

Part 7 - Highlights

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 Excell in this Grace of giving
- We can do so sparingly or abundantly, that depends on us! That's dictates our harvest
- We can't "meddle" with the seed once its planted, expect favoritism. Mark 4:27-29
- Seed bears after its own kind: Gen 1:12, Isa 55:9-13. Example 2 Kings 4
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 God loves a cheerful giver!
- "A cheerful giver" in Greek: Strongs 2431 λαρός hilaros hil-ar-os' From the same as G2436; propitious or merry ("hilarious"), that is, prompt or willing: cheerful.
- No sense of loss or sadness with the separation of his money from himself! "Consider it joy" Great sense of expectation of opportunity to invest, much greater than any pain from the loss! Therefore, he can give "hilariously" ©
- God supplies the seed, and will increase our harvest of righteousness, "enriching us" and through us, it brings thanksgiving to God!
- The cheerful giver subscribes to a lifestyle of becoming a channel for God (infinite).
- Seed will never be bigger than the harvest, God gains nothing by bringing us to ruin.
- Rich = Needs are met, seed to sow! When we partner with him, He'll have us do more

Part 8 - Highlights

- Money does not allow us to live life to the fullest: John 10:10 & 1Tim 6:18-19 "Direct them (The Rich in todays age) to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous, sharing, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so they might take hold of the true life"
- Obedience to God in finances doesn't mean we wont suffer a loss, but rather He will steer us towards recovery. Gen 31:39-43
- The "goers" or "sent" are equal sharers with who stayed back and sent them. 1Sam 30:21-25, Rom 10:13-15, Josh 22:8–9, Psa 68:11, Mat 10:41-42, Phil 4:15-17 1 Cor 3:6–8
- The shift in those "sent" from 0 resources to needing funds Luke 9:1-6 to 22:35-38
- The mission update from Israel to the Nations: Mat 10:5 to Luke 24:45-49
- The enemy tried to stop Yeshua's Messianic earthly ministry to Israel at least 12 times!
- Yeshua had a special Grace on His ministry to allow Him to be a witness as the Messiah to Israel for a set time $(3\frac{1}{2}$ years). [John 2:13, 6:4, 11:55-12:1]
- The Grace on His ministry was about to end! Here comes persecution and tribulation! After the earthly ministry ended there was a mission update!

Highlights

Pro 11:18 The wicked earn deceptive wages, but a sower of righteousness reaps a true reward.

Proverbs 11:24-26 Some give freely and still get richer, while others are stingy but grow still poorer. The person who blesses others will prosper; he who satisfies others will be satisfied himself. The people will curse him who withholds grain; but if he sells it, blessings will be on his head.

Catholic Treasures in Heaven





The three storehouses:

- 1. Immediate use, pantry, refrigerator, starter for the next loaf

 Deut 28:5 Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.
 - Yeshua roughly carried ½ years wages as resources
- 2. Intermediate use, a stockpile, longer term

 Deut 28:8 Adonai will command the blessing on you in your barns and in every undertaking of your hand, and He will bless you in the land Adonai your God is giving you.
 - Joseph in Egypt as an example
- 3. Heavenly Storehouse! For use here on earth!

 Deut 28:12 Adonai will open for you His good storehouse—the heavens—to give rain for your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.
 - Yeshua and the God fearers relied heavily upon the Heavenly

Cornerstone Texts:

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor Adonai with your wealth and with the first of your entire harvest. Then your <u>Storehouses</u> will be filled with plenty, your vats will overflow with new wine.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tenth into the <u>storehouse</u>, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. "See if I won't open for you the floodgates <u>of heaven</u> and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs.

Strongs H618

ימש 'âsâm aw-sawm'

From an unused root meaning to *heap* together; a *storehouse* (only in the plural): - barn, storehouse.

What we do on Earth...

Triggers a response from Heaven!



Part 9 **Focused** on Yeshua's Life and Ministry

What's off here?



- The first instance of Treasures in Heaven for Yeshua: Mat 2:11-13 And when they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Miriam; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another way. Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of Adonai appears to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to kill Him."
- The visit from the wise men triggered the danger.

■ The visit triggered the problem, but also a solution:

1Cor 10:13 No temptation has taken hold of you except what is common to mankind. But God is faithful—He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can handle. But with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so you will be able to endure it.

The Greek word used for Temptation is "pirasmos" can also mean "adversity" (Trouble, problems, danger etc...)

Herod's persecution was the trouble, the gifts were the way out.

■ That prophecy that the wise men followed was given 1,400 years prior to the Birth of the Messiah:

Num 24:15-19 Then he uttered his oracle: The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the strong man whose eye is opened, the oracle of one hearing God's speech, one experiencing Elyon's knowledge, one seeing Shaddai's vision, one fallen down, yet with open eyes: 'I see him, yet not at this moment. I behold him, yet not in this location. For a star will come from Jacob, a scepter will arise from Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab and the skulls of all the sons of Seth. Edom will be conquered—his enemies will conquer Seir, but Israel will triumph. One from Jacob will rule and destroy the city's survivors."

God had that set in motion before Yeshua's birth! That's cool to think about!

It's not a miracle, rather that's supernatural favor!

 They came with the wealth they had acquired, through natural means – Gods great supply chain!

 But they brought it supernaturally, it was the supernatural prophecy that stirred them to come. The supernatural was part was in favor.

Luke 8:1-3 Soon afterward, Yeshua began traveling throughout towns and villages, preaching and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God. The twelve were also with Him. And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Miriam, the one called Magdalene, out of whom seven demons had gone; Joanna, the wife of Kuza, Herod's finance minister; Susanna; and many others—were supporting them out of their own resources.

- Supernatural favor "Who gave to Him of their wealth for His needs"
- A rich man, Kuza who <u>served</u> Herod (Antipas), Herod who participated in the beheading of John the Immerser (Mark 6:14–29) and in the mocking/crucifixion of Yeshua (Luke 23:6–12)
- His finance manager supported Yeshua's ministry financially! That's Divine favor!

John 12:3-6 Then Miriam took a pound of very expensive oil of pure nard and anointed Yeshua's feet, and she wiped His feet dry with her hair. Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But Judah from Kriot, one of His disciples, the one who was about to betray Him, said, Why wasn't this oil sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" Now he said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. Since he had the moneybox, he used to steal from what was put in it.

- Miriam, Lazarus's sister (who was raised from the dead in the previous chapter – John 11) was grateful.
- Act of humility, Holy Spirit inspired, honor from God for the death Yeshua had chosen to experience in order to redeem the world!
- 300 denarii, a year's wages They had some wealth!

Mark 14:3-9 And while Yeshua was in Bethany at the house of Simon ha-Metzora, reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive oil of pure nard. Breaking open the jar, she poured it over His head. But some got angry and said among themselves, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? It could have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor!" And they kept scolding her. But Yeshua said, "Leave her alone. Why do you cause trouble for her? She's done Me a mitzvah. For you always have the poor with you, and you can do good for them whenever you want; but you won't always have Me. She did what she could—she came beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Amen, I tell you, wherever the Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

A separate instance from Miriam, woman not named. Later on...

- That instance of anointing by pure nard was a gift from the father. An anointing on Him to prepare him for death and burial.
- Supernatural / Divine confirmation that He was going to be crucified.
- What's more important? To Anointing/Worshiping Yeshua or to take the jar and sell it to the poor?
- Similar to: Love God, then love your neighbor. In that order...
- The preaching of the Gospel and the redemptive work of Messiah takes precedence.
- The Gospel isn't taking care of the poor the gospel is Messiah died for our sins, and raised Him from the dead! Repent the Kingdom is at hand.
- The Gospel isn't doing good works; we do good works because we are already saved! The Gospel isn't our good behavior, the Gospel is our utter dependance on Messiah!

Matthew 21:1-5 Now as they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Yeshua sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village before you. Right away, you'll find a donkey tied up and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Master needs them.' And right away he will send them." This happened to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'See, your King is coming to you, humble and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey." (See Zechariah 9:9)

- Continue reading through Matthew 21:6-9
- This very moment and day was prophesied: Daniel 9:25-26
- Even to the day! Luke 19:41-42

Daniel 9:25-26 Timeline:

7 weeks =
$$7 \times 7 = 49$$
 years

62 weeks =
$$62 \times 7 = 434$$
 years

Total: 49 + 434 = 483 years

69 weeks = 483 years

Prophetic years = 360 days/year = 476 Roman Years

Start: Decree to rebuild Jerusalem (445 B.C.)

End: Death of Messiah (~A.D. 30–33)

This fits remarkably with the timeline of Yeshua's ministry

Luke 22:7-12 Then came the day of matzah when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Now Yeshua sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so we may eat." Then they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. And say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" And with that, he will show you a large upper room, fully furnished. Make preparations there." So they left and found just what Yeshua had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

■ The connection is divine favor — Word of Wisdom/Knowledge

Even in Death, Yeshua was met with divine favor:

Mat 27:57-60 Now when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had also become a disciple of Yeshua. This man went to Pilate and asked for Yeshua's body. Then Pilate ordered it to be given up. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. And he laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. Then he rolled a large stone up to the door of the tomb and went away.

Isa 53:9 His grave was given with the wicked, and by a rich man in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

- No prior arraignments made
- God arranged this! He would have been burned as a criminal....

Like a rich King in His death:

John 19:38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take Yeshua's body away. Joseph was a disciple of Yeshua, but secretly for fear of the Judean leaders. Pilate gave permission, so Joseph came and took the body away. Nicodemus, who had first visited Yeshua at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Yeshua and wrapped it in linen with the spices, as is the Jewish burial custom.

- These 8 instances we looked at today, focused on the divine favor that the Messiah experienced.
- They were not necessarily miracles where something was created or multiplied supernaturally, they miracle aspect was the connectivity.
- Messiah being connected to the people, resources etc... that He needed, at the time He needed them was divine favor.
- This is one of the aspects of the Heavenly Storehouse! And the reason there are so many, is because this is commonly how it works.
- We may not perform miracles, resurrections or multiply bread, those are rarer, but we will commonly get divine favor!

God gives to us the same way!!!

- Knew us before we were born: Jer 1:5 Psa 71:5-6, Isa 49:1, 49:5; Gal 1:15-16
- Goods deeds for us to do: Ephesians 2:10
- Where God leads, He provides: Isaiah 58:11
- If we are obedient to the Lord in His calling, He will provide everything needed for us to! Supernaturally, through divine favor!
- Hebrews 13:21 May God equip you with every good thing you need to do his will; and may he do in us whatever pleases him, through Yeshua the Messiah. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- Isaiah 58:10-11 How the Storehouse operates! Gospel leads to works

Shabbat Shalom!

Part 10 Coming Soon

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS