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[English, meet, get together, collect, congregate, group, assemble, draw together, gather round]

- Before entering the ark Noah was told to **gather** food of every sort to support them and the animals through the flood.
- And as for you, take for yourself every sort of food that is eaten, and you must **gather** it to yourself, and it must serve as food for you and for them. (**Genesis 6:21**)
- Jacob feared that after his sons killed the men of Shechem that the surrounding people of Canaan would **gather** together against his family for what they had done.
- At this Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi; You have brought ostracism upon me in making me a stench to the inhabitants of the land, with the Canaanites and the Perizzites, whereas I am few in number, and they will certainly **gather** together against me and assault me and I must be annihilated, I and my house. (**Genesis 34:30**)
- Nearing his final end Jacob **gathered** together his sons to issue a prophetic blessing upon each of his sons.
- Later on Jacob called his sons and said; **Gather** yourselves together that I may tell you what will happen to you in the final part of the days. (**Genesis 49:1**)
- Moses was told to **gather** together the older men of Israel and tell them that Yehowah God had appeared to him.
- You go, and you must **gather** the older men of Israel, and you must say to them, Yehowah the God of your forefathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying; I will without fail to you and to what is being done to you in Egypt. (**Exodus 3:16**)
- Pharaoh told his own people not to **gather** straw for the Israelites so that they could make bricks.
- You must not **gather** straw to give to the people to make bricks

- as formerly. Let them themselves go and gather straw for themselves. (**Exodus 5:7**)
- Consequently the people scattered about over all the land of Egypt to **gather** stubble for straw. (**Exodus 5:12**)
 - In the seventh year, the Sabbath year, the Israelites were not to sow their land with seed nor to **gather** its produce.
 - And for six years you are to sow your land with seed and you must **gather** its produce. (**Exodus 23:10**)
 - But in case you should say; What are we going to eat in the seventh year seeing that we may not sow seed or **gather** our crops? (**Leviticus 25:20**)
 - Also, the festival of harvest of the first ripe fruits of your labors, of what you sow in the field, and the festival of **ingathering** at the outgoing of the year, when you gather in your labors from the field. (**Exodus 23:16**)
 - Six years you should sow your field with seed, and six years you should prune your vineyard, and you must **gather** the lands produce. (**Leviticus 25:3**)
 - The growth from spilled kernels of your harvest you must not reap, and the grapes of your unpruned vine you must not **gather**. There should occur a year of complete rest for the land. (**Leviticus 25:5**)
 - When harvesting, the Israelites were to leave some of the produce of the land for the alien resident and the afflicted ones among the people for them to **gather**.
 - Also, you must not **gather** the leftovers of your vineyard, and you must not pick up the scattered grapes of your vineyard. For the afflicted one and the alien resident you should leave them. I am Yehowah your God. (**Leviticus 19:10**)
 - Likewise on the fiftieth year, it was a special Sabbath resting called the Jubilee year, in which Israel was not to **gather** anything that grew in their fields and vineyards.
 - A Jubilee is what that fiftieth year will become for you. You must

not sow seed nor reap the lands growth from spilled kernels nor **gather** the grapes of its unpruned vines. (**Leviticus 25:11**)

- Part of the malediction against Israel for disobedience was that if they **gathered** themselves together into cities to escape his vengeance, he would send a pestilence against them.
- And I shall certainly bring upon you a sword wreaking vengeance for the covenant, and you will indeed **gather** yourselves into your cities, and I shall certainly send pestilence into the midst of you, and you must be given into the hand of an enemy. (**Leviticus 26:25**)
- Yehowah God told Moses to **gather** together to himself 70 older men to assist him in governing the people.
- In turn Yehowah said to Moses; **Gather** for me seventy men of the older men of Israel, whom you do know that they are older men of the people and officers of theirs, and you must take them to the tent of meeting, and they must station themselves there with you. (**Numbers 11:16**)
- A clean man was to **gather** up the ashes of the cow and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place.
- And a clean man must **gather** up the ashes of the cow and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and they must serve the assembly of the sons of Israel as something to be kept for the water for cleansing. It is a sin offering. (**Numbers 19:9**)
- At Beer was a well where Yehowah God told Moses to **gather** the people so as to give them a drink.
- Next from there on to Beer. This is the well about which Yehowah said to Moses; **Gather** the people, and let me give them water. (**Numbers 21:16**)
- As part of the blessing of Israel Yehowah God promised to give rain at the appropriate times, and his people would indeed **gather** in a bountiful harvest.
- I also shall certainly give rain for your land at its appointed time, autumn rain and spring rain, and you will indeed **gather** your grain and your sweet wine and your oil. (**Deuteronomy 11:14**)

