter. This could explain the situation, but there is no Biblical evidence for this.

2 Samuel 14:27

*And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and **one daughter, whose name was Tamar**: she was a woman of a fair countenance.*

Athaliah:

Athaliah was the daughter of Ahab:

2 Kings 8:16-18

*And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, **Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign**. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for **the daughter of Ahab was his wife**: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.*

2 Chronicles 21:5,6

***Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign**, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for **he had the daughter of Ahab to wife**: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.*

But she is elsewhere called the daughter of Omri, who was actually her grandfather:

2 Kings 8:26

Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

2 Chronicles 22:2

Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

“Brother” [Hebrew “*ach*”, Greek “*adelphos*”] *used for Close Relative*

Lot:

Genesis 14:14

*And when Abram heard that **his brother** was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.*

Lot was Abram's nephew.

Zedekiah:

2 Chronicles 36:10

*And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made **Zedekiah his brother** king over Judah and Jerusalem.*

Zedekiah was Jehoiakin's uncle.

James, the Lord's brother:

One place of Scripture speaks of “James, the Lord's brother”:

Galatians 1:19

*But other of **the apostles** saw I none, save **James the Lord's brother**.*

Christ had a half-brother named James, but, as this James is referred to as an apostle, it more likely refers to James, brother of John, son of Zebedee. He was the Lord's first cousin through their mothers, Salome and Mary.

“Cousin” [Greek “*suggenes*”] *used for “Kinsman” or Close Relative*

Luke 1:36

*And, behold, **thy cousin** Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.*

Luke 1:58

*And her neighbours and **her cousins** heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.*

360. Inadvertently Not Obeying the Lord's Instructions Allowed

Leviticus 10:16-20

And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron which were left alive, saying, Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD? And when Moses heard that, he was content.

2 Chronicles 30:18-20

For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

361. John was Related to Caiaphas

John was known to the high priest, which is how Peter managed to get into the palace:

John 18:15,16

*And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: **that disciple was known unto the high priest**, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, **which was known unto the high priest**, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.*

How was an uneducated fisherman known to the High Priest? He was known to the High Priest because he was of the same family.

John's mother was Salome:

Matthew 27:56

*Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and **the mother of Zebedee's children**.*

Mark 15:40

*There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, **and Salome***

Salome was Mary's sister:

John 19:25-27

*Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, **and his mother's sister**, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.*

Christ gave care of His mother to John, as they were first cousins. Mary's sister Salome was John's mother.

Mary was cousin (i.e. close relative) to Elisabeth:

Luke 1:36

*And, behold, **thy cousin Elisabeth**, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.*

Elisabeth was of the High Priestly line:

Luke 1:5

*There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and **his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.***

Therefore John too was of the high priestly line, and therefore known to the High Priest Caiaphas, which is why he was let in to his palace.

362. Things God Cannot Do

God cannot lie:

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Hebrews 6:18

*That by two immutable things, in which **it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us*

Titus 1:2

*In hope of eternal life, which God, that **cannot lie**, promised before the world began*

God cannot change:

Malachi 3:6

*For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

God cannot repent:

Numbers 23:19

*God is not a man, that he should lie; **neither the son of man, that he should repent**: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*

God cannot deny Himself:

2 Timothy 2:13

*If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: **he cannot deny himself**.*

God cannot be tempted with evil:

James 1:13

*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil**, neither tempteth he any man*

God cannot break His promises:

2 Corinthians 1:20

*For **all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen**, unto the glory of God by us.*

God's Word cannot be broken:

John 10:35

*If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and **the scripture cannot be broken***

363. Lot's Daughters

Genesis 19:8

*Behold now, I have **two daughters which have not known man**; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.*

This must have been a lie, because his only two daughters were married. Unless he had four daughters, which he didn't.

Genesis 19:14,15

*And Lot went out, and spake unto **his sons in law, which married his daughters**, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and **thy two daughters**, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.*

364. The Lord Will Help, But If Not....

Genesis 24:7,8

*The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And **if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.***

Esther 4:14

*For **if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?***

Daniel 3:17,18

*If it be so, **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.***

365. Do Not Add To Nor Take Away From

Deuteronomy 4:2

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32

*What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.***

Proverbs 30:5,6

*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **Add thou not unto his words,** lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*

Revelation 22:18,19

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.***

366. Discerning False Prophets

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

Deuteronomy 18:22

When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Jeremiah 28:8,9

*The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. **The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.***

Matthew 7:15-20

*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so **every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.***

367. Chastening

Deuteronomy 8:5

*Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, **as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.***

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

*If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, **when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:** Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, **This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.** And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*

2 Samuel 7:14,15

*I will be his father, and he shall be my son. **If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

Job 5:17

*Behold, **happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty***

Job 33:19,20

***He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:** So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.*

Psalms 6:1

*O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, **neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.***

Psalms 38:1

*O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: **neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.***

Psalm 69:10

When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

Psalm 73:14

For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

Psalm 94:12,13

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

Psalm 118:18

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Proverbs 3:11,12

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 13:24

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 19:18

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Isaiah 26:16

LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

Daniel 10:12

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Hosea 10:10

It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

1 Corinthians 11:32

*But **when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord**, that we should not be condemned with the world.*

2 Corinthians 6:9

*As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; **as chastened, and not killed***

Hebrews 12:5-11

*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, **My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth**. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For **they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness**. Now **no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous**: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

Revelation 3:19

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

368. Wanton

Old Testament

Saqar:

Isaiah 3:16

*Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and **wanton** eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:*

New Testament

Katastreniao:

1 Timothy 5:11

*But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax **wanton** against Christ, they will marry;*

Spatalao:

James 5:5

*Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been **wanton**; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.*

1 Timothy 5:6

*But she that **liveth in pleasure** is dead while she liveth.*

Aselgeia:

Romans 13:13

*Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and **wantonness**, not in strife and envying.*

2 Peter 2:18

*For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much **wantonness**, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.*

Mark 7:22,23

*Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, **lasciviousness**, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

2 Corinthians 12:21

*And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and **lasciviousness** which they have committed.*

Galatians 5:19-21

*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, **lasciviousness**, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Ephesians 4:19

*Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto **lasciviousness**, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

1 Peter 4:3

*For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in **lasciviousness**, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:*

2 Peter 2:7

*And delivered just Lot, vexed with the **filthy** conversation of the wicked:*

Jude 1:4

*For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into **lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

369. Looking Back

Genesis 19:26

But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Ecclesiastes 7:10

Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Philippians 3:13,14

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

370. Hating Our Lives

Luke 14:26

*If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, **and his own life also**, he cannot be my disciple.*

John 12:25

*He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that **hateth his life** in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*

371. Chance

We don't believe in "chance." Everything happens in the Lord's providence:

Matthew 10:29-31

*Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and **one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.** Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

Luke 12:6,7

*Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and **not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.** Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

But Christ said:

Luke 10:31

*And **by chance** there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

This is the only place in the New Testament where this phrase "by chance" occurs. The Greek is "*sugkuria*," which is a compound of two words: "*sun*" meaning "with," and "*kurios*" meaning "Lord." So it really means "with the Lord," or "in the Lord's providence."

