

~GATHERING (507)

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- When Jacob arrived in Haran he observed that it was not yet time for **gathering** the sheep to water them.
- And he went on to say; Why, it is yet full day. It is not the time for **gathering** the herds. Water the sheep, then go feed them. (**Genesis 29:7**)
- Some of the Israelites upon seeing the manna were **gathering** much, and some others little, yet they all came to have the same amount when finished.
- And the sons of Israel began to do so, and they went picking it up, some **gathering** much and some gathering little. (**Exodus 16:17**)
- Upon seeing the idolatry of Israel he went **gathering** to himself all the Levites to his side to defend Yehowah God.
- Then Moses took his stand in the gate of the camp and said; Who is on Yehowah's side? To me! And all the sons of Levi began **gathering** themselves to him. (**Exodus 32:26**)
- Part of the blessing of Israel was that their grape **gathering** would reach until the next year's sowing of crops.
- And your threshing will certainly reach to your grape **gathering**, and the grape gathering will reach to the sowing of seed, and you will indeed eat your bread to satisfaction and dwell in security in your land. (**Leviticus 26:5**)
- Moses went **gathering** seventy of the older men of Israel.
- After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went **gathering** seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round about the tent. (**Numbers 11:24**)

- The Israelites spent two days **gathering** all the quails that fell all around their camp.
- Then the people got up all that day and all night and all the next day and kept **gathering** the quail. The one collecting least gathered ten homers, and they kept spreading them extensively all around the camp for themselves. (**Numbers 11:32**)
- The man of Israel went **gathering** together against God's appointed High Priest Aaron.
- For that reason you and all your assembly who are **gathering** together are against Yehowah. As for Aaron, what is he that you men should murmur against him? (**Numbers 16:11**)
- The one **gathering** the ashes of the cow must wash his garments and remain unclean until the evening.
- And the one **gathering** the ashes of the cow must wash his garments and be unclean until the evening. And it must serve the sons of Israel and the alien resident who is residing as an alien in their midst as a statute to time indefinite. (**Numbers 19:10**)
- Are not the gleanings of Ephraim, Israel's largest and most prominent tribe, better than the **full harvest** of Abi-ezer?
- Finally he said to them; What now have I done in comparison with you? Are not the gleanings of Ephraim better than the grape **gathering** of Abi-ezer? (**Judges 8:2**)
- They went out as usual and engaged in **gathering** the grapes of their vineyards.
- And they went out as usual into the field and engaged in **gathering** the grapes of their vineyards and in treading them and in carrying on a festal exultation, after which they went into the house of their god and ate and drank and called down evil upon Abimelech. (**Judges 9:27**)
- Sihon went **gathering** his forces to war against Israel not allowing them to cross his territory.
- And Sihon did not feel sure about Israel's crossing through his

territory, and Sihon went **gathering** all his people together and camping in Jahaz and fighting against Israel. (**Judges 11:20**)

- The sons of Benjamin went **gathering** themselves to the city of Gibeah, to war against the other tribes of Israel.
- Then the sons of Benjamin went **gathering** together out of the cities to Gibeah to go out to battle against the sons of Israel. (**Judges 20:14**)
- Solomon kept **gathering** more chariots and steeds to pull them.
- And Solomon kept **gathering** more chariots and steeds, and he came to have a thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand steeds, and he kept them stationed in the chariot cities and close by the king in Jerusalem. (**1 Kings 10:26**)
- And Solomon kept **gathering** chariots and steeds so that he came to have a thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand steeds, and he kept them stationed in chariot cities and close by the king at Jerusalem. (**2 Chronicles 1:14**)
- Elijah upon entering Zarephath met a woman who was **gathering** pieces of wood.
- Accordingly he rose up and went to Zarephath and came into the entrance of the city, and, look! A woman, a widow, was there **gathering** up pieces of wood. So he called to her and said; Please, get me a sip of water in a vessel that I may drink. (**1 Kings 17:10**)
- At this she said; As Yehowah your God is living, I have no round cake, but a handful of flour in the large jar and a little oil in the small jar, and here I am **gathering** up a few pieces of wood, and I must go in and make something for myself and my son, and we shall have to eat it and die. (**1 Kings 17:12**)
- Josiah was told by Yehowah God's prophet, that because he softened his heart toward Yehowah God, he was being **gathered** to his forefathers in peace.
- That is why here I am **gathering** you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to your own graveyard in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing

upon this place. And they proceeded to bring the king the reply.
(2 Kings 22:20)

