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- An extreme food shortage, also, a scarcity of hearing the words of Yehowah, that is, a spiritual famine.

- Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and I will send a **famine** into the land, a famine, not for bread, and a thirst, not for water, but for hearing the words of Yehowah. ([Amos 8:11](#))

- **Famine** is one of the plagues to come upon symbolic Babylon the Great.

- That is why in one day her plagues will come, death and mourning and **famine**, and she will be completely burned with fire, because Yehowah God, who judged her, is strong. ([Revelation 18:8](#))

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- So Moses stretched out his rod toward the heavens, and Yehowah gave thunders and hail, and fire would run down to the earth, and Yehowah kept making it rain down hail upon the land of Egypt. ([Exodus 9:23](#))

- Thus there came hail, and fire quivering in among the hail. It was very heavy, so that there had not occurred any like it in all the land of Egypt from the time it became a nation. ([Exodus 9:24](#))

- And the hail went striking at all the land of Egypt. The hail struck everything that was in the field, from man to beast, and all sorts of vegetation of the field, and it shattered all sorts of trees of the field. ([Exodus 9:25](#))

- Pests, scorching and mildew of crops, as well as war, were among the common causes of **famine** in Bible times.

- And as for me, I also withheld from you people the downpour

when there were yet three months to the harvest, and I made it rain on one city, but on another city I would not make it rain. There was one tract of land that would be rained on, but a tract of land on which I would not make it rain would be dried up. (**Amos 4:7**)

- And two or three cities staggered to one city in order to drink water, and they would not get satisfied, but you did not come back to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Amos 4:8**)
- I struck you people with scorching and mildew. There was a multiplying of your gardens and of your vineyards, but your fig trees and your olive trees the caterpillar would devour, yet you did not come back to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Amos 4:9**)
- I sent among you people a pestilence in the nature of that of Egypt. With the sword I killed your young men, along with the taking captive of your horses. And I kept making the stink of your camps ascend even into your nostrils, but you did not come back to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Amos 4:10**)
- I struck you people with scorching and with mildew and with hail, even all the work of your hands, and there was no one with you turning to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Haggai 2:17**)
- Locusts, sometimes coming in huge hordes, were especially devastating to crops.
- And they went covering the visible surface of the entire land, and the land grew dark, and they went on eating up all the vegetation of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left, and there was left nothing green on the trees or on the vegetation of the field in all the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 10:15**)
- Sometimes the problem was not lack of rain, but rain at the wrong season, as during the wheat or barley harvest.
- I shall also certainly give your showers of rain at their proper time, and the land will indeed give its yield, and the tree of the field will give its fruit. (**Leviticus 26:4**)
- Is it not wheat harvest today? I shall call to Yehowah that he may give thunders and rain, then know and see that your evil is

abundant that you have done in the eyes of Yehowah in asking for yourselves a king. (1 Samuel 12:17)

- Upon that Samuel called to Yehowah, and Yehowah proceeded to give thunders and rain on that day, so that all the people were greatly in fear of Yehowah and of Samuel. (1 Samuel 12:18)
- Temporary hunger is a natural sensation, but prolonged hunger, as by **famine**, is very detrimental to mental and physical health. Marked lethargy sets in, the emotions are dulled, and there is mental apathy. The mind is dominated by a desire for food.
- And the sons of Israel kept saying to them; If only we had died by Yehowah's hand in the land of Egypt while we were sitting by the pots of meat, while we were eating bread to satisfaction, because you have brought us out into this wilderness to put this whole congregation to death by **famine**. (Exodus 16:3)
- Moral standards fall.
- And each one will certainly pass through the land hard pressed and hungry, and it must occur that because he is hungry and has made himself feel indignant, he will actually call down evil upon his king and upon his God and will certainly peer upward. (Isaiah 8:21)
- Actual starvation may have a dehumanizing effect, resulting in theft, murder, and even cannibalism. **Famine** is often accompanied by sickness and epidemics because of the weakened condition of those affected.
- Exhausted from hunger they will be and eaten up by burning fever and bitter destruction. And the teeth of beasts I shall send upon them, with the venom of reptiles of the dust. (Deuteronomy 32:24)

## •• Ancient Famines

- The first truly historical **famine** is the one that forced Abram, Abraham to leave Canaan and take up alien residence in Egypt.
- Now a **famine** arose in the land and Abram made his way down toward Egypt to reside there as an alien, because the famine was severe in the land. (Genesis 12:10)