Other occurrences of the word "chance" in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Deuteronomy 22:6

*If a bird's nest **chance** to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young*

Deuteronomy 23:10

*If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that **chanceth** him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp*

1 Samuel 6:9

*And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a **chance that happened** to us.*

2 Samuel 1:6

*And the young man that told him said, As I **happened by chance** upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.*

Ecclesiastes 9:11

*I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but **time and chance happeneth** to them all.*

1 Corinthians 15:37

*And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may **chance** of wheat, or of some other grain*

372. Polygamy

In marriage, Christians should be faithful to one partner for life:

Matthew 19:3-9

*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that **he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.** They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*

Being unfaithful is adultery and is wrong:

Exodus 20:14

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

One is allowed to remarry after the death of a partner:

Romans 7:1-3

*Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but **if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.** So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but **if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.***

However, polygamy (having more than one wife at the same time) and having concubines (unmarried extra partners) is not explicitly

condemned in the Scripture. Why is this not called adultery and condemned? It is wrong, Christ said so. But note that in every example in Scripture, such extra partners had the consent of all the parties concerned. However, trouble always came of such arrangements:

1 Samuel 1:1-2,6-7

*Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim—zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elibu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: And **he had two wives**; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and **Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.... And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.***

2 Samuel 12:9,10

*Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? **thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.***

1 Kings 11:3-9,14,23,26

*And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and **his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.... And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom..... And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord***

Hadadezer king of Zobah.... And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

Wife of Thy Youth

We are called to live only with “*the wife of our youth*”:

Proverbs 5:18

*Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with **the wife of thy youth**.*

Isaiah 54:5-7

*For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and **a wife of youth**, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.*

Malachi 2:14,15

*Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and **the wife of thy youth**, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and **the wife of thy covenant**. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against **the wife of his youth**.*

Also we are told:

Ecclesiastes 9:9

*Live joyfully with **the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity**, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.*

373. Josiah's Two Wives

Josiah had two wives in sequence.

We have the order his children were born in:

1 Chronicles 3:15

And the sons of Josiah were, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

Shallum, Josiah's **fourth** son, reigned in the place of his father. He must have had his name changed to Jehoahaz. He reigned three months before being taken into exile in Egypt:

Jeremiah 22:11,12

For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more: But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

His mother was **Hamutal**:

2 Kings 23:30,31

And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

Jehoiachim, the **second** son of Josiah, reigned in the place of Jehoahaz. His mother was **Zebudah**:

2 Kings 23:36

Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

Jehoiachin, Jehoiakim's son then reigned for three months before being carried captive to Babylon, after which Zedekiah, the **third** son of Josiah, reigned, whose mother was ***Hamutal***:

2 Kings 24:18

Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

So, Josiah's first (presumably) and second sons were born to ***Zebudah***, and his third and fourth sons were born to ***Hamutal***. Hence he had two wives in sequence, Zebudah probably died.

374. God Laughing at the Wicked

Psalm 2:4

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psalm 37:12,13

*The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. **The Lord shall laugh at him:** for he seeth that his day is coming.*

Psalm 59:8

But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Proverbs 1:25-27

*But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;** When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.*

Ezekiel 23:32

*Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: **thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision;** it containeth much.*

We shall also join in with the Lord in laughing at the wicked:

2 Kings 19:20,21

*Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; **The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn;** the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.*

Isaiah 37:21,22

*Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; **The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn;** the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.*

Psalm 52:6,7

The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

375. Contrite

[See also: 45. Broken Spirit]

Contrite

Daka:

This word means “to crush”:

Psalm 34:18

*The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a **contrite** spirit.*

Psalm 90:3

*Thou turnest man to **destruction**; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.*

Isaiah 57:15

*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a **contrite** and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the **contrite** ones.*

A similar word “**Dakah**” occurs:

Psalm 10:10

*He **croucheth**, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.*

Psalm 38:8

*I am feeble and sore **broken**: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.*

Psalm 44:19

*Though thou hast sore **broken** us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.*

Psalm 51:8

*Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast **broken** may rejoice.*

Psalm 51:17

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a **contrite** heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

Nakeh:

This literally means “maimed”:

Isaiah 66:2

*For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a **contrite** spirit, and trembleth at my word.*

The same word is used for “lame” in:

2 Samuel 4:4

*And Jonathan, Saul’s son, had a son that was **lame** of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became **lame**. And his name was Mephibosheth.*

2 Samuel 9:3

*And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is **lame** on his feet.*

Ground to Powder

Moses ground the golden calf to powder:

Exodus 32:20

*And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, **and ground it to powder**, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.*

King Josiah was the only king of Judah who actually managed to get rid of the idols in the land, and he ground them to powder so that absolutely nothing remained:

2 Kings 23:6

*And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and **stamped it small to powder**, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.*

2 Kings 23:15

*Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and **stamped it small to powder**, and burned the grove.*

2 Chronicles 34:7

*And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had **beaten the graven images into powder**, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.*

This is what the Christian should do with all false idols and delusions of grandeur in his life, to leave no vestiges of pride:

Matthew 21:44, Luke 20:18

*And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will **grind him to powder**.*

376. Familiar Spirit

Leviticus 19:31

*Regard not them that have **familiar spirits**, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.*

Leviticus 20:6

*And the soul that turneth after such as have **familiar spirits**, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.*

Leviticus 20:27

*A man also or woman that hath a **familiar spirit**, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.*

Deuteronomy 18:11

*Or a charmer, or a consulter with **familiar spirits**, or a wizard, or a necromancer.*

1 Samuel 28:3

*Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had **familiar spirits**, and the wizards, out of the land.*

1 Samuel 28:7-9

*Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a **familiar spirit**, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a **familiar spirit** at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the **familiar spirit**, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have **familiar spirits**, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?*

2 Kings 21:6

*And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with **familiar spirits** and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.*

2 Kings 23:24

*Moreover the workers with **familiar spirits**, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.*

1 Chronicles 10:13

*So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a **familiar spirit**, to enquire of it*

2 Chronicles 33:6

*And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a **familiar spirit**, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.*

Isaiah 8:19

*And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have **familiar spirits**, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?*

Isaiah 19:3

*And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have **familiar spirits**, and to the wizards.*

Isaiah 29:4

*And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a **familiar spirit**, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.*

In Job, the same word is used for “bottles”:

Job 32:19

*Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new **bottles**.*

377. Land of Ham

The Hamites used to live in Gedor:

1 Chronicles 4:39,40

*And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for **they of Ham had dwelt there of old.***

But later, Egypt became the “*Land of Ham*”:

Psalm 78:51

*And smote all **the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham***

Psalm 105:23

Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

Psalm 105:27

*They shewed his signs among them, and wonders **in the land of Ham.***

Psalm 106:21,22

*They forgot God their saviour, which had done **great things in Egypt; Wondrous works in the land of Ham,** and terrible things by the Red sea.*

378. Subtil

Old Testament

Many Hebrew words are translated “subtil” in the Authorised Version of the Bible:

Arum:

Genesis 3:1

*Now the serpent was more **subtil** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Also translated “crafty” in Job:

Job 5:12

*He disappointeth the devices of the **crafty**, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.*

Job 15:5

*For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the **crafty**.*

Also translated “prudent” in many Proverbs.

