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NOURISH, NOURISHED, NOURISHER, NOURISHETH, NOURISHING, NOURISHMENT, NOURISHES

When Joseph was in a position of power over his brothers, he **nourished** them. He could have did them great harm but he didn't.

- **Genesis 47:12:** "And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families."

When Joseph's brothers asked him to forgive them, he told them that he would **nourish** them and their children.

- **Genesis 50:21:** "Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them."

The women of Bethlehem told Naomi that the son of Ruth would **nourish** her in her old age.

- **Ruth 4:15:** "And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him."

When Nathan confronted David (over his sin with Bathsheba), he told David that the poor man had **nourished** the lamb that he loved.

- **2 Samuel 12:3:** "But the poor man had nothing, save one

little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter."

Souls benefit from wisdom. It **nourishes** them.

- **Proverbs 19:8**: "He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good."

Rain should **nourish** food and help it grow. However, there's a type of rain that destroys food instead.

- **Proverbs 28:3**: "A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food."

The nation of Judah was **nourished** by the Lord.

- **Isaiah 1:2**: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me."

The strength of the sea said that it didn't **nourish** young men or virgins. (This may be a reference to Tyre, which was going to become desolate and would no longer be able to sustain others.)

- **Isaiah 23:4**: "Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins."

Idols aren't gods. The wood that they're made from was **nourished** by the rain.

- **Isaiah 44:14-15:** "He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto."

The words of God **nourish** the soul.

- **Isaiah 55:2:** "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

One day the Jews will be **nourished** by foreign kings. (This seems to be referring to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 60:16:** "Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob."

God compared the nation of Israel to a lioness who lived among other lions and **nurtured** her young.

- **Ezekiel 19:1-2:** "Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, And say, What is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her

whelps among young lions."

God did great things for Israel. He took care of them and nourished them. (However, Israel's idols did nothing for them at all.)

- **Hosea 11:1, 4:** "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. ... I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them."

Plants need root to **nourish** themselves.

- **Matthew 13:6:** "And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away."

Jesus was **nourished** by doing God's will.

- **John 4:34:** "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

The reason Tyre and Sidon wanted to make peace with Herod was because their country was **nourished** by Herod's country. (This means they had a financial interest in making peace.)

- **Acts 12:20:** "And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country."

God **nourishes** and cherishes the church.

- **Ephesians 5:29:** "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"
- **Colossians 2:19:** "And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."

Husbands must **nourish** and cherish their wives.

- **Ephesians 5:28-29:** "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"

Doctrine is **nourishing**.

- **1 Timothy 4:6:** "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

James spoke of rich people who have used their ill-gotten wealth to **nourish** their hearts "as in a day of slaughter" (which was a day when animals are killed and a feast is held).

- **James 5:1, 5:** "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. ... Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."

In the end times, Israel will remain in the wilderness and be **nourished** for three and a half years.

- **Revelation 12:14:** "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

NURSING, NURSE, NURSED

Sarah **nursed** her son Isaac (even though she was 90 years old at the time).

- **Genesis 21:7-8:** "And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age. And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned."

When Rebekah's parents sent her away (to Isaac), they sent her **nurse** with her as well.

- **Genesis 24:59:** "And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men."

When Rebekah traveled to Canaan with Abraham's oldest servant, she brought multiple women with her. (It seems that she brought more than just her **nurse**.)

- **Genesis 24:61:** "And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way."

Deborah was Rebekah's **nurse**.

- **Genesis 35:8:** "But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth."

When Miraim saw that Pharaoh's daughter had found her

brother Moses in the river, Miraim asked if she should fetch a **nurse** from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for her.

- **Exodus 2:5-7:** "And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?"

The woman who Miraim brought to Pharaoh's daughter to **nurse** Moses was his own mother.

- **Exodus 2:8-9:** "And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it."

After Moses had been **nursed**, his mother brought him to Pharaoh's daughter.

- **Exodus 2:10:** "And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water."

Naomi **nursed** the son of Ruth.

- **Ruth 4:16:** "And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it."

Hannah **nursed** Samuel until she weaned him. (That's when she brought him to the tabernacle and gave him to Eli.)

- **1 Samuel 1:23:** "And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him."