- The Law recognized an accidental death as different than an intentional one, providing a city for the unintentional manslayer to flee to for safety.
- Or when he goes with his fellowman into the woods to **gather** wood, and his hand has been raised to strike with the ax to cut the tree, and the iron has slipped off from the wooden handle, and it has hit his fellowman and he has died, he himself should flee to one of these cities and must live. ([Deuteronomy 19:5](#))
- When **gathering** their vineyard's produce, the Israelites were not to go again and **gather** the leftovers, but should leave them for the alien resident and fatherless boys and widows.
- In case you **gather** the grapes of your vineyard, you must not gather the leftovers following up yourself. They should stay for the alien resident, for the fatherless boy and for the widow. ([Deuteronomy 24:21](#))
- Part of the malediction against Israel was that they would plant a lot of seed, but **gather** in little as produce from it.
- 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](#))
- Also as part of this malediction they would plant vineyards and cultivate them, but **gather** in nothing, for the worm would eat it up.
- 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](#))
- Moses' blessing of Gad showed that the heads of the tribes would **gather** together to him.
- And he will pick out the first part for himself, for there the allotment of a statute-giver is reserved. And the heads of the people will **gather** themselves together. The righteousness of Yehowah will he certainly execute and his judicial decisions with Israel. ([Deuteronomy 33:21](#))
- Rahab was told to **gather** together her family, for salvation when the Israelites attacked Jericho.

- Look! We are coming into the land. This cord of scarlet thread you should tie in the window by which you have had us descend, and your father and your mother and your brothers and all the household of your father you should **gather** to yourself into the house. (**Joshua 2:18**)
- Ruth asked for permission to **gather** behind the grain harvesters.
- Then she said; Let me glean, please, and I shall certainly **gather** among the cut-off ears of grain behind the harvesters. So she entered and kept on her feet from that time in the morning until her sitting down just now in the house a little while. (**Ruth 2:7**)
- Saul would **gather** to himself all the valiant mighty men to fight against the Philistines.
- And the warfare continued heavy against the Philistines all the days of Saul. When Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant person, he would **gather** him to himself. (**1 Samuel 14:52**)
- David also **gathered** together to himself all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand in number.
- And David proceeded again to **gather** all the choice men in Israel, thirty thousand. (**2 Samuel 6:1**)
- When the Syrians saw that they had been defeated they proceeded to **gather** themselves together.
- When the Syrians saw that they had been defeated before Israel, they proceeded to **gather** themselves together. (**2 Samuel 10:15**)
- Joab told David to **gather** himself to the city of Rabbah quickly for the city had essentially fallen, but Joab wanted for David to get the credit.
- And now **gather** the rest of the people and encamp against the city, and capture it, that I myself may not be the one to capture the city, and my name should not have to be called upon it. (**2 Samuel 12:28**)
- The Philistines **gathered** themselves to Lehi where there was a field full of lentils.

- And next to him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines proceeded to **gather** themselves to Lehi, where there then happened to be a tract of the field full of lentils, and the people themselves fled because of the Philistines. (2 Samuel 23:11)
- David **gathered** the sons of Aaron and the Levites together.
- And David proceeded to **gather** the sons of Aaron and the Levites. (1 Chronicles 15:4)
- David **gathered** all Israel together when making Solomon his son king in Israel.
- And he proceeded to **gather** all the princes of Israel and the priests and the Levites. (1 Chronicles 23:2)
- Hezekiah **gathered** the princes of the city together for a cleansing of the temple.
- And Hezekiah the king proceeded to get up early and **gather** the princes of the city together and go up to the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 29:20)
- Under Hezekiah the people were **gathered** together for the Passover celebration.
- And they proceeded to **gather** themselves together at Jerusalem, a numerous people, to hold the festival of the unfermented cakes in the second month, a congregation very multitudinous. (2 Chronicles 30:13)
- The king **gathered** together all the older men of Judah and Jerusalem.
- And the king proceeded to send and **gather** all the older men of Judah and of Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 34:29)
- The people in Ezra's day **gathered** themselves together in the seventh month for the festival of booths.
- When the seventh month arrived the sons of Israel were in their cities. And the people began to **gather** themselves as one man to

Jerusalem. ([Ezra 3:1](#))

- All the people proceeded to **gather** themselves together at the public square that was before the Water Gate.
- And all the people proceeded to **gather** themselves as one man at the public square that was before the Water Gate. Then they said to Ezra the copyist to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which Yehowah had commanded Israel. ([Nehemiah 8:1](#))
- The sons of the singers **gathered** themselves together from the district and all around Jerusalem.
- And the sons of the singers proceeded to **gather** themselves even from the District, from all around Jerusalem and from the settlements of the Netophathites. ([Nehemiah 12:28](#))
- Men were appointed over the stores of the firstfruits to **gather** them out of the fields of the cities.
- Further, there were appointed on that day men over the halls for the stores, for the contributions, for the firstfruits and for the tenths, to **gather** into them out of the fields of the cities the portions called for by the Law for the priests and the Levites, for the rejoicing of Judah was because of the priests and of the Levites who were in attendance. ([Nehemiah 12:44](#))
- Mordecai said to **gather** together all the Jews in Shushan and to fast for three days.
- Go, **gather** all the Jews that are to be found in Shushan and fast in my behalf and neither eat nor drink for three days, night and day. I too with my young women, I shall fast likewise, and upon that I shall come in to the king, which is not according to the Law, and in case I must perish, I must perish. ([Esther 4:16](#))
- Job showed that a wild bull cannot be relied upon to do harvesting work reliably.
- Will you rely on it that it will bring back your seed and that it will **gather** to your threshing floor? ([Job 39:12](#))
- The man of untruth gathers to himself something hurtful.

- And if one does come to see me, untruth is what his heart will speak, he will **gather** up for himself something hurtful, he will go out, on the outside he will speak of it. (**Psalms 41:6**)
- The Psalmist calls for Yehowah God to **gather** to himself those concluding a covenant over sacrifice.
- **Gather** to me my loyal ones, those concluding my covenant over sacrifice. (**Psalms 50:5**)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah God to **gather** back his people, and to cease any vexation directed toward them in his mercy.
- **Gather** us back, O God of our salvation, and break off your vexation with us. (**Psalms 85:4**)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah God to **gather** back to him his captive ones like streams leading back to their homeland.
- Do **gather** back, O Yehowah, our company of captives, like streambeds in the Negeb. (**Psalms 126:4**)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah God to allow his righteous ones to gather together around him, because Yehowah God deals appropriately with him, the Messiah.
- Do bring my soul out of the very dungeon to laud your name. Around me let the righteous ones **gather**, because you deal appropriately with me. (**Psalms 142:7**)
- Like the arrogant King of Assyria, in our day the United Nations will feel, that taking and plundering the resources of all religion, will be as simple as **gathering** eggs from a deserted nest. They will feel, that there will be no one there to stop them. They do not feel that there even is a true God, and so they will see religion as powerless before them. Since they are also bankrupt, they will desire religion's wealth, and will strip it of all of its resources. They will feel, that if they rid the world of religion, then all of its rich resources will be theirs.
- And just as if a nest, my hand will reach the resources of the peoples, and just as when one **gathers** eggs that have been left, I myself will gather up even all the earth, and there will certainly be no one fluttering his wings or opening his mouth or chirping. (**Isaiah 10:14**)

- That the **First Century gathering** wasn't the last one, Jesus made clear in his prophecy about the Last Days, days that we are now living through. The **signal** for this to occur, are the many **signs** of the Last Days, all coming to fulfillment in one generation, and the preaching of the **Good News** is the **raising up** of that signal.
- And he will certainly raise up a signal for the nations and **gather** the dispersed ones of Israel, and the scattered ones of Judah he will collect together from the four extremities of the earth. (**Isaiah 11:12**)
- There in this non-spiritual estate only a few isolated family groups will dwell and **gather** together under its shadow, choosing to live out their existence and die.
- There the arrow snake has made its nest and lays eggs, and it must hatch them and **gather** them together under its shadow. Yes, there the gledes must collect themselves together, each one with her mate. (**Isaiah 34:15**)
- The men of Judah are in serious trouble with their God for not listening to him and following in his way. Their error will lead to trouble for all their land and all their people must be warned about it, and **gathered** together.
- Tell it in Judah, you men, and publish it even in Jerusalem, and say it out, and blow a horn throughout the land. Call out loudly and say; **Gather** yourselves together, and let us enter into the fortified cities. (**Jeremiah 4:5**)
- They have poisoned justice, so that people who come to them seeking justice, which is like refreshing water, only get destroyed by them. Likewise those seeking **a true vision from her prophets, receive only apostasy**. Poisoned water would today spiritually represent, death dealing truths, which would cause their ruin, because they had rejected truths from God's own hand, and spoken apostasy from their own hearts.
- Why are we sitting still? **Gather** yourselves together, and let us enter into the fortified cities and be silent there. For Yehowah our God has himself put us to silence, and he gives us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 8:14**)

