

STORE, STORED, STORING

Joseph told Pharaoh to create **store** houses of food in cities throughout Egypt, and fill them during the seven years of plenty. (In other words, it's not wrong to prepare for famine by storing up food that's obtained in better times.)

- **Genesis 41:34-35:** "Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities."

Joseph told Pharaoh that the food which was **stored** during the seven years of plenty would prevent the land of Egypt from perishing during the coming seven years of famine.

- **Genesis 41:36:** "And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine."

During the seven years of plenty, Joseph gathered up food and **stored** it in cities.

- **Genesis 41:48:** "And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same."

Although there was a famine throughout Egypt and other

lands, there was still food in Egypt (because Joseph **stored** it in preparation for the seven years of famine).

- **Genesis 41:54:** "And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread."

When the seven years of famine hit, Joseph opened all the storehouses (where he had **stored** food during the seven good years).

- **Genesis 41:56:** "And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt."

When Joseph **stored** food in Egypt during the seven years of plenty, he wasn't just providing for the Egyptians. He was also providing for those who lived in the surrounding nations (since they went to Egypt to buy food during the famine.)

- **Genesis 41:57:** "And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands."

God said that He was going to turn all the water throughout Egypt into blood, including the water **stored** in containers.

- **Exodus 7:19:** "And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of

wood, and in vessels of stone."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they weren't allowed to **store** manna until the next day. Instead they had to use it the same day they gathered it. (The exception to this rule was the sixth day of the week, when they were *required* to store it so they wouldn't have to gather it on the Sabbath.)

- **Exodus 16:19:** "And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning."

God commanded the Israelites to **store** up manna on the sixth day of the week, because no manna would be provided for them on the seventh day.

- **Exodus 16:25:** "And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field."

The reason Aaron **stored** an omer of manna in the Ark of the Covenant was because God commanded Moses to keep some for future generations. (When the Philistines returned the Ark of the Covenant after they captured it during the life of Eli, the jar of manna was gone.)

- **Exodus 16:33-34:** "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept."

Under the Mosaic Law, the person who **stored** the ashes of the

red heifer in a clean place had to be ceremonially clean.

- **Numbers 19:9:** "And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin."

Moses promised the Israelites that if they listened diligently to God's voice then their **store** would be blessed. (In other words, they would have food.)

- **Deuteronomy 28:1, 5:** "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: ... Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store."

Moses warned the Israelites that if they didn't obey all of God's commandments then their **store** would be cursed. (In other words, they would not have food.)

- **Deuteronomy 28:15, 17:** "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ... Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store."

The book of the law (which Moses wrote) was originally **stored** inside the Ark of the Covenant. (This was so it could serve as a witness against the Israelites, who weren't going to

obey it.)

- **Deuteronomy 31:26:** "Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee."

In the days of Deborah, milk was **stored** in bottles.

- **Judges 4:19:** "And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him."

Solomon built **store** cities.

- **1 Kings 9:19:** "And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion."
- **2 Chronicles 8:4:** "And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath."
- **2 Chronicles 8:6:** "And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion."

There were weapons **stored** inside the temple.

- **2 Kings 11:10:** "And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD."

David gave Solomon the design for the treasuries in the temple, where things that were dedicated to God were **stored**.

- **1 Chronicles 28:12:** "And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:"

Some of the **store** cities that Solomon built were located in Hamath.

- **2 Chronicles 8:4:** "And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath."

When Asa sent treasure to Benhadad (king of Syria) and told him to break his league with Baasha, Benhadad attacked all the **store** cities of Naphtali.

- **2 Chronicles 16:2-4:** "Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali."

Jehoshaphat built **store** cities in Judah.

- **2 Chronicles 17:12:** "And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store."

At Hezekiah's command, chambers were prepared in the temple to **store** the excess offerings that the people of Israel and Judah had brought.

- **2 Chronicles 31:10-11:** "And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store. Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them,"

When the excess dedicated things which the people of Israel and Judah had brought were **stored** in the temple, they were handled faithfully.

- **2 Chronicles 31:12:** "And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next."

During Hezekiah's reign, Cononiah and Shimei were in charge of the temple chambers that **stored** the people's excess offerings. (They were brothers.)

- **2 Chronicles 31:12-13:** "And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was

the next. And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God."

Hezekiah made for himself treasuries to **store** silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields, and jewels.

- **2 Chronicles 32:27:** "And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;"

Hezekiah had storehouses to **store** corn, wine, and oil.

- **2 Chronicles 32:28:** "Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks."

Hezekiah had stalls to **store** all kinds of animals.

- **2 Chronicles 32:28:** "Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks."

The house of the scrolls was where the treasures of Babylon were **stored**.

- **Ezra 6:1:** "Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the

treasures were laid up in Babylon."

Large quantities of food and wine were **stored** at the temple. (In other words, the temple was a storehouse.)

- **Nehemiah 10:37:** "And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage."

The treasure house of the temple was filled with food for the priests (because that's where the tithe was **stored**, and the tithe consisted of crops).

- **Nehemiah 10:38:** "And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house."

The vessels of the sanctuary were **stored** in the temple chambers (along with the tithe, which consisted of food).

- **Nehemiah 10:39:** "For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God."

The portion that was given to the priests and Levites was **stored** in the temple in Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 12:44:** "And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited."

The room in the temple where the tithes and sacrifices were supposed to be **stored** had been given to Tobiah (who was an enemy of both God and the Jews).

- **Nehemiah 13:4-5:** "And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah: And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests."

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem he discovered that Eliashib had taken the room in the temple that was supposed to **store** the tithes, and had given it to Tobiah (who was an enemy of both God and the Jews).

- **Nehemiah 13:7:** "And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God."

The tithe which the Jews brought was **stored** in the temple treasury.

- **Nehemiah 13:12:** "Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries."

God spoke of the treasures of hail. (This seems to refer to a place where hail is **stored** in reserve for times of judgment.)

- **Job 38:22-23:** "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?"

It's better to be righteous than to be wicked, because the righteous have a better fate in **store** for them than the wicked. (The righteous will be received into glory, while the wicked will be destroyed.)

- **Psalm 73:18-19, 24:** "Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. ... Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

Asaph said that the tabernacle contained the ways of God. (The tabernacle was where the Ark of the Covenant was located, which **stored** the Ten Commandments.)

- **Psalm 77:13:** "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?"

There's a tremendous blessing in **store** for those who walk uprightly.

- **Psalm 84:11:** "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

David wanted a great many things to be **stored** in the storehouses of his people. (In other words, he wanted them to prosper.)

- **Psalm 144:13:** "That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:"

God watches over the path of His saints. He protects them and **stores** up wisdom for them.

- **Proverbs 2:7-8:** "He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints."

It's good to **store** up knowledge.

- **Proverbs 10:14:** "Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction."

There are good things in **store** for the righteous. However, there's destruction in store for the wicked.

- **Proverbs 14:11:** "The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall

flourish."

It's wise to **store** up treasure in your home.

- **Proverbs 21:20:** "There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up."

The shields of mighty men were **stored** inside David's tower.

- **Song of Solomon 4:4:** "Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men."

There's woe in **store** for people, cities, and nations that choose evil.

- **Isaiah 3:8-9:** "For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves."

God has peace and good tidings in **store** for Jerusalem. (God will greatly bless the Jews during the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 52:7:** "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

There are good things in **store** for the meek.

- **Isaiah 61:1:** "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

God has a great future in **store** for the Jews. He will greatly bless them.

- **Isaiah 61:7:** "For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them."

God has a prosperous future in **store** for Israel.

- **Ezekiel 34:29-30:** "And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD."

There are great blessings in **store** for those who dwell under the shadow of God.

- **Hosea 14:7:** "They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon."

God is furious with the wicked. The Lord is **storing** up wrath

that He will one day pour out upon them.

- **Nahum 1:2:** "God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies."

The city of Nineveh couldn't be saved from God's wrath by **storing** water and piling up bricks.

- **Nahum 3:14-15:** "Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln. There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts."

God has a great future in **store** for His people. The Jews won't always be cast off.

- **Zechariah 10:8:** "I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased."

There are great blessings in **store** for those who fear the Lord.

- **Malachi 4:2:** "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

There's a great reward in **store** for those who are faithfully working at the jobs that Jesus has given them when He returns.

- **Matthew 24:45-47:** "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods."

In the parable of the rich man, he had so many crops that he didn't have a place to **store** all of them. He had an enormous amount of food (far more than he needed).

- **Luke 12:17:** "And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?"

It's not good when people who have far more than they can even **store** do nothing to help the poor, and instead spend it all on themselves.

- **Luke 12:18-20:** "And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

It's better to sell our possessions and give to the poor than to **store** up our possessions in this world. (This is because the reward for doing so is an everlasting reward in Heaven.)

- **Luke 12:33-34:** "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide

yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- **Luke 18:22:** "Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me."

There's a great blessing in **store** for those who Jesus catches watching for His return when He comes.

- **Luke 12:37:** "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

Those who sin and don't repent are **storing** up God's wrath and making their future much worse.

- **Romans 2:5:** "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"

There's a resurrection in **store** for Christians. Those who died in the Lord won't always be dead.

- **1 Corinthians 6:14:** "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

There's glory in **store** for the church. That's something we can look forward to even in the midst of persecution.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:14:** "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

When Paul faced execution, he looked at the resurrection of Christ as an example of the resurrection that was in **store** for the saints.

- **2 Timothy 2:11:** "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:"

We must bear the reproach of Christ in this world, because there are better things in **store** for us in the world to come.

- **Hebrews 13:13-14:** "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

There's terrible misery in **store** for people who obtained their wealth through fraud and oppression.

- **James 5:1, 4:** "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. ... Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

There's joy in **store** for those who patiently endure affliction.

- **James 5:11:** "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."