Mirmah:

This is the usual word for “deceit”:

Genesis 27:35

*And he said, Thy brother came with **subtilty**, and hath taken away thy blessing.*

Aram:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

1 Samuel 23:22

*Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very **subtilly**.*

Chakam:

This is the usual word for “wise”:

2 Samuel 13:3

*But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very **subtil** man.*

Oqbah:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

2 Kings 10:19

*Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in **subtilty**, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.*

Nakal:

Psalms 105:25

*He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal **subtilly** with his servants.*

This word also occurs in:

Genesis 37:18

*And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they **conspired** against him to slay him.*

Numbers 25:18

*For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have **beguiled** you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.*

Malachi 1:14

*But cursed be the **deceiver**, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.*

Ormah:

Proverbs 1:4

*To give **subtilty** to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

This word also occurs in:

Exodus 21:14

*But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with **guile**; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.*

Joshua 9:4

*They did work **wilily**, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up*

Proverbs 8:5

*O ye simple, understand **wisdom**: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.*

Proverbs 8:12

*I wisdom dwell with **prudence**, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.*

Natsar:

This is the usual word for “kept” or “preserved”:

Proverbs 7:10

*And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and **subtil** of heart.*

New Testament

Dolos:

This is the usual Greek word for “guile.”

It is translated “subtil” in the Authorised Version of the Bible in:

Matthew 26:4

*And consulted that they might take Jesus by **subtilty**, and kill him.*

Acts 13:10

*And said, O full of all **subtilty** and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*

This word also occurs in:

Mark 7:22

*Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, **deceit**, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness*

Mark 14:1

*After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by **craft**, and put him to death.*

John 1:47

*Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no **guile!***

Romans 1:29

*Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, **deceit**, malignity; whisperers*

2 Corinthians 12:16

*But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with **guile.***

1 Thessalonians 2:3

*For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in **guile***

1 Peter 2:1

*Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all **guile**, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings*

1 Peter 2:22

*Who did no sin, neither was **guile** found in his mouth*

1 Peter 3:10

*For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no **guile***

Revelation 14:5

*And in their mouth was found no **guile**: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

Katasophizomai:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

Acts 7:19

*The same dealt **subtilly** with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.*

Panourgia:

This is the usual Greek word for “craftiness.”

It is translated “subtil” in the Authorised Version of the Bible in:

2 Corinthians 11:3

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his **subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

This word also occurs in:

Luke 20:23

*But he perceived their **craftiness**, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?*

1 Corinthians 3:19

*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own **craftiness**.*

2 Corinthians 4:2

*But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in **craftiness**, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

Ephesians 4:14

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning **craftiness**, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*

379. Apple of the Eye

Deuteronomy 32:10

*He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as **the apple of his eye**.*

Psalms 17:8

*Keep me as **the apple of the eye**, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*

Proverbs 7:2

*Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as **the apple of thine eye**.*

Lamentations 2:18

*Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not **the apple of thine eye** cease.*

Zechariah 2:8

*For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of his eye**.*

380. Sincerity

Old Testament

Tamiym:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “without blemish.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “*sincerity*” in:

Joshua 24:14

*Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in **sincerity** and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.*

Judges 9:16,19

*Now therefore, if ye have done truly and **sincerely**, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands.... If ye then have dealt truly and **sincerely** with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you*

New Testament

Eilikrineia:

This Greek word occurs only in:

1 Corinthians 5:8

*Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of **sincerity** and truth.*

2 Corinthians 1:12

*For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly **sincerity**, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.*

2 Corinthians 2:17

*For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of **sincerity**, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*

Elikrines:

This Greek word occurs only in:

Philippians 1:10

*That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be **sincere** and without offence till the day of Christ*

2 Peter 3:1

*This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your **pure** minds by way of remembrance:*

Gneisos:

This Greek word occurs only in:

2 Corinthians 8:8

*I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the **sincerity** of your love.*

Philippians 4:3

*And I intreat thee also, **true** yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.*

1 Timothy 1:2

*Unto Timothy, my **own** son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Titus 1:4

*To Titus, mine **own** son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Aphtharsia:

In the Authorised Version of the Bible, this word is translated “*sincerity*” in:

Ephesians 6:24

*Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in **sincerity**. Amen.*

Titus 2:6-8

*Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, **sincerity**, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

It is the usual word for “incorruption,” and occurs only in:

1 Corinthians 15:42,50,53,54

*So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in **incorruption**.... Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit **incorruption**.... For this corruptible must put on **incorruption**, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on **incorruption**, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

It is also translated “*immortality*” in:

Romans 2:7

*To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and **immortality**, eternal life*

2 Timothy 1:10

*But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and **immortality** to light through the gospel*

Hagnos:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

Philippians 1:16

*The one preach Christ of contention, not **sincerely**, supposing to add affliction to my bonds*

Adolos:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

1 Peter 2:2

*As newborn babes, desire the **sincere** milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*

381. Idleness

Old Testament

Rafah:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “feeble.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “*idle*” in:

Exodus 5:8,17

*And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be **idle**; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.... But he said, Ye are **idle**, ye are **idle**: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD.*

Remiyah:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “deceitful.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “*idle*” in:

Proverbs 19:15

*Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an **idle** soul shall suffer hunger.*

Atsluth:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

Proverbs 31:27

*She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of **idleness**.*

Shipluth:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 10:18

*By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through **idleness** of the hands the house droppeth through.*

Shaqat:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “rest.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “*idleness*” in:

Ezekiel 16:49

*Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of **idleness** was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.*

New Testament

Argos:

This Greek word only occurs in:

Matthew 12:36

*But I say unto you, That every **idle** word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

Matthew 20:3,6

*And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing **idle** in the marketplace.... And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing **idle**, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day **idle**?*

1 Timothy 5:11-13

*But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be **idle**, wandering about from house to house; and not only **idle**, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.*