- This **woman who is dwelling under stress, is Jerusalem**, and she is under siege. She is about to fall, and go into exile, and she needs to **gather** up a **collection of her things, a pack-load**, for she is going into exile. The Son of Man, as God's woman, is a portent of what is about to come upon modern day Jerusalem, the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses.

- **Gather** up from the earth your pack load, O woman dwelling under stress. (**Jeremiah 10:17**)

- From following the females giving suck he brought him in to be a shepherd over Jacob his people and over Israel his inheritance. (**Psalms 78:71**) This prophecy applies to the Son of Man. As the **male child** of Revelation Chapter Twelve

- My inheritance is as a many-colored bird of prey to me, the birds of prey are round about upon it. Come, **gather** together, all you wild beasts of the field, bring them to eat. (**Jeremiah 12:9**)

- This people, by trying to keep their city alive, were actually working against the will and purpose of Yehowah. His judgment was against them, and their city must fall. Their adverse judgment was complete, and there would be no forgiveness for their wicked acts. Yehowah God would **gather** together the Babylonians into the middle of their city of Jerusalem to wreck it.

- This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am turning in reverse the weapons of war that are in the hand of you people, with which you are fighting the king of Babylon, and the Chaldeans who are laying siege against you outside the wall, and I will **gather** them into the middle of this city. (**Jeremiah 21:4**)

- Yehowah does not remain indignant to time indefinite, but in accord with his purpose, he **gathers** his covenant people, who in turn return to him with complete hearts. Yehowah's purpose was not to destroy his people, but to bring them to repentance and thus save some.

- And I will let myself be found by you, is the utterance of Yehowah. And I will **gather** your body of captives and collect you together out of all the nations and out of all the places to which I have dispersed you, is the utterance of Yehowah. And I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to go into

exile. (**Jeremiah 29:14**)

- First Yehowah points, not to their current exile, but to that which will follow, their **gathering** back to their homeland. He promises to **gather** them back to that homeland and give it again to them as a possession. They are not being destroyed as a people, but they are being removed from their homeland until the land rests, and to cleanse the land of bloodguilt. Their time in Babylon will be a time of needed discipline, and it will allow them to contemplate the course, that led to their removal from the Promised Land. In time repentant ones will emerge, who appreciate his goodness and loving purpose toward them, and they will be allowed to return.
- For, look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will **gather** the captive ones of my people, Israel and Judah, Yehowah has said; And I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they will certainly repossess it. (**Jeremiah 30:3**)
- Then the sons of Ephraim, the firstborn of all the earth, will bless the New Jerusalem, the righteous dwelling place of this New Creation and God's holy mountain, his Kingdom government. No more will there be a rebellious Ephraim, which represents all of Israel, worshipping idols, and standing off from true worship, conducted there in Jerusalem. They will be **gathered** together back to this homeland.
- This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; They will yet say this word in the land of Judah and in his cities, when I shall **gather** their captives, May Yehowah bless you, O righteous dwelling place, O holy mountain. (**Jeremiah 31:23**)
- So then since he cannot reject these statutes, likewise he cannot reject the seed of Israel, for his whole purpose depends upon them successfully completing their lengthy disciplining. Then the blessings promised to them, will come forth, and so we should never give up in accepting God's disciplining of us, for it will have a successful end. He will **gather** them together and have pity for them.
- So too I would reject even the seed of Jacob and of David my servant, so that I should not take from his seed rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I shall **gather** their captives and will have pity upon them. (**Jeremiah 33:26**)

- The exiles of Jerusalem could still have a good life. Their wicked leaders had been defeated, and their city of Jerusalem destroyed and their temple ruined, but they could still live in the finest land there was, and enjoy a sense of freedom, and benefit from the bounty of the land and its goodness. He encouraged them to **gather** up the bounty of summer fruits and oil, and dwell peacefully in the cities they seized.