- Here I am **gathering** you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to your graveyard in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing upon this place and its inhabitants. Then they brought the reply to the king. (2 Chronicles 34:28)
- The people came **gathering** to Ezra trembling at the words of the God of Israel against the unfaithfulness of the exiled people.
- Also to me they came **gathering** themselves, everyone trembling because of the words of the God of Israel against the unfaithfulness of the exiled people, while I was sitting stunned until the grain offering of the evening. (Ezra 9:4)
- The Psalmist showed, referring to the Red Sea, how Yehowah God went **gathering** the waters as by a dam.
- He is **gathering** as by a dam the waters of the sea, putting in storehouses the surging waters. (Psalms 33:7)
- The Psalmist showed how futile the **gathering** material things is, when someone else ends up using them.
- Surely in a semblance man walks about. Surely they are boisterous in vain. One piles up things and does not know who will be **gathering** them. (Psalms 39:6)
- The Psalmist showed that those hating Zion, and what she stands for, would become like sheafs of grass left by the reaper in the field. For their lives amounted to nothing.
- With which the reaper has not filled his own hand, nor anyone **gathering** sheaves his own bosom. (Psalms 129:7)
- The son acting with insight is **gathering** during the summer.
- The son acting with insight is **gathering** during the summertime, the son acting shamefully is fast asleep during the harvest. (Proverbs 10:5)

- Yehowah God has given to the sinner the occupation of merely **gathering** things together for the righteousness man.
- For to the man that is good before him he has given wisdom and knowledge and rejoicing, but to the sinner he has given the occupation of **gathering** and bringing together merely to give to the one that is good before the true God. This too is vanity and a striving after wind. (**Ecclesiastes 2:26**)
- In that day the blessing of Yehowah will have been removed from all the earth and religion will not prosper. Then it will be, that the harvester will become like one **gathering** ears of grain after a harvest. There will be very little left to collect.
- And it must occur that when the harvester is **gathering** the standing grain and his own arm harvests the ears of grain, he must even become like one gleaning ears of grain in the low plain of Rephaim. (**Isaiah 17:5**)
- There will be in among the peoples just a precious few as after the beating off of the olive tree or the gleaning after the **gathering** of grapes. After religion is destroyed and outlawed by the nations, there will be precious few remaining in her, who still care about God.
- For thus it will become in the midst of the land, in among the peoples, like the beating off of the olive tree, like the gleaning when the grape **gathering** has come to an end. (**Isaiah 24:13**)
- These ones, who over the last six thousand years dominated earth's affairs, will all be **gathered** together to the pit in death and then as the end of an abundance of days, one-thousand years, they will be given attention.
- And they will certainly be gathered with a **gathering** as of prisoners into the pit, and be shut up in the dungeon, and after an abundance of days they will be given attention. (**Isaiah 24:22**)
- Most of the sects of Christendom today, are unconcerned about the presence and coming of the Son of Man during this generation. However, in just a little over a year's time the conditions will go from plenty to famine. The fruit will disappear, that has come into them for so long now.
- Within a year and some days you careless ones will be agitated,

because the grape picking will have come to an end but no fruit **gathering** will come in. (**Isaiah 32:10**)

- The nations of earth, who are all currently bankrupt, will claim all of religion's wealth, coming in upon her like cockroaches or a swarm of locusts when **gathering** in, devouring everything, and leaving complete devastation in their wake.
- And the spoil of you people will actually be gathered like the cockroaches when **gathering** in, like the onrush of locust swarms that is rushing against one. (**Isaiah 33:4**)
- Those in Zion, who are **gathering** this food and drink under direction of the Son of Man, will be filled with praise for Yehowah, for blessing their spiritual fields. They will always bring their very best firstfruits to Yehowah house, and they will drink and eat communion sacrifices in his holy courtyards.
- But the very ones **gathering** it will eat it, and they will be certain to praise Yehowah, and the very ones collecting it will drink it in my holy courtyards. (**Isaiah 62:9**)
- The gleaning came after the full harvest of the grape clusters. Then there would be only a few isolated grapes remaining, a mere remnant. When one **gathers** these remnants he wraps his hand loosely around the grapes, and gently pulls until the grapes come loose in his hand.
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; They will without fail glean the remnant of Israel just like a vine. Put your hand back like one that is **gathering** grapes upon the vine tendrils. (**Jeremiah 6:9**)
- There was no longer a reason to keep their vine, their national organization together, for it had stopped producing good fruitage. He would remove his loving care from that vine, and it would wither away. Even blessings that he had previously given them like the book, **Revealing The Sons Of God**, would pass them by, because of their own refusal to listen and take discipline. The great refiner of souls was going to melt down their national organization.
- When doing the **gathering**, I shall bring them to their finish, is the utterance of Yehowah. There will be no grapes on the vine, and there will be no figs on the fig tree, and the foliage itself will

certainly wither. And things that I give to them will pass by them. ([Jeremiah 8:13](#))

- The dead bodies of the men will fall like a row of newly cut grain following after the reaper, with no one to do the **gathering** up.
- Speak; This is what the utterance of Yehowah is; The dead bodies of mankind must also fall like manure upon the face of the field and like a row of newly cut grain after the reaper, with no one to do the **gathering** up. ([Jeremiah 9:22](#))
- Yehowah's promise to rebuild Jerusalem, is one that gives hope to all of his faithful people. They will not forever languish as exiles in a foreign land, but he will **regather** them, and bring them back onto their homeland. Jerusalem will be rebuilt, true worship will flourish. Once the nations destroy all false religion from the earth, it will seem bleak indeed to the exiles of Judah. Will they ever again be able to worship God in their homeland? Yehowah's promise above provides hope, that this action on his part is for their benefit. It will clear away all that is false, and make room for true worship to flourish earthwide.
- This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am **gathering** the captive ones of the tents of Jacob, and for his tabernacles I shall have pity. And the city will actually be rebuilt upon her mound, and upon its rightful site the dwelling tower itself will sit. ([Jeremiah 30:18](#))
- All of these dispersed Jews then came back to Mizpah and there they took to **gathering** the summer fruits of the land. Due to the reduced populations there was an abundance of good things and they would do well upon the land as a result. Also Yehowah would bless those who obeyed him.
- And all the Jews began to return from all the places to which they had been dispersed, and they kept coming into the land of Judah to Gedaliah at Mizpah. And they went **gathering** wine and summer fruits in very great quantity. ([Jeremiah 40:12](#))
- Her voice is deceptive like the voice of a serpent, her ruler of the air, Satan the Devil. Men will rise up against her exerting their vital energy, with axes they will break her apart and take her pieces like those **gathering** wood for a fire.
- Her voice is like that of a serpent that goes along, for with vital

energy men will go, and with axes they will actually come in to her, like those who are **gathering** pieces of wood. (**Jeremiah 46:22**)

- Christendom has grown like a mighty vine, until she has covered all of the earth. Her flourishing shoots have crossed over the sea and into every land and island nation in the world. Her missionaries have gone into every foreign land and started up sects there. She is at her most powerful point in history, just like the fruit of the vine at the season of the harvest. Therefore upon her summer fruitage and upon her grape **gathering**, the despoiler will come.
- With more than the weeping for Jazer I shall weep for you, O vine of Sibmah. Your own flourishing shoots have crossed over the sea. To the sea, to Jazer, they have reached. Upon your summer fruitage and upon your grape **gathering** the despoiler himself has fallen. (**Jeremiah 48:32**)
- Yehowah, through Micah, now compares his own desire to see righteousness come forth from Israel, to the **gathering** of the summer fruit, or the **gathering** of a grape harvest. Though he would desire a rich ripe cluster of grapes to eat, or of figs, there is only a gleaning remaining, only a few righteous ones among his people Israel.
- Too bad for me, for I have become like the **gatherings** of summer fruit, like the gleaning of a grape **gathering**! There is no grape cluster to eat, no early fig, that my soul would desire! (**Micah 7:1**)
- Yehowah now relates the problem with so many men, they are drunk on their wicked deeds, and they are self-assuming, while dealing treacherously with others. All those doing so will not reach their goals, all those who keep seeking things for themselves and who are never satisfied with what they have, are like death, which itself is never satisfied. Yehowah will keep **gathering** to himself all the nations, and collecting to himself all the peoples, there is no getting away from his control over them.
- And, indeed, because the wine is dealing treacherously, an able-bodied man is self-assuming, and he will not reach his goal, he who has made his soul spacious just like Sheol, and who is like death and cannot be satisfied. And he keeps **gathering** to himself all the nations and collecting together to himself all the peoples. (**Habakkuk 2:5**)