Titus 1:12

*One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, **slow** bellies.*

2 Peter 1:8

*For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be **barren** nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Leros:

This word only occurs once in Scripture:

Luke 24:10,11

*It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. And their words seemed to them as **idle tales**, and they believed them not.*

382. Rod of Reproof

Proverbs 10:13

*In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but **a rod is for the back** of him that is void of understanding.*

Proverbs 13:24

*He that **spareth his rod** hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

Proverbs 19:25

***Smite** a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.*

Proverbs 19:29

*Judgments are prepared for scorners, and **stripes for the back of fools**.*

Proverbs 22:15

*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but **the rod of correction** shall drive it far from him.*

Proverbs 23:13,14

*Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou **beatest him with the rod**, he shall not die. Thou shalt **beat him with the rod**, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*

Proverbs 26:3

*A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and **a rod for the fool's back**.*

Proverbs 29:15

***The rod and reproof** give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.*

Other verses relating to the correction and training of children:

Proverbs 19:18

***Chasten** thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 29:17

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

383. Colt / Foal of an Ass

Genesis 32:13-15

*And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, Thirty milch camels with their **colts**, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty **she asses, and ten foals**.*

Genesis 49:10-12

*The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his **foal** unto the vine, and his **ass's colt** unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.*

Judges 10:4

*And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty **ass colts**, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havothjair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.*

Judges 12:14

*And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten **ass colts**: and he judged Israel eight years.*

Job 11:12

*For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild **ass's colt**.*

Zechariah 9:9

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a **colt the foal of an ass**.*

Matthew 21:1-7

*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a **colt** with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a **colt the foal of an ass**. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus*

*commanded them, And brought the ass, and the **colt**, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.*

Mark 11:1-7

*And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a **colt** tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the **colt** tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the **colt**? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the **colt** to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.*

Luke 19:29-35

*And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a **colt** tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the **colt**, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the **colt**? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the **colt**, and they set Jesus thereon.*

John 12:14,15

*And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an **ass's colt**.*

384. Dancing

Old Testament

Mecholah:

This Hebrew word occurs only in:

Exodus 15:20

*And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with **dances**.*

Exodus 32:19

*And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the **dancing**: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.*

Judges 11:34

*And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with **dances**: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.*

Judges 21:21

*And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in **dances**, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.*

1 Samuel 18:6

*And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that **the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing**, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.*

1 Samuel 21:11

*And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? **did they not sing one to another of him in dances**, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?*

1 Samuel 29:5

*Is not this David, **of whom they sang one to another in dances**, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?*

Song of Solomon 6:13

*Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the **company [mecholah]** of two armies.*

Chul:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “twist” or “whirl.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “dance” or “danced” in:

Judges 21:21

*And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to **dance** in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.*

Judges 21:23

*And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, **of them that danced**, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.*

Chagag:

This is the usual Hebrew word for “hold a festival” or “hold a feast.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “**dancing**” in:

1 Samuel 30:16

*And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and **dancing**, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.*

Karar:

This Hebrew word occurs only in:

2 Samuel 6:14

*And David **danced** before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.*

2 Samuel 6:16

*And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and **dancing** before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.*

Raqad:

This Hebrew word occurs only in:

1 Chronicles 15:29

*And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David **dancing** and playing; and she despised him in her heart.*

Job 21:11

*They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children **dance**.*

Psalms 29:6

*He maketh them also to **skip** like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.*

Psalms 114:4

*The mountains **skipped** like rams, and the little hills like lambs.*

Psalms 114:6

*Ye mountains, that ye **skipped** like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?*

Ecclesiastes 3:4

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to **dance***

Isaiah 13:21

*But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall **dance** there.*

Joel 2:5

*Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they **leap**, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*

Nahum 3:2

*The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the **jumping** chariots.*

Machol:

This Hebrew word occurs only in:

Psalms 30:11

*Thou hast turned for me my mourning into **dancing**: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness*

Psalms 149:3

*Let them praise his name in the **dance**: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.*

Psalms 150:4

*Praise him with the timbrel and **dance**: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.*

Jeremiah 31:4

*Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the **dances** of them that make merry.*

Jeremiah 31:13

*Then shall the virgin rejoice in the **dance**, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.*

Lamentations 5:15

*The joy of our heart is ceased; our **dance** is turned into mourning.*

New Testament

Orcheomai:

This Greek word occurs only in:

Matthew 11:17

*And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not **danced**; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.*

Matthew 14:6

*But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias **danced** before them, and pleased Herod.*

Mark 6:22

*And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and **danced**, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.*

Luke 7:32

*They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not **danced**; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.*

Choros:

This Greek word occurs only in:

Luke 15:25

*Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and **dancing**.*

385. Christ Sending Out the Disciples Not Our Example

On one occasion, Christ sent out His disciples two by two. They were given power over the devil and sicknesses:

Matthew 10:1,5-8

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease....** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.***

Mark 6:7-13

*And he called unto him the twelve, and **began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;** And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, **In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.***

Luke 9:1,2

*Then he called his twelve disciples together, and **gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.***

On another occasion, Christ sent out seventy disciples two by two, with similar powers:

Luke 10:1

*After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and **sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.***

Christ sending out disciples by twos and giving them power over the devil and sicknesses were two specific campaigns only. It is NOT as example for us to follow:

Luke 10:17-20

*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding **in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***

Luke 22:35-38

*And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, **But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.** For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.*

386. Jesus, The Only Way to the Father

Luke 10:22

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

John 5:22,23

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 8:42

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 10:9

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me

387. “So,” In This Manner

The word “so” [Hebrew: *ken*; Greek: *houto*] in Scripture, does not refer to extent. It means “*in this manner*”:

Genesis 1:7

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so [ken = in this manner].

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so [houto = in this manner] shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify [not you, but] your Father which is in heaven.

John 3:16

For God so [houto = in this manner] loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, [not that He is going to save everybody, but] that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

See also:

Hebrews 5:7

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard [not in that He was saved from death, but] in that [apo = with this result, that] he feared

388. Everlasting Covenant

Scripture speaks of God making an “*everlasting covenant*” with us. Really, there are three types:

(1.) A covenant that lasts until the end of time when this earth is destroyed. For example, God’s covenant with Noah that He would never again flood the earth:

Genesis 9:16

*And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*

(2.) A **conditional** covenant, whereby it would be “*everlasting*” unless we break our side of the covenant, which we always do.

(3.) An **unconditional** covenant, which is not dependent on our keeping anything, and which really does last forever into eternity. This is really a **promise** from God.