- And as for me, here I am dwelling in Mizpah, in order to stand before the Chaldeans who will come to us. And as for you yourselves, **gather** wine and summer fruits and oil and put them in your vessels and dwell in your cities that you have seized. (Jeremiah 40:10)

- In the final part of the days Yehowah will **gather** the remnant of Moab.

- And I will **gather** the captive ones of Moab in the final part of the days, is the utterance of Yehowah. Down to this point is the judgment upon Moab. (Jeremiah 48:47)

- In time though he would **regather** the sons of Ammon together after this time of disciplining.

- But afterward I shall **gather** the captive ones of the sons of Ammon, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 49:6)

- In the final part of the days these things will happen, and eventually Yehowah would **gather** also this seed of Shem's.

- And it will certainly occur in the final part of the days that I shall **gather** the captive ones of Elam, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 49:39)

- Yehowah knows all those who belong to him through true dedication. What is important to Yehowah? Is it the **sheer numbers, growth**, that the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses keep seeking? Yehowah wants servants who truly live up to his standards and guide their lives by divine principles. He has repeatedly disciplined his people in the past when they failed to live up to them. He has always done this with an eye on making them turn around and return to his ways. All those who accept this discipline from Yehowah will be **gathered** together and possess the land of Israel, our earth.

- Therefore say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has

said; I will also collect you from the peoples and **gather** you from the lands among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the soil of Israel. ([Ezekiel 11:17](#))

- **Jehovah's Witnesses will be judged by Yehowah, as no better than any of these other religious nations who have done detestable things. They will no longer be viewed as his earthly organization but will find their captured ones **gathered** up in Christendom's midst, just like her.**
- **And I will **gather** their captive ones, the captive ones of Sodom and of her dependent towns, and the captive ones of Samaria and of her dependent towns. I will also **gather** your captive ones in the midst of them. ([Ezekiel 16:53](#))**
- **All of her choicest cuts, her leaders, visionaries and prophets, must be **gathered** into the pot for the siege is on.**
- ****Gather** pieces in it, every good piece, thigh and shoulder, fill it even with the choicest bones. ([Ezekiel 24:4](#))**
- **There will be enough of this fire wood to **gather** for them to light fires for seven years, which would indicate a large force coming up against them. Yehowah's sense of justice will cause him to turn the scales on these plunderers who would set upon innocent people. Now these wicked ones and all of their possessions will become spoil and plunder for the very ones that they set out to plunder. They will be brought to ruin by Yehowah's mighty hand.**
- **And they will not carry sticks of wood from the field, nor will they **gather** firewood out of the forests, for with the armor they will light fires. And they will certainly make spoil of those who had been making spoil of them, and plunder those who had been plundering them, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 39:10](#))**
- **To Yehowah God these wicked men and demons are suitable only for food for the birds and the beasts of his creation. By striking down Gog and his crowd he calls them to **gather** together for a sacrificial meal where they can feast on the wicked ones flesh and blood. This is a fitting end for many of these same ones hunted animals mercilessly and viewed them as little more than food. Yehowah's justice is always in perfect balance.**

- And as regards you, O son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Say to the birds of every sort of wing and to all the wild beasts of the field; Collect yourselves together and come. **Gather** yourselves together all around to my sacrifice, which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. And you will certainly eat flesh and drink blood. (**Ezekiel 39:17**)
- Yehowah then shows Judah, that a harvest also has been fixed for her, and then Yehowah will **gather** back her captive ones, after her exile to Babylon.
- Furthermore, O Judah, a harvest has been fixed for you, when I **gather** back the captive ones of my people. (**Hosea 6:11**)
- What should be done about this? They must sanctify a time of fasting, and **gather** the people together for a solemn assembly, even all the inhabitants of the land, and bring them to the house of Yehowah God, and there cry to Yehowah God for aid and comfort.
- Sanctify a time of fasting. Call together a solemn assembly. **Gather** together the older men, all the inhabitants of the land, to the house of Yehowah your God, and cry to Yehowah for aid. (**Joel 1:14**)
- They should then **gather** together all the people of the land, the entire congregation, old men, women, children and those sucking a breast, altogether. They should put off unnecessary things like weddings and even the bride and the bridegroom should come forth to this assembly, for the hand of Yehowah God is heavy against them all.
- **Gather** the people together. Sanctify a congregation. Collect the old men together. Gather children and those sucking the breasts together. Let the bridegroom go forth from his interior room, and the bride from her nuptial chamber. (**Joel 2:16**)
- Then Yehowah God will **regather** his people Israel, the captive ones whom he previously exiled, and they will actually rebuild the desolated cities and rebuild them. They will also plant vineyards then, and they will exist a long time so as to drink the wine of them. They will plant gardens and also eat the fruitage of them to satisfaction.
- And I will **gather** back the captive ones of my people Israel, and they will actually build the desolated cities and inhabit them, and

plant vineyards and drink the wine of them, and make gardens and eat the fruit of them. (**Amos 9:14**)

- Yehowah now speaks to Micah of a future time, when, after their exile, he would **regather** his people, both the nation of Israel and Judah together, and then set them in unity within just one pen or enclosure, like a drove in its pasture ground, and they will be noisy with men.

- I shall positively **gather** Jacob, all of you. I shall without fail collect the remaining ones of Israel together. In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen, like a drove in the midst of its pasture, they will be noisy with men. (**Micah 2:12**)

- Then in that day, Yehowah God will stretch out his arm of compassion and **gather** the peoples who are limping, and needing his assistance, as he did in the **First Century C.E.**, under his Son, Jesus Christ. Also upon those who were scattered, by the tribulation he brought against false religion, them he will collect together, even the ones he had treated badly, due to their error and sinfulness.

- In that day, is the utterance of Yehowah, I will **gather** her that was limping, and her that was dispersed I will collect together, even her whom I have treated badly. (**Micah 4:6**)

- Yehowah now promises to **gather** the pride of Jacob, which is Judah, just like he is **gathering** the pride of Israel, which is the ten tribe kingdom of Samaria. Those emptying Samaria of his people by exiling them, have indeed exiled them, and they are no more. Even the shoots of righteous growths among them they have ruined. Judah should take this to heart, for a similar judgment is coming upon her also.

- For Yehowah will certainly **gather** the pride of Jacob, like the pride of Israel, because those emptying out have emptied them out, and the shoots of them they have ruined. (**Nahum 2:2**)

- 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**)

- Then also, their inheritances of land will become the possession of the sons of Judah, and there they will feed upon them. There, in the royal houses of Ashkelon, where the axis lords once lived, they will themselves lie stretched out, unconcerned in the evenings. For Yehowah will certainly turn his attention upon them, and **gather** back all the captive ones of Judah.
- And it must become a region for the remaining ones of the house of Judah. Upon them they will feed. In the houses of Ashkelon, in the evening, they will lie stretched out. For Yehowah their God will turn his attention to them and certainly **gather** back the captive ones of them. (Zephaniah 2:7)
- So Yehowah God warned his unrepentant people to keep a watchful eye out for his retribution, for it was coming. For his judicial decision was to rise up to the spoil, for him to **gather** nations together, and pour out upon all of them, his denunciation, all of his burning anger. Then he warns them, that by the fire of his zeal, all of the earth will be devoured.
- Therefore keep yourselves in expectation of me, is the utterance of Yehowah, till the day of my rising up to the booty, for my judicial decision is to **gather** nations, for me to collect together kingdoms, in order to pour out upon them my denunciation, all my burning anger, for by the fire of my zeal all the earth will be devoured. (Zephaniah 3:8)
- Then the ones grief stricken, and not coming to his annual festivals, he will **gather** together, for they have been absent from the congregation for a long time, because of bearing reproach on account of Jerusalem.
- The ones grief-stricken in absence from your festal season I shall certainly **gather** together, absent from you they happened to be, because of bearing reproach on her account. (Zephaniah 3:18)
- Then Yehowah God shall **gather** together his people and bring them into a unity under true worship. Then he will make his people to be a name and a praise, toward all the other peoples of the earth, for he will **gather** back his people under the eyes of all the other nations of the earth.
- At that time I shall bring you people in, even in the time of my collecting you together. For I shall make you people to be a

name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I **gather** back your captive ones before your eyes, Yehowah has said. (**Zephaniah 3:20**)

- Then he shall certainly **gather** all the nations of the earth together against Jerusalem, the collective peoples who worship the God of the Bible. Then the nations will capture that city worldwide, and their houses will be pillaged, and their women will be raped. Then the half of that city must go into exile, but as for the remaining ones of that city, they will not be cut off from that city.
- And I shall certainly **gather** all the nations against Jerusalem for the war, and the city will actually be captured and the houses be pillaged, and the women themselves will be raped. And half of the city must go forth into the exile, but as for the remaining ones of the people, they will not be cut off from the city. (**Zechariah 14:2**)
- Still speaking about this coming one who was so great, John shows, that like a man **gathering** in the fine fruitage of his harvest, he would come with his winnowing shovel in his hand, and then use it to make a clean **gathering** of all the righteous fruitage on his threshing floor. Then those who were like wheat would be **gathered** into his storehouse, and those designated as worthless chaff, he would burn up with a fire that could not be extinguished. Thus he showed that the Christ would separate peoples one from another, based upon their spiritual fruitfulness, and those lacking good fruits spiritually, would be destroyed completely.
- His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will completely clean up his threshing floor, and will **gather** his wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up with fire that cannot be put out. (**Matthew 3:12**)
- Jesus then shows us an example of how God's system of things works, it is to be like the situation with the birds of the heavens. They have no place to **gather** up foodstuffs, like barns or pantries, still they never go without food. Jesus then pointedly asks; Are humans not worth far more than birds to God? What do you think?
- Observe intently the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or **gather** into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? (**Matthew 6:26**)

- Jesus then uses a simple illustration, to show how to recognize such men. The fruits we see on a tree tell us what kind of tree we are looking at, whether apples, cherries or peaches or figs. Thus men who are true anointed Christians produce fine fruits, and this is how we can recognize them, by their fine fruits. Also Jesus shows that people never **gather** fruits from non-productive weeds like thorns or thistles. Thus men who are spiritually like thorns and thistles, we should not expect to **gather** any fine fruit from them. Never does anyone **gather** grapes or figs from such fruitless plants.

- By their fruits you will recognize them. Never do people **gather** grapes from thorns or figs from thistles, do they? (**Matthew 7:16**)

- Jesus then showed, that anyone not **gathering** to his side of the spiritual fight, is against him, for there is no fence sitting. This is in full harmony with the first prophecy in the Bible, which says that there would be enmity between Satan the Devil and his seed, and the Christ and his seed.

- He that is not on my side is against me, and he that does not **gather** with me scatters. (**Matthew 12:30**)

- Jesus now talks about Jerusalem as the center of true worship in all the earth, and refers to how in his pre-human existence he shepherded this nation of Israel in the manner, that a mother hen **gathers** her chicks close around her for protection and care. Yet as a people, they did not want this care, and rejected time and again, also the loving assistance of the prophets, and killed most of them.

- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the killer of the prophets and stoner of those sent forth to her, how often I wanted to **gather** your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks together under her wings! But you people did not want it. (**Matthew 23:37**)

- Then will take place a **gathering** of those who are truly his disciples, and this will take place at the hands of the angels, and it will be transparent to men here on earth, for the angels will take the place of those **gathered**, so that no change will be apparent to others left on earth.

- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will **gather** his chosen ones together from the four winds,

from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity.
([Matthew 24:31](#))

- Then Jesus will send forth his angels, and **gather** together his chosen ones from wherever they are, either in heaven or on earth, or its extremities.
- And then he will send forth the angels and will **gather** his chosen ones together from the four winds, from earth's extremity to heavens extremity. ([Mark 13:27](#))
- Then about this coming one, the Messiah, John showed that his winnowing shovel, commonly used within ancient Israel for separating the wheat from the chaff at harvesttime, was already in his hand. This indicated that it was time to get busy sifting through the produce of the nation of Israel, after fifteen hundred years of God's cultivating efforts. As the one **gathering** the produce of this Jewish system of things, Jesus would clean up his threshing floor completely, indicating that the Jews as a people would be **gathered**, for the harvest of their system of things had come to completion. Any then, that were considered to be valuable wheat, would be gathered into God's great storehouse.
- His winnowing shovel is in his hand to clean up his threshing floor completely and to **gather** the wheat into his storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up with fire that cannot be put out. ([Luke 3:17](#))
- Then Jesus showed, that every tree is identified by the kind of fruit it produces. Either apples, or figs, peaches or plums. Likewise, we should not expect all men to produce fine fruits. After all, there are many different kinds of plants, some like fruit trees and vines, that **produce** delicious fruit, and others like thornbushes and thorns, that **produce** nothing of usefulness to man.
- For each tree is known by its own fruit. For example, people do not **gather** figs from thorns, nor do they cut grapes off a thornbush. ([Luke 6:44](#))
- Then Jesus gave a stern warning to the religious leaders who chose to oppose him in his work, stating, that he that is not **gathering** with him, is in fact against him. There would be no neutral ground regarding the Kingdom of God, and ones support of it.

