

### Part 3 - Highlights

- Gen 28:10-22 God showed Jacob how blessing works, what we do here on earth triggers a response from Heaven via Angels. Jacobs gets the point of what God is showing him and dedicates a tenth.
- Yeshua discourages greed, encourages storing treasure in the safest and most enduring place, heaven! Mat 6:19-24 (Judas stole earthly)
- Yeshua is the mediator of all blessing! Deut 28:12-13 Joel 2:21-24
- When we are generous and obedient it triggers a response from heaven! Mal 3:10, Duet 28:1-2 & Proverbs 3:9-10
- 1Kings 17:8-16 It started by her giving what she had on earth, but the provision came from heaven! That's interdimensional! Beneficial now!
- Acts 9:40-42 Tabitha/Dorcas built up heavenly treasure by doing the commandments and practicing Tzedakah God paid her back!
- If treasure is for the next life only, she was already there enjoying them! Treasures in heaven come back on this earth in this lifetime and in ways we need!
- Let God be the one to determine what kind of treasure you reap!

### Part 4 - Highlights

- 2Kings 4:1-7 Those who "fear the lord" and build heavenly storehouses the righteousness and storehouse lives on beyond their lifespan! Psalm 112:9
- "And my God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Yeshua the Messiah" Philippians 4:19 Let God be the one who decides how you reap!
- 2Kings 4:8-37 Another example of generosity (building treasure in Heaven) being rewarded in the form of life and resurrection!
- Mat 25:34 "I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"
- Yeshua said "For where your wealth is, there your heart will be also" Mat 6:21
- That's why its important to be generous, because when you give you demonstrate power over money, you are in control of it!
- The Church in Jerusalem demonstrated this by selling possession and giving it to those in need and the Apostles! Acts 2:44-47
- They helped found all other churches! Act 4:33-35 God shifts to selling off real-estate!
- God removed them from the path of destruction! (Heavenly Storehouse) Luke 19:41-44

Yair Levy on Tzedakah Charity Alms....



Psa 112:9 He distributes freely, he gives to the poor; his righteousness stands forever. His power will be increased honorably.

# The Oppression Busting Good News!

Mat 11:2-6 Now when John heard in prison about the works of the Messiah, he sent word through his disciples and said to Yeshua, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Yeshua replied, "Go report to John what you hear and see: the blind see and the lame walk, those with tza'arat are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised and the poor have good news proclaimed to them. Blessed is the one who is not led to stumble because of Me."

- 1. The blind see
- 2. The lame walk
- 3. The leapers are cleansed
- 4. The deaf hear
- 5. The dead are raised!
- 6. The poor.... Are remedied by the GOOD NEWS! (Repent for the Kingdom)

### **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**

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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!



#### The three storehouses:

Immediate use, pantry, refrigerator, starter for the next loaf

1. Deut 28:5 Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Intermediate use, a stockpile, longer term

2. 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.

Heavenly Storehouse! For use here on earth!

3. Deut 28:12 Adonai will open for you <u>His good storehouse—the</u> <u>heavens</u>—to give <u>rain for your land in its season</u> and to <u>bless all the work of your hand</u>. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

#### Laying up Treasures in Heaven

Mat 6:19-21 "Do not store up for vourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures (Plural, they are different) In heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- Anytime we obey God in life, obey Him in giving, show generosity we are laying up treasures in heaven!
- Following His will and completing good works he's laid out for us to do, not for salvation but to please Him builds treasure in Heaven!

Eph 2:10 For we are of God's making, created in union with the Messiah Yeshua for a life of good actions already prepared by God for us to do.

#### God uses channels

- God blesses us through channels like Jobs, Businesses etc...
- Sometimes God uses people who don't know Him to create channels to bless His own children (Building businesses, big thinker, visionary etc)

Luke 16:8 "Now the master praised the crooked manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the sons of this age are smarter when dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

- Genesis 39, God blesses the executioner/jail keeper not because he was a great executioner but rather because of Joseph!
- God will use the wicked to channel wealth and blessing to His own!
- Sometimes our channels change, but the source is the same! God!

#### God uses channels

- Humans want security, steady job, know where things are coming from! No one likes not knowing where the next Job, paycheck etc.. is coming from! Change is painful! It brings uncertainty and discomfort!
- Its important to be obedient even in tough situations, we will always have problems or issues. Even if we own the company!
- God uses Angels (Host's) to open windows and channels for His people Mal 3:10, Gen 28
- Jacob left with nothing, Laben treated him poorly and changed his wages 10 times! Yet because Jacob was faithful (giving a tenth). He inherited almost everything Laban owned! Gen 31:1
- God directed change will bring increase!
- Generationally passes! In this case of Jacob, to Joseph Governor 11

#### We reap what we sow!

Gal 6:7-10 Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of God! A person reaps what he sows. Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life. So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest. Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.