I would like to show examples of each of these in turn, but the phrase “*everlasting covenant*” in Scripture, often has both meanings, so I simply list them in order:

Genesis 17:7,13,19

*And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.... He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an **everlasting covenant**.... And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an **everlasting covenant**, and with his seed after him.*

Leviticus 24:8

*Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an **everlasting covenant**.*

Numbers 25:11-13

*Phinebas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even **the covenant of an everlasting priesthood**; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.*

2 Samuel 23:5

*Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an **everlasting covenant**, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.*

1 Chronicles 16:15-19

*Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an **everlasting covenant**, Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.*

Psalms 105:8-12

*He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an **everlasting covenant**: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.*

Isaiah 24:5

*The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, **broken the everlasting covenant**.*

Isaiah 55:3

*Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you, even the sure mercies of David.*

Isaiah 61:8

*For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them.*

Jeremiah 32:38-40

*And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.*

Ezekiel 16:60

*Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an **everlasting covenant**.*

Ezekiel 37:25-27

*And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an **everlasting covenant** with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Hebrews 13:20,21

*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through **the blood of the everlasting covenant**, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

389. Altars

Early places of worship were mainly altars for sacrifice. Pillars and stones were also occasionally set up to be memorials:

Noah

An Altar on Mount Ararat:

Genesis 8:4,20

And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.... And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Abraham

An Altar in Sichem:

Genesis 12:6,7

And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

An Altar Between Bethel and Ai:

Genesis 12:8

And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

An Altar in Hebron:

Genesis 13:18

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

A “grove” in Beersheba:

Genesis 21:33

*And Abraham **planted a grove in Beer-sheba**, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.*

[The word for “grove” here is the Hebrew word “*eshel*,” which is used for the word “tree” in two other places in Scripture. It is not the more common word for “grove,” which is “*asherah*,” and refers to false worship.]

An Altar on Mount Moriah:

Genesis 22:9

*And they came to **the place which God had told him of** [the land of Moriah, v.2]; and Abraham **built an altar there**, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.*

Isaac

An Altar in Beersheba:

Genesis 26:23-25

*And he went up from thence to **Beer-sheba**. And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. And he **buildded an altar there**, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.*

Jacob

A Pillar and an Altar in Bethel:

Genesis 28:18,19

*And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and **set it up for a pillar**, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place **Beth-el**: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.*

After twenty years in Mesopotamia, God told him to build an altar there:

Genesis 35:1,6,7

*And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to **Beth-el**, and dwell there: and **make there an altar unto God**, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.... So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him. And **he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el**: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.*

We have a second reference to a pillar being set up there, but this may be a repeat mention of the first pillar:

Genesis 35:14,15

*And Jacob **set up a pillar** in the place where he talked with him, even **a pillar of stone**: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, **Beth-el**.*

A Pillar and an Heap in Mizpah:

Genesis 31:44-49,54

*Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. And Jacob took a stone, and **set it up for a pillar**. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an **heap**: and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called **Galeed**; And **Mizpah**; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.... Then **Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount**, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.*

[Note: this heap and pillar were primarily erected as a witness to the covenant made between Laban and Jacob, rather than a place of worship, but Jacob sacrificed there].

An Altar in Shalem:

Genesis 33:18-20

*And Jacob came to **Shalem, a city of Shechem**, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city. And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. And **he erected there an altar**, and called it El-elohe-Israel.*

Moses

An Altar in Rephidim:

Exodus 17:8,13-16

*Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel **in Rephidim**.... And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And **Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi**: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

Moses Given Instructions by God on How to Build an Altar:

Exodus 20:24-26

*An **altar of earth** thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me **an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone**: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. **Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar**, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.*

An Altar Mentioned in the Law Given to Moses:

Exodus 21:14

*But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from **mine altar**, that he may die.*

[Is this an altar that existed in Moses' day, or a future altar in, say, Jerusalem?]

An Altar Mentioned by Mount Sinai:

Exodus 24:6

*And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled **on the altar.***

[Is this the same altar as in Rephidim (Jehovah-nissi), which was near Mount Sinai?]

Moses Given Instructions by God for Altars for the Tabernacle:

Exodus 27:1,2

*And thou shalt make **an altar of shittim wood**, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.*

Exodus 30:1,8,9

*And thou shalt make **an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood** shalt thou make it.... And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, **he shall burn incense upon it**, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. **Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.***

[These are NOT altars of earth or stone (cf. Exodus 20:24-26). One, overlaid with brass is for sacrifices, the other, overlaid with gold, is for incense].

Moses told Not to Build a Grove Near the Lord's Altar:

Deuteronomy 16:21

Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

Aaron

An Altar to a Golden Calf:

Exodus 32:4-6

*And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, **he built an altar before it;** and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and **offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings;** and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

Balaam

Seven Altars in Several Places:

Numbers 22:41 - 23:2

*And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into **the high places of Baal**, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people. And Balaam said unto Balak, **Build me here seven altars**, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.*

Numbers 23:14

*And he brought him into **the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars**, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.*

Numbers 23:28-30

*And Balak brought Balaam unto **the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon**. And Balaam said unto Balak, **Build me here seven altars**, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.*

Instructions Given for Future Altars to be Built in the Promised Land

An Altar In the Place which the Lord thy God shall choose:

Deuteronomy 26:1-4

*And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto **the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there**. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us. And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down **before the altar** of the LORD thy God.*

[This was built by Solomon (below)]

An Altar of Stones on Mount Ebal:

Deuteronomy 27:4-6

*Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, **in mount Ebal**, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister. And **there shalt thou build an altar** unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God*

[This was built by Joshua (below)]

Joshua

Twelve Stones by Jordan and in the Middle of Jordan at Gilgal as a Memorial:

Joshua 4:5-9, 20

And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder,

according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and **these stones shall be for a memorial** unto the children of Israel for ever. And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and **took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.... And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.**

An Altar on Mount Ebal:

Joshua 8:30-32

Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal, As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

A Stone in Shechem as a Witness to a Covenant:

Joshua 24:25-27

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, **this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.**

Reuben, Gad and the Half Tribe of Manasseh

An Altar by Jordan as a Witness:

Joshua 22:10

*And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh **built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.***

But, remarkably, this was not for sacrifice, but only as a witness:

Joshua 22:21-29

*Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,) That **we have built us an altar** to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require it; And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel? For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. Therefore we said, **Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice: But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD. Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you. God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.***

[Notice, they realised that the sacrifices were only to be made on the altar which was before the Tabernacle.]