- He that is not on my side is against me, and he that does not **gather** with me scatters. (Luke 11:23)
- So he was in a quandary over what he should do with all of the goodness with which God had blessed him. His barns and storerooms were filled to overflowing, and still the land kept producing more and more. Thus he had nowhere to **gather** together his abundant produce.
- Consequently he began reasoning within himself, saying; What shall I do, now that I have nowhere to **gather** my crops? (Luke 12:17)
- So he reasoned within himself, that since he had run out of room to store more produce, that he would have to build more barns and storerooms to house the plenty, he reaped from his land. Then no matter how much he reaped, he could store it all away for a later time, and there he would keep all his grain and good things. Is this not the same central idea of retirement today, within our modern world?
- So he said; I will do this; I will tear down my storehouses and build bigger ones, and there I will **gather** all my grain and all my good things. (Luke 12:18)
- Then Jesus made another illustration, showing what he was like in heaven before coming to the earth. He compared himself there to a mother hen who looks after her brood of chicks, keeping them close by **gathering** them together under her wings. Yet he called Jerusalem the killer of all the prophets, and the stoner of all those who had been sent forth to her.
- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the killer of the prophets and stoner of those sent forth to her, how often I wanted to **gather** your children together in the manner that a hen gathers her brood of chicks under her wings, but you people did not want it! (Luke 13:34)
- Then when all had eaten to satisfaction Jesus instructed his disciples to **gather** together all that remained over, so that nothing would be wasted.
- But when they had their fill he said to his disciples; **Gather** together the fragments that remain over, so that nothing is wasted. (John 6:12)

- This he prophesied not for the Jewish nation only, but so that the children of God who are scattered about, he might also **gather** together in one body.
- And not for the nation only, but in order, that the children of God who are scattered about he might also **gather** together in one. (John 11:52)
- Jesus then showed, that if anyone did not remain in union with him as a branch, then that branch would be cast out, and it would dry up, for not having the goodness of life flowing from the root, the Holy Spirit. Men in turn, **gather** up those dry branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. What else are they good for.
- If anyone does not remain in union with me, he is cast out as a branch and is dried up, and men **gather** those branches up and pitch them into the fire and they are burned. (John 15:6)
- This purpose of God, is for an administration, at the full limit of the appointed times, which will **gather** together again in the Christ, all things in heaven and on the earth, yes in Christ Jesus. This administration will manage all of God's household of creatures both in heaven and on the earth.
- For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to **gather** all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. (Ephesians 1:10)
- Fire represents complete destruction and the angel with authority over the fire denotes, one with authority to completely destroy. By means of God's fiery judgments, his calling out with a loud voice denotes these fiery judgments being widely proclaimed before they are executed. This will burn into the hearts and minds of those about to be destroyed, the reasons for their destruction. The **vine of the earth** is false religion, which has grown throughout the earth bearing wicked fruitage.
- And still another angel emerged from the altar and he had authority over the fire. And he called out with a loud voice to the one that had the sharp sickle, saying; Put your sharp sickle in and **gather** the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its grapes have become ripe. (Revelation 14:18)

- The demons want Jehovah's Witnesses to kill newly anointed ones because this would thwart God's purposes. If Jehovah's Witnesses think that the **gathering** of spirit anointed Christian sons is already complete, then they will fight against all of the new ones just as they have been doing for many years now. They want Jehovah's Witnesses not to recognize the Christ and his ongoing presence for this would expose them.
- They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to **gather** them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 16:14](#))
- He will again take up his misleading way by **gathering** nations who are **far away, in the four corners of the earth** ones who are disposed to want to break free from Zion's rule. Then at the center of the earth, the New Jerusalem will peacefully rule the earth. These nations in the four corners are Gog and Magog, ones who are disposed to go along with Satan. Their number is described as the sand of the sea, not necessarily, because of its size but rather because of it being uncountable, or unforeseeable. It is not predetermined as any number and we will all just have to wait and see how many it will be.
- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to **gather** them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. ([Revelation 20:8](#))