- In Isaac's day another **famine** occurred, but Yehowah told him not to go to Egypt.
- Now there arose a **famine** in the land, besides the first famine that occurred in the days of Abraham, so that Isaac directed himself to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, to Gerar. (**Genesis 26:1**)
- Then Yehowah appeared to him and said; Do not go down to Egypt. Tabernacle in the land that I designate to you. (**Genesis 26:2**)
- The seven-year **famine** that came upon Egypt while Joseph served as prime minister and food administrator evidently reached far beyond the boundaries of Egypt, for people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy food from Joseph.
- And, in turn, the seven years of the **famine** started to come, just as Joseph had said. And the **famine** developed in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was found bread. (**Genesis 41:54**)
- Finally all the land of Egypt became famished and the people began to cry to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians; Go to Joseph. Whatever he says to you, you are to do. (**Genesis 41:55**)
- And the **famine** obtained over all the surface of the earth. Then Joseph began to open up all the grain depositories that were among them and to sell to the Egyptians, as the **famine** got a strong grip on the land of Egypt. (**Genesis 41:56**)
- Moreover, people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy from Joseph, because the **famine** had a strong grip on all the earth. (**Genesis 41:57**)
- While the Egyptian inscriptions scrupulously avoid any reference to Israel's sojourn in Egypt, there are ancient Egyptian texts that describe periods of **famine** due to insufficient rising of the Nile River. One text describes a period of seven years of low Nile risings and the resulting **famine**.

- According to the account, certain portions of land were granted to the priesthood when relief from the **famine** came. Although the question is raised as to whether the document is a priestly forgery of some late period, justifying their claim to territorial privileges, at least we see reflected a tradition of a period of seven lean years. [Ancient Near Eastern Texts, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, p. 31]

- Before Israel entered the Promised Land, Yehowah, through Moses, assured them that they would have an abundance of food if they continued serving Him in faithfulness.

- Yehowah will also make you overflow indeed with prosperity in the fruit of your belly and the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground, on the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give you. (Deuteronomy 28:11)

- Yehowah will open up to you his good storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain on your land in its season and to bless every deed of your hand, and you will certainly lend to many nations, while you yourself will not borrow. (Deuteronomy 28:12)

- However, **famine** would be one of the fearful results to come upon Israel for unfaithfulness.

- Your skies that are over your head must also become copper, and the earth that is beneath you iron. (Deuteronomy 28:23)

- A lot of seed you will take out to the field, but little will you gather, because the locust will devour it. (Deuteronomy 28:38)

- Vineyards you will plant and certainly cultivate, but you will drink no wine and gather nothing in, because the worm will eat it up. (Deuteronomy 28:39)

- You will come to have olive trees in all your territory, but you will rub yourself with no oil, because your olives will drop off. (Deuteronomy 28:40)

- All your trees and the fruitage of your ground whirring insects will take in possession. (Deuteronomy 28:42)

- A **famine** in the days of the Judges prompted Naomi's husband Elimelech of Bethlehem to reside with his **family** as an alien in Moab.

- Now it came about in the days when the judges administered justice that a famine arose in the land, and a man proceeded to go from Bethlehem in Judah to reside as an alien in the fields of Moab, he with his wife and his two sons. ([Ruth 1:1](#))
- And the man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. Eventually they came to the fields of Moab and continued there. ([Ruth 1:2](#))
- Yehowah brought a three-year **famine** upon the land of Israel in David's day because of bloodguilt resting on the house of Saul in connection with the Gibeonites.
- Now there came to be a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David proceeded to consult the face of Yehowah. Then Yehowah said; Upon Saul and upon his house there is bloodguilt, because he put the Gibeonites to death. ([2 Samuel 21:1](#))
- And David went on to say to the Gibeonites; What shall I do to you, and with what shall I make atonement, that you may certainly bless the inheritance of Yehowah? ([2 Samuel 21:3](#))
- So the Gibeonites said to him; It is not a matter of silver or gold for us in connection with Saul and his household, neither is it ours to put a man to death in Israel. At that he said; Whatever you are saying I shall do for you. ([2 Samuel 21:4](#))
- At this they said to the king; The man that exterminated us and that schemed to annihilate us from subsisting in any of the territory of Israel. ([2 Samuel 21:5](#))
- Let there be given to us seven men of his sons, and we must expose them to Yehowah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen one of Yehowah. Accordingly the king said; I myself shall give them. ([2 Samuel 21:6](#))
- However, the king felt compassion upon Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul on account of the oath of Yehowah that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. ([2 Samuel 21:7](#))

- **A three-and-a-half-year drought resulting in severe **famine** came upon unfaithful Israel in answer to Elijah's prayer. (1 Kings Chapter 17)**
- **Elijah was a man with feelings like ours, and yet in prayer he prayed for it not to rain, and it did not rain upon the land for three years and six months. (James 5:17)**
- **In addition to general famines in Elisha's day, there was the famine produced by the Syrian siege of Samaria, during which one case of cannibalism was reported.**
- **And Elisha himself returned to Gilgal, and there was famine in the land. As the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he in time said to his attendant; Put the large cooking pot on and boil stew for the sons of the prophets. (2 Kings 4:38)**
- **And Elisha himself had spoken to the woman whose son he had revived, saying; Rise up and go, you with your household, and reside as an alien wherever you can reside as an alien, for Yehowah has called for a **famine**, and, besides, it must come upon the land for seven years. (2 Kings 8:1)**
- **And it came about afterward that Ben-hadad the king of Syria proceeded to collect all his camp together and to go up and besiege Samaria. (2 Kings 6:24)**
- **In time a great **famine** arose in Samaria, and, look! They were besieging it until an ass's head got to be worth eighty silver pieces, and the fourth of a cab measure of doves dung was worth five silver pieces. (2 Kings 6:25)**
- **And it came about as the king of Israel was passing along upon the wall that a certain woman cried out to him, saying; Do save, O my lord the king! (2 Kings 6:26)**
- **To this he said; If Yehowah does not save you, from what source shall I save you? Either from the threshing floor or from the wine or oil press? (2 Kings 6:27)**
- **And the king went on to say to her; What is the matter with you? So she said; This very woman said to me; Give your son that we may eat him today, and my own son we shall eat tomorrow. (2 Kings 6:28)**

- Accordingly we boiled my son and ate him. Then I said to her on the next day, Give your son that we may eat him. But she hid her son. (2 Kings 6:29)
- Although God's prophets warned that apostasy would bring death by famine, pestilence, and the sword, the unfaithful Judeans preferred to listen to their false prophets, who assured them that no such calamity would come.
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Do not pray in behalf of this people for any good. (Jeremiah 14:11)
- When they fast, I am not listening to their entreating cry, and when they offer up the whole burnt offering and the grain offering, I am taking no pleasure in them, for by the sword and by **famine** and by pestilence I am bringing them to their end. (Jeremiah 14:12)
- At this I said, Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here the prophets are saying to them, you will see no sword, and there will be no famine to happen to you, but true peace is what I shall give you in this place. (Jeremiah 14:13)
- And Yehowah went on to say to me; Falsehood is what the prophets are prophesying in my name. I have not sent them, nor have I commanded them or spoken to them. A false vision and divination and a valueless thing and the trickiness of their heart they are speaking prophetically to you people. (Jeremiah 14:14)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said concerning the prophets who are prophesying in my name and whom I myself did not send and who are saying that no sword or **famine** will occur in this land. By sword and by **famine** those prophets will come to their finish. (Jeremiah 14:15)
- And the very people to whom they are prophesying will become people cast out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword, with no one to do the burying of them, them, their wives and their sons and their daughters. And I will pour out upon them their calamity. (Jeremiah 14:16)
- And you must say to them this word, Let my eyes run down with tears night and day and let them not keep still, for with a great

crash the virgin daughter of my people has been broken, with an extremely sickish stroke. (**Jeremiah 14:17**)

- If I actually go out into the field, look, now, those slain by the sword! And if I actually come into the city, look, also, the maladies from the famine! For both the prophet and the priest themselves have gone around to a land that they have not known. (**Jeremiah 14:18**)
- A third of you, by the pestilence they will die, and by **famine** they will come to their end in the midst of you. And another third, by the sword they will fall all around you. And the last third I shall scatter even to every wind, and a sword is what I shall draw out after them. (**Ezekiel 5:12**)
- And my anger will certainly come to its finish and I will appease my rage on them and comfort myself, and they will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken in my insistence on exclusive devotion, when I bring my rage to its finish upon them. (**Ezekiel 5:13**)
- And I shall make you a devastated place and a reproach among the nations that are all around you before the eyes of every passerby. (**Ezekiel 5:14**)
- And you must become a reproach and an object of reviling words, a warning example and a horror to the nations that are all around you, when I do in you acts of judgment in anger and in rage and in raging reproofs. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (**Ezekiel 5:15**)
- When I send the injurious arrows of the **famine** upon them, which must prove to be for ruination, which arrows I shall send to bring you people to ruin, even **famine** I shall increase upon you people and I will break your rods around which ring-shaped loaves are suspended. (**Ezekiel 5:16**)
- And I will send upon you people **famine** and injurious wild beasts, and they must bereave you of children, and pestilence and blood themselves will pass along through you, and a sword I shall bring in upon you. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (**Ezekiel 5:17**)

- Yet the words of God's prophets proved true. So severe was the **famine** in Jerusalem during the siege by the Babylonians 609-607 B.C.E, that women boiled and ate their own children.
- O how the gold that shines becomes dim, the good gold! O how the holy stones are poured out at the head of all the streets! (**Lamentations 4:1**)
- As for the precious sons of Zion, those who were weighed against refined gold, O how they have been reckoned as large jars of earthenware, the work of the hands of a potter! (**Lamentations 4:2**)
- Even jackals themselves have presented the udder. They have suckled their cubs. The daughter of my people becomes cruel, like ostriches in the wilderness. (**Lamentations 4:3**)
- The tongue of the suckling has cleaved to its palate because of thirst. Children themselves have asked for bread. There is no one dealing it out to them. (**Lamentations 4:4**)
- The very ones that were eating pleasant things have been struck with astonishment in the streets. The very ones that were being reared in scarlet have had to embrace ash heaps. (**Lamentations 4:5**)
- The punishment for the error of the daughter of my people also becomes greater than the punishment for the sin of Sodom; Which was overthrown as in a moment, and to which no hands turned helpfully. (**Lamentations 4:6**)
- Her Nazirites were purer than snow. They were whiter than milk. They were in fact more ruddy than corals. Their polish was as the sapphire. (**Lamentations 4:7**)
- Their aspect has become darker than blackness itself. They have not been recognized in the streets. Their skin has shriveled upon their bones. It has become just as dry as a tree. (**Lamentations 4:8**)
- Better have those slain with the sword proved to be than those slain by **famine**, because these pine away, pierced through for lack of the produce of the open field. (**Lamentations 4:9**)

- The very hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children. They have become as bread of consolation to one during the breakdown of the daughter of my people. (**Lamentations 4:10**)
- Our very skin has grown hot just like a furnace, because of the pangs of hunger. (**Lamentations 5:10**)
- And it came about in the ninth year of his being king, in the tenth month on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, yes, he and all his military force, against Jerusalem and began camping against it and building against it a siege wall all around. (**2 Kings 25:1**)
- And the city came to be under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (**2 Kings 25:2**)
- On the ninth day of the fourth month the **famine** was severe in the city, and there proved to be no bread for the people of the land. (**2 Kings 25:3**)
- Finally it came about in the ninth year of his being king, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and all his military force, against Jerusalem, and they began to camp against her and to build against her a siege wall all around. (**Jeremiah 52:4**)
- So the city came under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (**Jeremiah 52:5**)
- In the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine also got to be severe in the city and there proved to be no bread for the people of the land. (**Jeremiah 52:6**)
- And they will certainly eat the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground until you have been annihilated, and they will let no grain, new wine or oil, no young of your cattle or progeny of your flock, remain for you until they have destroyed you. (**Deuteronomy 28:51**)
- And they will indeed besiege you within all your gates until your high and fortified walls in which you are trusting fall in all your land, yes, they will certainly besiege you within all your gates in all your land, which Yehowah your God has given you.

**(Deuteronomy 28:52)**

- Then you will have to eat the fruit of your belly, the flesh of your sons and your daughters, whom Yehowah your God has given you, because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in. **(Deuteronomy 28:53)**
- Through the prophet Joel, Yehowah forewarned Israel of a tremendous plague of insects that would devastate the land and bring about severe **famine** prior to the coming of the day of Yehowah. **(Joel Chapter 1)**
- Centuries later, food shortages were foretold by Jesus as being among the characteristics marking the conclusion of the system of things.
- While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things? **(Matthew 24:3)**
- For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be **food shortages** and earthquakes in one place after another. **(Matthew 24:7)**
- And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say; Come! And I saw, and, look! A black horse, and the one seated upon it had a pair of scales in his hand. **(Revelation 6:5)**
- And I heard a voice as if in the midst of the four living creatures say; A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the olive oil and the wine. **(Revelation 6:6)**
- As announced in advance by Agabus, a Christian prophet, a great famine did occur in the time of Emperor Claudius **41-54 C.E.**
- One of them named Agabus rose and proceeded to indicate through the spirit that a great famine was about to come upon the entire inhabited earth, which, for that matter, did take place in the time of Claudius. **(Acts of Apostles 11:28)**

- A few years earlier, in the year **42 C.E.**, a severe **famine** had hit Egypt, where many Jews resided. And great necessity came on the land of Judah and Jerusalem when the Roman armies under General Titus besieged Jerusalem and finally destroyed it in **70 C.E.**
- Woe to the pregnant women and the ones suckling a baby in those days! For there will be great necessity upon the land and wrath on this people. (**Luke 21:23**)
- Josephus recounts the terrible starvation conditions in the city, in which people resorted to the eating of leather, grass, and hay, and in one instance, a mother even roasted and ate her son. [**The Jewish War, VI, 193-213, iii, 3,4**]
- When foretelling such food shortages, however, Jesus indicated that he had in mind not only events preceding Jerusalem's destruction but also what would occur when the time arrived for the Son of man to return in the glory of his Kingdom.
- And there will be great earthquakes, and in one place after another pestilences and food shortages, and there will be fearful sights and from heaven great signs. (**Luke 21:11**)
- And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (**Luke 21:27**)
- In this way you also, when you see these things occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near. (**Luke 21:31**)
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## •• Freedom From Famine

- Christ Jesus gives assurance that the prayer of faithful servants for their daily bread would be answered by God and that those putting God's Kingdom first would be cared for.

- Give us today our bread for this day. (**Matthew 6:11**)
- Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)
- To deliver their soul from death itself, and to preserve them alive in **famine**. (**Psalms 33:19**)
- They will not be ashamed in the time of calamity, and in the days of **famine** they will be satisfied. (**Psalms 37:19**)
- A young man I used to be, I have also grown old, and yet I have not seen anyone righteous left entirely, nor his offspring **looking for bread**. (**Psalms 37:25**)
- However, because of opposition and persecution, Jesus showed that his servants might **suffer hunger** at times.
- For I became hungry and you gave me something to eat, I got thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you received me hospitably. (**Matthew 25:35**)
- Then the righteous ones will answer him with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? (**Matthew 25:37**)
- And in reply the king will say to them, truly I say to you; To the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (**Matthew 25:40**)
- The apostle Paul in particular recounts his suffering both hunger and thirst many times while engaged in the ministry under difficult circumstances.
- Down to this very hour we continue to hunger and also to thirst and to be scantily clothed and to be knocked about and to be homeless. (**1 Corinthians 4:11**)
- And to toil, working with our own hands. When being reviled, we bless, when being persecuted, we bear up. (**1 Corinthians 4:12**)
- When being defamed, we entreat, we have become as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things, until now. (**1 Corinthians 4:13**)

- In labor and toil, in sleepless nights often, in **hunger** and thirst, in abstinence from food many times, in cold and nakedness. (2 **Corinthians 11:27**)
- I know indeed how to be low on provisions, I know indeed how to have an abundance. In everything and in all circumstances I have learned the secret of both how to be full and how to hunger, both how to have an abundance and how to suffer want. (**Philippians 4:12**)
- Yet he expressed confidence that physical hunger would never be able to separate God's faithful servants from the sustaining strength of God's love.
- Who will separate us from the love of the Christ? Will tribulation or distress or persecution or **hunger** or nakedness or danger or sword? (**Romans 8:35**)
- For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers (**Romans 8:38**)
- Nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (**Romans 8:39**)
- Woe to you who are filled up now, because you will go hungry. Woe, you who are laughing now, because you will mourn and weep. (**Luke 6:25**)
- Those who have a proper **hunger** and thirst for righteousness and truth will always be spiritually filled.
- Happy are those **hungering** and **thirsting** for righteousness, since they will be filled. (**Matthew 5:6**)
- Jesus said to them; I am the bread of life. He that comes to me will not get hungry at all, and he that exercises faith in me will never get thirsty at all. (**John 6:35**)
- This includes those of the great crowd who have hope of surviving the great tribulation and of whom it is written that they will hunger no more nor thirst anymore.

- **After these things I saw, and, look! A great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and there were palm branches in their hands. ([Revelation 7:9](#))**
- **And in response one of the elders said to me; These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from? ([Revelation 7:13](#))**
- **So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ([Revelation 7:14](#))**
- **That is why they are before the throne of God, and they are rendering him sacred service day and night in his temple, and the One seated on the throne will spread his tent over them. ([Revelation 7:15](#))**
- **Because the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will shepherd them, and will guide them to fountains of waters of life. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes. ([Revelation 7:17](#))**
- **And under the rule of God's Kingdom there will also come to be an abundance to satisfy the physical hunger of all mankind.**
- **There will come to be plenty of grain on the earth, on the top of the mountains there will be an overflow. His fruit will be as in Lebanon, and those who are from the city will blossom like the vegetation of the earth. ([Psalms 72:16](#))**
- **And Yehowah of armies will certainly make for all the peoples, in this mountain, a banquet of well-oiled dishes, a banquet of wine kept on the dregs, of well-oiled dishes filled with marrow, of wine kept on the dregs, filtered. ([Isaiah 25:6](#))**