Gideon

An Altar in Ophrah:

Judges 6:24

*Then **Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD**, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet **in Ophrah** of the Abi-ezrites.*

A Second Altar in Ophrah, built in place of Gideon's Father's Altar to Baal:

Judges 6:25-29

*And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and **throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place**, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, **the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it**, and the second bullock was offered upon **the altar that was built**. And they said one to another, *Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.**

Manoah

Offers a Burnt Offering on a Rock:

Judges 13:16,19

*And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.... So **Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD**: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.*

The People in Mizpeh

An Altar by the “House of God”:

Judges 21:1-4

*Now the men of Israel had sworn in **Mizpeh**, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. And the people came to **the house of God**, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel? And it came to pass on the morrow, that **the people rose early, and built there an altar**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.*

Men of Beth-Shemesh

Offering Upon a Stone on Return of the Ark:

1 Samuel 6:14,15,18

*And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth–shemite, and stood there, where there was **a great stone**: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on **the great stone**: and **the men of Beth–shemesh offered burnt offerings** and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.... And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto **the great stone of Abel**, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth–shemite.*

Samuel

Burnt Offering at Mizpeh and Stone Ebenezer:

1 Samuel 7:9-12

*And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for **a burnt offering** wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. And as Samuel was **offering up the burnt offering**, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder*

on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car. Then Samuel **took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer**, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

An Altar in Ramah:

1 Samuel 7:17

*And his return was to **Ramah**; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.*

Sacrifice at a “High Place” in Zuph:

1 Samuel 9:12-14

*And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for **there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place**: As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that he bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, **Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.***

[Note: The same word “*bamah*” used for, but not necessarily the same as, a “High Place” used for false worship]

Saul

Saul Sacrifices at Gilgamesh in Place of Samuel:

1 Samuel 13:8-10

*And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And **Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.** And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.*

An Altar in Michmash:

1 Samuel 14:31,35

*And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.... And **Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.***

A “Place” in Carmel:

1 Samuel 15:12

*And when Samuel rose early to meet **Saul** in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, **he set him up a place**, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.*

David

? An Altar in the Tent David made for the Ark in Jerusalem:

1 Chronicles 16:37-40

*So he left there **before the ark of the covenant of the LORD** Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: And Obed—edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed—edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters: And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon, **To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering** continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel*

An Altar at the Threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite:

2 Samuel 24:18,25

*And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, **rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.... And David built there an altar unto the LORD**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.*

1 Chronicles 21:18,22,26

*Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that **David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-***

*floor of Ornan the Jebusite.... Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, **that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD:** thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.... And **David built there an altar unto the LORD,** and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.*

1 Chronicles 22:1

*Then David said, **This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering** for Israel.*

Altar and Tabernacle in the High Place at Gibeon

1 Chronicles 21:28-30

*At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For **the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.** But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.*

1 Kings 3:2-4

*Only **the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.** And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only **he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.** And **the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.***

2 Chronicles 1:3-6

*So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to **the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God,** which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. Moreover **the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD:** and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before*

the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

[Note this was the original altar built by Bezaleel in Moses' day]

Solomon

An Altar for the Temple in Jerusalem:

1 Kings 6:20

*And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and **he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.***

1 Kings 7:48

*And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of **the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was***

1 Chronicles 28:18

*And for **the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.***

2 Chronicles 4:19

*And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, **the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread was set;***

[This golden altar is for burning incense]

1 Kings 8:64

*The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because **the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings***

2 Chronicles 4:1

*Moreover he made **an altar of brass**, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.*

2 Chronicles 7:7

*Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because **the brasen altar which Solomon had made** was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.*

2 Chronicles 8:12

Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch

[This brazen altar is for sacrifices]

1 Kings 9:25

*And three times in a year **did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD**, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.*

Jeroboam

Altars to Golden Calves in Bethel and possibly Dan:

An altar is mentioned in Bethel, but not actually mentioned in Dan, just that a calf was set up there:

1 Kings 12:28-33

*Whereupon the king took counsel, and made **two calves of gold**, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And **he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan**. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and **he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el**, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el*

*the priests of the high places which he had made. So he offered upon **the altar which he had made in Beth-el** the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and **he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.***

[Both sacrifices and incense seem to have been burned on the same altar here]

This altar was rent in two by the Lord:

1 Kings 13:1-5

*And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and **Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.** And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; **Behold, the altar shall be rent,** and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. **The altar also was rent,** and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.*

Asa

The Altar in Jerusalem Renewed:

2 Chronicles 15:8

*And when **Asa** heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and **renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.***

Omri

An Altar to Baal in Samaria:

1 Kings 16:30-32

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

Elijah

An Altar on Carmel Repaired (? and Built):

1 Kings 18:30-32

And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

Ahaz

The Altar in the Temple Replaced for one like he saw in Damascus:

2 Kings 16:10-16

And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his

*drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. And he brought also the brasen altar, which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and **the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire by**. Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.*

Altars to false gods in every corner of Jerusalem:

2 Chronicles 28:24,25

*And **Ahaz** gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and **he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem**. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.*

These were removed in the reforms of Hezekiah:

2 Chronicles 30:14

*And **they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.***

Manasseh

Building Altars in the Temple:

2 Kings 21:4,5

*And **he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.***

2 Chronicles 33:1-5

*Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. For **he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.***

Manasseh removed these after he repented:

2 Chronicles 33:13-17

*And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. **Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.** Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. **And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.***

Jeshua and Zerubbabel

The Altar in Jerusalem After the Exile:

Ezra 3:2,3

*Then stood up **Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. [3] And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening.***

390. Equivalent Words in Scripture

Some words in Scripture can have more than one meaning:

Angel = messenger [Hebrew. *malak*; Greek. *angelos*]

Wind = spirit = breath [Hebrew. *ruach*] [Greek. spirit = *pneuma*; breath = *pnoe*; wind = *anemos* (note John 3:8 uses *pneuma*)]

John 3:8

*The **wind** [pneuma] bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the **Spirit** [pneuma].*

Heathen = nations = Gentiles [Hebrew. *goy*; Greek. *ethnos*]

Servant = minister = deacon [Greek. *diakonos*]

391. Proof Against Transubstantiation

Acts 3:20,21

*And he shall send **Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: **Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

1 Corinthians 10:14-21

*Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not **the communion of the blood of Christ**? The bread which we break, is it not **the communion of the body of Christ**? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? **What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.*

2 Corinthians 5:16

*Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have **known Christ after the flesh**, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

392. God Loved Us Before We Loved Him

Romans 5:8-10

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, **when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

Ephesians 1:4

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love

1 Peter 1:18-20

*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you***

1 John 4:19

We love him, because he first loved us.