- So Zephaniah calls for the people of the land to be called together, yes, do the **gathering** together, for Israel is a nation not paling in shame, as she should be, before her God, and that is why, Yehowah will bring such a destruction.
- Gather yourselves together, yes, do the **gathering**, O nation not paling in shame. (**Zephaniah 2:1**)
- So Herod **gathered** together the Jewish religious leaders and inquired of them where this promised seed of the Messiah was prophesied to come forth from.
- And on **gathering** together all the chief priests and scribes of the people he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. (**Matthew 2:4**)
- He told them rather to wait for the harvest season, and then he would give instructions for the weeds to be pulled up, collected together and burned. Then it would be safe for them to go **gathering** the wheat he originally planted in the field. Thus true Christians would be allowed to grow right alongside of the weed like Christians, and only at the time of harvest would they be separated, and the false Christians **gathered** up and destroyed.
- Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest season I will tell the reapers; First collect the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them up, then go to **gathering** the wheat into my storehouse. (**Matthew 13:30**)
- Next Jesus uses another illustration of what the Kingdom of God is like. It is like a dragnet let down into the sea and **gathering** up fish of every kind.
- Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet let down into the sea and **gathering** up fish of every kind. (**Matthew 13:47**)
- Finally the slave with the least ability came forward and called his master an exacting man. He felt that his master **gathering** where he did not sow, and so he was not deserving of any increase in his belongings.
- Finally the one that had received the one talent came forward and said; Master, I knew you to be an exacting man, reaping where you did not sow and **gathering** where you did not winnow.

(Matthew 25:24)

- Then he showed that the reaper, the ones sharing in the **gathering** in of this spiritual harvest, were already receiving wages for their work, to the end, that both the sower and the reaper might rejoice together in this fine work. The sower was Yehowah God who had started the Israelite system of things many years before. Together they would rejoice in a fine harvest of spiritually minded ones.
- The reaper is receiving wages and **gathering** fruit for everlasting life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. (John 4:36)
- So the next day the rulers of the people went **gathering** together in their Sanhedrin Hall along with many of the older men and scribes, to consult together over this matter.
- The next day there took place in Jerusalem the **gathering** together of their rulers and older men and scribes. (Acts of Apostles 4:5)
- Christians should appreciate the true value of **gathering** together, with ones who share their beliefs, and who are working together to attain to those same fine goals, just like they are, for this is upbuilding.
- Some developed the custom of not **gathering** together, but Paul showed, that it was essential for spiritual growth, and upbuilding of one another. It is encouraging to sit down with a group of people, who share our spiritual values, and to discuss intelligently and peacefully our hope. We get more out of it, than we could ever get out of studying alone.
- Paul then shows, that the value of coming together like this will only increase, as we get nearer to the fulfillment of all of God's grand promises. We are at that point today!
- Not forsaking the **gathering** of ourselves together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you behold the day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25)
- James then addresses one of these instances, that of wealth. He shows that it would be wrong to show any favor to a wealthy well

dressed man who enter into a **gathering of spirit anointed Christians, over a poor man in filthy clothing, because this is favoritism.**

- **For, if a man with gold rings on his fingers and in splendid clothing enters into a **gathering** of you, but a poor man in filthy clothing also enters. (**James 2:2**)**