When the Philistines wanted to send the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel, their pagan priests and diviners told them to take two cows that had never been yoked, which had calves that they were **nursing**. (The plan was to use those cows to haul the cart back to Israel.)

- **1 Samuel 6:2, 7:** "And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. ... Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:"
- **1 Samuel 6:10:** "And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:"

When Mephibosheth fell when he was five years old (because his **nurse** dropped him after learning that Saul had been killed in battle), he was injured and became lame for the rest of his life.

- **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."

When the two prostitutes brought their case to Solomon, one of them said that when she arose in the morning to **nurse** the child in her bosom, she saw that it was dead. (That's when she realized the dead child wasn't hers.)

- **1 Kings 3:21:** "And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear."

When Joash was hidden in a bedchamber (to hide him from his grandmother, who was trying to kill him), his **nurse** was hidden there with him as well.

- **2 Kings 11:2:** "But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain."
- **2 Chronicles 22:11:** "But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not."

When Joash was hidden in the temple (from his grandmother who was trying to kill him), his **nurse** was with him.

- **2 Kings 11:3:** "And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land."
- **2 Chronicles 22:12:** "And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land."

After Job lost everything he had, he wished he had never been **nursed** as an infant. (In other words, he wished he had never been born.)

- **Job 3:12:** "Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?"

One day the daughters of the Jews will be **nursed** by the side of their people. (This seems to be referring to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 60:3-4:** "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side."

When God judged Jerusalem, mothers stopped **nursing** their own infants. (This is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.)

- **Lamentations 4:3:** "Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter

of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness."

Jeremiah spoke of sea monsters who **nursed** their young. This seems to be referring to a real creature, not something figurative.

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During the tribulation, when people see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place of the temple, life will become very difficult for those who are **nursing** infants.

- **Matthew 24:15, 19:** "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) ... And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!"
- **Mark 13:14, 17:** "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: ... But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!"

When God sends armies against Jerusalem, life will become very difficult those who are **nursing** infants.

- **Luke 21:23:** "But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be

great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people."

A **nurse** should be gentle with the children who are in her care, and cherish them.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:7:** "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:"

NURTURE, NURTURED, NURTURES, NURTURING

Bildad told Job the wicked are like a plant that grows up out of the garden and is **nurtured** by the sun. (His point is that they were prosperous, as Job had once been prosperous.)

- **Job 8:16:** "He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden."

The Lord makes us lie down in green pastures. He guides us to good places that **nurture** us and restore our soul.

- **Psalm 23:2-3:** "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Being generous is a blessing to our soul, and **nurtures** it.

- **Proverbs 11:25:** "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Children should seek to **nurture** their relationship with their parents (not drive them away).

- **Proverbs 19:26:** "He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach."

Even though God **nurtured** the Jews, they rebelled against

Him.

- **Isaiah 1:2-3:** "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."

Those who love Jerusalem will one day be **nurtured** by her. (This seems to be referring to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 66:10-11:** "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory."

One day the Jews will be **nurtured** and given peace. (This seems to be referring to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 66:12:** "For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees."

The day is coming when God will be like dew unto Israel. He will bless them and **nurture** them. (This seems to be referring to the millennium.)

- **Hosea 14:4-5:** "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon."

God pointed out that Jonah was angry over the loss of the gourd, even though he had done nothing to **nurture** it and it grew up in a day and perished in a day.

- **Jonah 4:10:** "Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:"

God cares about **nurturing** the relationship between fathers and their children.

- **Malachi 4:6:** "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Those who **nurture** a flock are supposed to be able to enjoy its milk. (Those who labor should be allowed to partake of the fruit of their labors.)

- **1 Corinthians 9:7:** "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"

Paul wanted to be a partaker of the gospel with the Corinthian church. He supported himself financially so he could preach the gospel to them without charge, and **nurture** the church and help it grow.

- **1 Corinthians 9:23:** "And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."

Paul believed it was his job to **nurture** and help the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 1:25:** "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;"

It's important to **nurture** new churches and firmly establish them in the faith.

- **1 Thessalonians 3:2:** "And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:"

The word of God is **nurturing**.

- **1 Peter 2:2:** "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"