393. Abraham, Friend of God

2 Chronicles 20:7

*Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of **Abraham thy friend** for ever?*

Isaiah 41:8

*But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of **Abraham my friend**.*

James 2:23

*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called **the Friend of God**.*

394. Inspiration of the Holy Ghost

Jeremiah 36:32

*Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who **wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.***

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Peter 1:21

*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.***

395. Israel An Example to All Nations

Jeremiah 25:29

For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now **these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.... Now **all these things happened unto them for ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

Hebrews 4:11

*Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after **the same example of unbelief**.*

Hebrews 8:5,6

*Who serve unto **the example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*

396. Blood of the Grape

Deuteronomy 32:14

*Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and **thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.***

This is Christ:

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.***

397. God Hating

Leviticus 20:23

And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

Leviticus 26:30

*And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and **my soul shall abhor you.***

Deuteronomy 12:31

Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 16:22

Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

Deuteronomy 32:17-19

*They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And **when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.***

Psalms 5:5,6

*The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: **thou hatest all workers of iniquity.** Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: **the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.***

Psalms 10:3

*For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth **the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.***

Psalms 11:5

*The LORD trieth the righteous: but **the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.***

Psalm 45:6,7

*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and **hatest wickedness**: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Psalm 78:59

When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel

Psalm 89:38

But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

Psalm 106:39,40

*Thus were **they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions**. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that **he abhorred his own inheritance**.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

*These **six things doth the LORD hate**: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 8:13

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: **pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate**.*

Proverbs 22:14

*The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: **he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein**.*

Isaiah 1:14

***Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth**: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.*

Isaiah 61:8

*For I the LORD love judgment, **I hate robbery for burnt offering**; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.*

Jeremiah 12:8

Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

Jeremiah 44:3,4

*Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that **they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods**, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers. Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, **do not this abominable thing that I hate.***

Lamentations 2:7

*The Lord hath cast off his altar, **he hath abhorred his sanctuary**, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.*

Hosea 9:15

*All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for **there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings** I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.*

Amos 5:21

I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

Amos 6:8

*The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, **I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces**: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.*

Zechariah 8:17

And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

Malachi 1:2,3

*I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, **And I hated Esau**, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.*

Malachi 2:16

*For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away**: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

Romans 9:13

*As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but **Esau have I hated**.*

Hebrews 1:9

*Thou hast loved righteousness, and **hated iniquity**; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Revelation 2:6

*But this thou hast, that **thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate**.*

Revelation 2:15

*So hast thou also them that hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate**.*

398. Jesse's Children

Jesse had eight sons:

1 Samuel 16:5-11

*And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that **he looked on Eliab**, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then **Jesse called Abinadab**, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then **Jesse made Shammah to pass by**. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, **Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel**. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, **There remaineth yet the youngest**, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.*

1 Samuel 17:12-14

*Now **David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons:** and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul. And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and **the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah**. And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.*

1 Chronicles mentions, and names, seven sons and two daughters. We must assume one son had died before this list was compiled:

1 Chronicles 2:13-16

And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third, Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asabel, three.

399. Quickening

Old Testament

The Hebrew word “*chayah*” is used extensively in Scripture, and is the usual word for “*life*.” In the Authorised Version of the Bible, it is translated “*quicken*” in the following verses, and really means “*revive*”:

Psalm 71:20

*Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt **quicken** me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.*

Psalm 80:18

*So will not we go back from thee: **quicken** us, and we will call upon thy name.*

Psalm 119:25

*My soul cleaveth unto the dust: **quicken** thou me according to thy word.*

Psalm 119:37

*Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and **quicken** thou me in thy way.*

Psalm 119:40

*Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: **quicken** me in thy righteousness.*

Psalm 119:88

***Quicken** me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.*

Psalm 119:107

*I am afflicted very much: **quicken** me, O LORD, according unto thy word.*

Psalm 119:149

*Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, **quicken** me according to thy judgment.*

Psalm 119:154

*Plead my cause, and deliver me: **quicken** me according to thy word.*

Psalm 119:156

*Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: **quicken** me according to thy judgments.*

Psalm 119:159

*Consider how I love thy precepts: **quicken** me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.*

The same word occurs as “revive” in:

Genesis 45:27

*And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father **revived***

Judges 15:19

*But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he **revived**: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.*

1 Kings 17:22

*And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he **revived**.*

2 Kings 13:21

*And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he **revived**, and stood up on his feet.*

New Testament

This is the Greek word “ζωοποιεω.” It means far more than simply to “revive.” It involves a complete change only the Lord can give:

John 5:21

*For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and **quickeneth** them; even so the Son **quickeneth** whom he will.*

John 6:63

*It is the spirit that **quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

Romans 4:17

*As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who **quickeneth** the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Romans 8:11

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also quicken** your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

1 Corinthians 15:22

*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ **shall all be made alive.***

1 Corinthians 15:36

*Thou fool, that which thou sowest **is not quickened**, except it die*

1 Corinthians 15:45

*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a **quickening** spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:6

*Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth **life.***

Galatians 3:21

*Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given **life**, verily righteousness should have been by the law.*

1 Timothy 6:13

*I give thee charge in the sight of God, who **quickeneth** all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession*

1 Peter 3:18

*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but **quickeneth** by the Spirit*

The related word “*suzoopoio*,” meaning “*quickeneth together with*” is used in:

Ephesians 2:5

*Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quicken**ed us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)*

Colossians 2:13

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quicken**ed together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses*

In the Authorised Version of the Bible, the word is not present but supplied in:

Ephesians 2:1

*And you hath he **quicken**ed, who were dead in trespasses and sins*

The Greek word “*anaizao*,” meaning “*live again*” occurs in:

Luke 15:24,32

*For this my son was dead, and **is alive again**; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.... It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and **is alive again**; and was lost, and is found.*

Romans 7:9

*For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin **revived**, and I died.*

Romans 14:9

*For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and **revived**, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*

Revelation 20:5

*But the rest of the dead **lived** not **again** until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

400. Why?

The question “*Why?*” is often asked in the Bible. Sometimes the question is left unanswered. When Christ is asked the question “*Why?*”, He often does not give a direct answer, but an answer to think about (often a question of His own).

Just taking examples from the New Testament:

The Gospels:

The question “*Why?*” with no answer:

Matthew 6:28

*And **why take ye thought for raiment?** Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

Matthew 7:3

*And **why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?***

Matthew 8:26

*And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*

Matthew 19:17

*And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good?** there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

Matthew 21:25-27

*The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, **Why did ye not then believe him?** But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.*

Matthew 22:18

*But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, **Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?***

Matthew 26:10

*When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman?** for she hath wrought a good work upon me.*

Matthew 27:23

*And the governor said, **Why, what evil hath he done?** But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.*

Matthew 27:46

*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

Mark 2:7

***Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies?** who can forgive sins but God only?*

Mark 2:8

*And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, **Why reason ye these things in your hearts?***

Mark 4:40

*And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?***

Mark 8:12

*And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, **Why doth this generation seek after a sign?** verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.*

Mark 8:17

*And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, **Why reason ye, because ye have no bread?** perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?.... And he said unto them, **How is it that ye do not understand?***

Mark 10:18

*And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good?** there is none good but one, that is, God.*

Mark 11:30-33

*The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, **Why then did ye not believe him?** But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.*

Mark 12:15

*Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, **Why tempt ye me?** bring me a penny, that I may see it.*

Mark 14:4

*And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, **Why was this waste of the ointment made?***

Mark 14:6

*And Jesus said, Let her alone; **why trouble ye her?** she hath wrought a good work on me.*

Mark 15:14

*Then Pilate said unto them, **Why, what evil hath he done?** And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.*

Mark 15:34

*And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

Luke 6:41

*And **why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?***

Luke 6:46

*And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?***

Luke 12:26

*If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, **why take ye thought for the rest?***

Luke 12:57

Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

Luke 18:19

*And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good?** none is good, save one, that is, God.*

Luke 20:5

*And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, **Why then believed ye him not?***

Luke 20:22,23

*Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, **Why tempt ye me?***

Luke 22:46

*And said unto them, **Why sleep ye?** rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.*

Luke 23:22,23

*And he said unto them the third time, **Why, what evil hath he done?** I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.*

Luke 24:5

*And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead?***

Luke 24:38,39

*And he said unto them, **Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.*

John 4:27

*And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, **What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?***

John 7:19,20

*Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? **Why go ye about to kill me?** The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?*

John 7:45,46

*Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, **Why have ye not brought him?** The officers answered, **Never man spake like this man.***

John 8:43

***Why do ye not understand my speech?** even because ye cannot hear my word.*

John 8:46

***Which of you convinceth me of sin?** And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?*

John 9:30

*The man answered and said unto them, **Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.***

John 10:20

*And many of them said, **He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?***

John 12:5

Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

John 13:37,38

*Peter said unto him, Lord, **why cannot I follow thee now?** I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, *Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.**

John 18:20,21

*Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. **Why askest thou me?** ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.*

John 18:23

Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

The question “*Why?*” with an answer:

Matthew 9:11

*And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, **Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?** But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.***

Matthew 9:14

*Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, **Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?** And Jesus said unto them, **Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.***

Matthew 13:10,11

*And the disciples came, and said unto him, **Why speakest thou unto them in parables?** He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.***

Matthew 15:1-3

*Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, **Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.** But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?***

Matthew 16:8,11

*Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, **O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?.... How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?***

Matthew 17:10-12

*And his disciples asked him, saying, **Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?** And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.***

Matthew 17:19,20

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, **Why could not we cast him out?** And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:** for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

Matthew 19:7,8

*They say unto him, **Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?** He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.***

Matthew 20:6,7

*And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, **Why stand ye here all the day idle?** They say unto him, **Because no man hath hired us.** He saith unto them, **Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.***

Mark 2:18-20

*And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, **Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?** And Jesus said unto them, **Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.***

Mark 2:24,27,28

*And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, **why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?....** And he said unto them, **The sabbath was***

made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 5:35,36

*While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: **why troublest thou the Master any further?** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid, only believe.***

Mark 5:39,40

*And when he was come in, he saith unto them, **Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.** And they laughed him to scorn....*

Mark 7:5,15

*Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, **Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?.... There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.***

Mark 9:11-13

*And they asked him, saying, **Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.***

Mark 9:28,29

*And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, **Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.***

Mark 11:3

*And if any man say unto you, **Why do ye this?** say ye that **the Lord hath need of him;** and straightway he will send him hither.*

Luke 2:48,49

*And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, **Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?** behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, **How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?***

Luke 5:30-32

*But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, **Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?** And Jesus answering said unto them, **They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.***

Luke 5:33-35

*And they said unto him, **Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?** And he said unto them, **Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.***

Luke 6:2-5

*And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, **Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?** And Jesus answering them said, **Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him; How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?** And he said unto them, **That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.***

Luke 13:7-9

*Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, **Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?** And he answering said unto him, **Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.***

Luke 19:31-34

*And if any man ask you, **Why do ye loose him?** thus shall ye say unto him, **Because the Lord hath need of him.** And they that were sent went their way,*

*and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, **Why loose ye the colt?** And they said, **The Lord hath need of him.***

John 1:25-27

*And they asked him, and said unto him, **Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?** John answered them, saying, **I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.***

John 20:13

*And they say unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou?** She saith unto them, **Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.***

John 20:15

*Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, **Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.***

The Rest of the New Testament:

All of these questions “*Why?*” have no answer:

Acts 1:11

*Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.***

Acts 3:12

*And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, **Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?***

Acts 4:25

*Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, **Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?***

Acts 5:3-5

*But Peter said, Ananias, **why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? **why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?** thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.*

Acts 7:26,27

*And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, **Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?** But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, **Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?***

Acts 9:4

*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?***

Acts 14:15

*And saying, **Sirs, why do ye these things?** We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:*

Acts 15:10

*Now therefore **why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?***

Acts 22:7

*And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?***

Acts 22:16

*And now **why tarriest thou?** arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*

Acts 26:8

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Acts 26:14

*And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?** it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

Romans 3:7

*For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; **why yet am I also judged as a sinner?***

Romans 8:24

*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for **what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?***

Romans 9:19,20

*Thou wilt say then unto me, **Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?** Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, **Why hast thou made me thus?***

Romans 14:10

*But **why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?** for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 4:7

*For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, **why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?***

1 Corinthians 6:7

*Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. **Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?***

1 Corinthians 10:29,30

*Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for **why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?** For if I by grace be a partaker, **why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?***

1 Corinthians 15:29,30

*Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? **why are they then baptized for the dead?** And **why stand we in jeopardy every hour?***

Galatians 2:14

*But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, **why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?***

Galatians 5:11

*And I, brethren, **if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution?** then is the offence of the cross ceased.*

Colossians 2:20

*Wherefore **if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,***

Similar questions:

Sometimes, the word “*Wherefore*” is used as a question meaning “*Why?*”. New Testament uses are given below:

The question “*Wherefore*” with an answer:

Acts 10:21,22

*Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: **what is the cause wherefore ye are come?** And they said, **Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.***

The question “*Wherefore?*” without an answer:

Matthew 9:4

*And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?***

Matthew 14:31

*And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, **wherefore didst thou doubt?***

Matthew 26:50

*And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.*

Luke 19:23

Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

John 9:27

*He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: **wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?***

Revelation 17:7

*And the angel said unto me, **Wherefore didst thou marvel?** I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

Sometimes the phrase “*How can....?*” is used. All of these are without an answer:

Job 25:4

How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

Proverbs 20:24

*Man's goings are of the LORD; **how can a man then understand his own way?***

Matthew 12:34

*O generation of vipers, **how can ye, being evil, speak good things?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

Matthew 23:33

*Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, **how can ye escape the damnation of hell?***

Mark 3:23

*And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, **How can Satan cast out Satan?***

Luke 12:56

*Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but **how is it that ye do not discern this time?***

John 5:44

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

1 John 4:20

*If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for **he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?***

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