See also: Pro 11:18, Hos 10:12, Luke 16:25, Rom 2:6-10, 2Cor 9:6

- The Church in Jerusalem had sown a lot of seed, and the time will come for it to get its harvest!
- Acts 4:32-35 Now the whole group of those who believed was one in heart and mind. No one would say anything he owned was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the emissaries were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Yeshua, and abundant favor was upon them all. No one among them was needy, for all who were owners of lands or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds and set them at the feet of the emissaries. And the proceeds were distributed according to the need each one had.
- Unselfishly spreading the Good News to other nations and towards the needs of others.

- God moved them to sell houses and properties as an act of blessing!
- Jerusalem was about to be sacked, conquered and destroyed by the Romans! (See part 4)
- They had some time (roughly 20 years) before it happened, but God was slowly getting them OUT of Jerusalem. The prophecies for the Word to go out from Jerusalem were fulfilled and now the Good News is making its journey around the world and will eventually return to Jerusalem!
- (We aren't all called to do exactly that, its important to "sow in the Spirit" which means its directed by and done through the Spirit).

Act 6:1-7 Now in those days, when the disciples were multiplying, grumbling arose among the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily support. So, the Twelve called together the whole group of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. So, brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the Word." The statement pleased the whole group; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Ruach ha-Kodesh, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. They placed these men before the emissaries; and after praying, they laid hands on them. The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem greatly multiplied; even a great number of the kohanim were becoming obedient to the faith.

- This generosity by the Church in Jerusalem is replicated in the other churches that come later. Jerusalem is the example and standard of generosity!
- The Church is growing rapidly!

- The Church in Antioch sprung up out of the Church in Jerusalem.
- Act 13:1-3 Now in the Antioch community, there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen (brought up since childhood with Herod the Tetrarch), and Saul. While they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Ruach ha-Kodesh said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting, praying, and laying hands on them, they sent them off. (To the Gentiles/Nations, Cypress then Pisidia)
- From there, the Apostles are sent out too many nations! Paul included!
- <u>Jerusalem</u> → Antioch → Gentile Nations, <u>Worldwide</u>!!!

# Reaping Righteousness

- When you have that type of seed in the ground you can expect that God is not going to let you down!
- Many years later (roughly 20 years) and the Church in Jerusalem is not doing well financially, persecution has set in. They may or may or may not have realized that God was setting them up to be moved as Jerusalem was doomed! God still cared for them!

1Cor 16:1-4 Now concerning the collection for the kedoshim, as I directed Messiah's communities in Galatia, you do likewise. On the first day of the week, let each of you set something aside, saving up whatever is gained, so no collections take place when I come. Then whenever I arrive, I will send whomever you approve with letters of introduction to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it is advisable for me to go also, they will go with me.

Paul instructs the Galatians and Corinthians to support the Church in Jerusalem!

### Reaping Righteousness

- Paul instructing Gentile Churches to send gifts and make offerings to Jerusalem! Gentile Churches funding the Church in Jerusalem!
- The blessing returning to the Jews, who originated and enabled the Gentiles to come in! Seed sown and now a harvest reaped!
- The seed they sowed came back to them!

2Cor 8:7-9 But as you excel in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all diligence, and in your love for us—also excel in <u>this grace</u>. I am saying this not as a command, but I am trying to <u>prove</u> by the diligence of others the <u>genuineness of your love as well</u>. For you know the <u>grace</u> of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah—that even though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich.

■ Read through verse 15 — Context is giving to Jerusalem (See v4)

# A Grace and Faith to Give

God enables us to give by faith! And He gives us a Grace to do so! We give without seeing immediate benefits — A Grace to give above our station! If you're not generous now, you also wont when you have more.

2Cor 8:1-4 Now we make known to you, brothers and sisters, the grace God has given to Messiah's communities in Macedonia— that in much testing by affliction, the abundance of their joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For I testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own free will— begging us with much urging for the favor of sharing in the relief of the kedoshim.

#### A Grace and Faith to Give

- The Macedonians knew that God was going to give a supernatural response from their support of the Saints in Jerusalem!
- As Paul pointed out in 2Cor 8:7-9, this was learned from the example that Messiah set in giving up His life for us!

John 10:15-17 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not from this fold; those also I must lead, and they will listen to My voice. So there shall be one flock, one Shepherd. "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, so that I may take it up again.

- He gives it and expects resurrection.
- I can give even my own life because I know God will respond!
- Heb 11:35b and others were tortured, after not accepting release, so they might obtain a better resurrection. See also John 5:29

### Giving out of Love

- As Paul said in 2 Cor 8:8, "I am trying to prove by the diligence of others the genuineness of your love as well" - through proof of giving and generosity towards Jerusalem.
- We're not giving to get; we are giving because we know that God is so good!
- It may not come back as riches and wealth only, but things far better, deeper and more meaningful than riches! Moving us out of the way of destruction! Resurrection! Blessings beyond our imagination!
- We know we can trust Him; He will always come through!
- We have that confidence that he will....

# Shabbat Shalom!

Part 6 Coming Soon

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS