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(A) GOD

CREATOR

- aggdaa GEN 1:31 <AV> And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
- aggdaa ISA 40:25-26 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength not one of them is missing."
- aggdaa REV. 4:9-11 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay down their crowns before the throne and say: 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'
- aggdaa HEB.11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so what is seen was not made out of what was visible.
- aggdaa REV.4:9-11 When the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

OWNERSHIP

- aggdbb PS 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.
- aggdbb *Bishop Colin Bazley Ps 24:1 - Mission Today SAMS 1974. But the creation mandate is still in force: "Subdue the earth." The proper use of this planet is the longing of the Christian, because, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; this world and all who dwell in it." (Ps 24:1). God has provided resources for the preservation of the human race, and our responsibility is their stewardship.*
- aggdbb PS 66:4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praises to you, they sing praise to your name.
- aggdbb ISA 5:1 I will sing to the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes why did it yield only bad?"

SOVEREIGNTY AND POWER

aggddd JER 27:4-5 Give them a message for their masters and say, "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says; 'Tell this to your masters; with my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please.'"

aggddd AMOS 2:9 I destroyed the Amorite before them, though he was as tall as the cedars and as strong as the oaks. I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below.

PROMISES

aggdde GEN 8:22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

aggdde ECCL 1:4 Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

GOD AS SHEPHERD

aggdee PS 23:1-4 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.

aggdee PS 95:6 Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

aggdee PS 100:3 We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

aggdee JER.23:1-4 "Woe to the shepherds who are scattering and destroying the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord, Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people. "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

aggdee EZEK. 34:7-10 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the

shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.

- aggdee EZEK 34:11-16 For this is what the Sovereign Lord says; I myself will search for my sheep and will look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements of the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
- aggdee EZEK.34:31 "They will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD."
- aggdee JN.10:11-13 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees a wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- aggdee JN.10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. *(Dr John Wibberley, GOD'S HUSBANDRY It is significant that one can lead sheep but goats have to be driven.)*

GOD SUSTAINS, PROVIDES, BLESSES AND GIVES GROWTH.

- aggdgg DEUT.8:6-9 Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land - a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.
- aggdgg DEUT.28:1ff If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands that I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God. You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock - the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies that rise up before against you will be defeated before you. They will come in at you from one direction but flee from you from seven. The Lord will send a blessing upon your barns and everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as

His holy people, as He promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. Then all the people on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity - in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground - in the land He swore your forefathers to give you. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

aggdgg DEUT 33:13 About Joseph he said: "May the Lord bless his land with the precious dew from heaven above and with the deep waters that lie below; with the best the sun brings forth and the finest the moon can yield; with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills; with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favour of him who dwelt in the burning bush."

aggdgg JOB 42:12-15 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemima, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

aggdgg PS 34:9-10 Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

aggdgg PS 67:5-7 May the peoples praise you O God, may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

aggdgg PS 72:6ff He (the king) will be like the rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.....let corn abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway. Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.....Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

aggdgg ISA 55:10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth;

it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

aggdgg EZEK.34:25-31 "I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops;

the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no-one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. They will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD."

aggdgg EZEK 36:37-38 This is what the Sovereign Lord says; Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them; I will make their people as numerous as sheep, as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the Lord.

aggdgg JOEL 2:21-24 Surely he has done great things. Be not afraid O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things.. Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you a teacher of righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

aggdgg JOEL 2:25-27 I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

aggdgg I COR.3:6-9 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow-workers; you are God's field, God's building.

aggdgg 2COR 9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

GIVES RAIN

aggdjk 2 CHRON.7:13-14 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will

forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

- aggdjk PS 104:10ff He (the Lord) makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate - bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.
- aggdjk JER.5:23-24 But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away. they do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest. Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.
- aggdjk JER.14:22-23 Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, O Lord our God. Therefore our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this.
- aggdjk AMOS 4:6-9 "I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me," declares the Lord. Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, I struck with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, yet you have not returned to me," declares the Lord.
- aggdjk JOEL 2:21-24 Surely he has done great things. Be not afraid O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things.. Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you a teacher of righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

AS JUDGE

- aggdjl ISA.16:9 <Of Moab> So I weep, as Jazer weeps, for the vines of Sibmah. O Heshbon, O Elealeh, I drench you with tears! The shouts of joy over your ripened fruit and over your harvests have been stilled. Joy and gladness are taken away from the orchards; no-one sings and shouts in the vineyards; no-one treads out the wine at the presses, for I have put an end to the shouting.
- aggdjl JER.5:17 They <the distant nation> will devour your harvests and food, devour your sons and daughters; they will devour your flocks and herds, devour your vines and fig-trees. With the sword they will destroy the fortified cities in which you trust.

- aggdjl JER.7:17-20 Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger. But am I the one they are provoking? declares the Lord. Are they not rather harming themselves, to their own shame? Therefore, this is what the sovereign Lord says: My anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and beast, on the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground, and it will burn and not be quenched.
- aggdjl JER.8:13 I will take away their <the idolatrous people of Judah> harvest, declares the Lord. There will be no grapes on the vine. There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them.
- aggdjl JER 12:12-13 Over all the barren heights in the desert destroyers will swarm, for the sword of the Lord will devour from one end of the land to the other; no-one will be safe. They will sow wheat but reap thorns; they will wear themselves out but gain nothing. So bear the shame of your harvest because of the Lord's fierce anger.
- aggdjl JOEL 2:23-27 Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you a teacher of righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; The vats will overflow with new wine and oil. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

HEALS AND REDEEMS

- aggdjm 2 CHRON.7:13-14 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."
- aggdjm JER 12:15 But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion, and will bring each of them back to his own inheritance and to his own country.
- aggdjm HOSEA 14:4-8 I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them: I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots; his young shoots will grow. His splendour will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon. Men will dwell again in his shade. He will flourish like the grain. He will blossom like a vine, and his fame will be like the wine from Lebanon. O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a green pine tree; your fruitfulness comes from me.

aggdjm JOEL 2:21-22 Surely he has done great things. Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things. Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.

aggdjm JOEL 2:18-19 Then the Lord will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people. The Lord will reply to them: "I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

DROUGHT

aggdnn DEUT 28:15-24 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. The Lord will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are ruined.

aggdnn JER 12:4 How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds are perished.

FAMINE

aggdno GEN 41:28-32 "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them.

Then all the abundance of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

aggdno DEUT 28:15-24 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. The Lord will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you

are entering to possess. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are ruined.

aggdno 2 KINGS 8:1 Now Elisha had said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, "Go away with your family and stay for a while wherever you can, because the Lord has decreed a famine in the land that will last seven years."

aggdno PS 37:16-19 Better a little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure for ever. In times of disaster they will not wither, in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

aggdno JER 44:13 I will punish those who live in Egypt with the sword, famine and plague, as I punished Jerusalem.

aggdno EZEK 36:29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

aggdno ACTS 11:27-30 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help to the brothers living in Judea. This they did, sending their gifts to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

PESTS AND DISEASES

aggdnp JOEL 2:25-27 I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

aggdnp AMOS 4:6-9 "I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me," declares the Lord. Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, I struck with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, yet you have not returned to me," declares the Lord.

aggdnp HAG. 2:15-19 "Now give careful thought to this from this day on - consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the Lord's temple. When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone

went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not turn to me,' declares the Lord. From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig-tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on I will bless you."

aggdnp MAL 3:8-12 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But, you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse - the whole nation of you - because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, " says the Lord Almighty, "And see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed , for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

B - MAN

MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

agmmig GEN.1:29-30 (AV) And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed (seeding seed) which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

MAN'S STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

agmmsg GEN.1:26-28 (AV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

agmmsg GEN.2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it.

agmmsg GEN.2:18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a helper suitable for him."

agmmsg GEN.41:33-36 And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the corn under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country will not be ruined by the famine.

agmmsg I KINGS 15:11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord as his father David had done. He expelled the male shrine prostitutes from the land.

agmmsg 1 CHRON 27:25-34 Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the royal storehouses. Jonathan son of Uzziah was in charge of the storehouses in the outlying districts, in the towns, the villages and the watchtowers. Ezri son of Kelub was in charge of the field workers who farmed the land. Shimei the Ramathite was in charge of the vineyards. Zabdi the Shiphmite was in charge of the produce of the vineyards for the wine vats. Baal-Hanan the Gederite was in charge of the olive and sycamore-fig trees in the western foothills. Joash was in charge of the supplies of olive oil. Shitrai

the Sharonite was in charge of the herds grazing in Sharon. Shaphat son of Adlai

was in charge of the herds in the valleys. Obil the Ishmaelite was in charge of the camels. Jehdeiah the Meronothite was in charge of the donkeys. Jaziz the Hagrite was in charge of the flocks. All these were the officials in charge of King David's property. Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counsellor, a man of insight and a scribe. Jehiel son of Hacmoni took care of the king's sons. Ahithophel was the king's counsellor. Hushai the Arkite was the king's friend. Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoida son of Benaiah and by Abiathar. Joab was the commander of the royal army.

agmmsg MATT 24:45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

agmmsg LUKE 16:1-13 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management as you cannot be manager any longer.'...v.10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy with handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

agmmsg I COR.3:9 For we are God's fellow-workers, you are God's field, God's building.

MAN'S STEWARDSHIP TO REPLENISH

agmmsr GEN.1:26-28 (AV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

agmmsr GEN.9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

agmmsr *Re. Gen.9:1 Replenishing the earth means returning all animal and vegetable residues, taking care not to lose nutrients on the way.*

agmmsr JOB 31:38-40 If my land cries out against me and all its furrows are wet with tears, if I have devoured its yield without payment or broken the spirit of its tenants, then let briars come up instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley.

MAN'S STEWARDSHIP TO RULE

agmmss GEN.1:26-28 (AV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our

likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

agmmss PS 8:3-9 When I consider your heavens, the work of your finger, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, all the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

MAN - AS GOD'S FELLOW WORKER

agmmtt NEH 6:9 They were trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed "Now strengthen my hands."

agmmtt I COR.3:9 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants through whom you came to believe - as God has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

MAN AS SHEEP OF GOD'S PASTURE see aggdee

MAN REJOICING BEFORE GOD AT HARVEST see also agtcee

agmmvv DEUT.16:9-12 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put in the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing the Lord your God has given you. And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees. Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and your wine-press. Be joyful at your Feast-you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the

fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the Feast to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

MAN'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO GOD

agmmww DEUT 8:11-18 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock, he gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

agmmww DEUT 8:10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

agmmww PS 65:9-13 You (O God) care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout with joy and sing.

agmmww 2 COR.9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORSHIP

agmmxx REV. 5:12 "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive the power and the wealth and the wisdom and the strength and the honour and the glory and the praise!"

agmmxx REV. 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD THROUGH GIVING

- agmmyy EXOD.23:19 Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.
- agmmyy EXOD.34:26 Bring the best of the firstfruitss of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.
- agmmyy DEUT.16:17 Each of you must bring a gift in Proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you
- agmmyy DEUT.17:1 Do not sacrifice to the Lord your God an ox or a sheep that has any defect or flaw in it, for that would be detestable to Him.
- agmmyy DEUT.18:3 This is the share due to the priests from the people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls and the inner parts. You are to give them the first fruits of their corn, new wine and oil, and the first wool from the shearing of your sheep, for the Lord your God has chosen them, and their descendants out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the Lord's name always.
- agmmyy DEUT.26:1-11 When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose....."..and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before Him. And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and all your household.".....
- agmmyy NEH 10:35-39 We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the first fruits of our crops and of every fruit tree. As it is also written in the Law, we will bring the first born of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God to the priests ministering. Moreover we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury. The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and oil to the storerooms where the articles for the sanctuary are kept and where the ministering priests and gatekeepers stay. "We will not neglect the house of our God."
- agmmyy EZEK 45:13-15 This is the special gift you are to offer: a sixth of an ephah from each homer of wheat and a sixth of an ephah from each homer of barley. The prescribed portion of oil, measured by the bath, is a tenth of a bath from each cor <which consists of ten baths or one homer, for ten baths are equivalent to a homer>. Also one sheep is to be taken from every flock of two hundred from the

well watered pastures of Israel. These will be used for the grain offerings, burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to make atonement for the people, declares the sovereign Lord.

MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD THROUGH TITHING

agmmyz DEUT.26:12 When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

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ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES

GOD FIRST

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PRINCIPLE OF FIRST FRUITS

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it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury. The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and oil to the storerooms where the articles for the sanctuary are kept and where the ministering priests and gatekeepers stay. "We will not neglect the house of our God."

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PROSPERITY AND POVERTY

agnebb DEUT.28:1-14 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock - the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction, but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity - in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground - in the land he swore your forefathers to give you. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of these commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other Gods or serving them.

agnebb DEUT.28:15-44 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not follow

carefully all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. The fruit of your womb will be cursed and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. The Lord will plague with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder, it will come down from the skies until you are ruined. The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth. Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no-one to frighten them away. The Lord will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. The Lord will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no-one to rescue you. You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and ravish her. You will build a house, but another will live in it. You will plant a vineyard but you will not begin to enjoy its fruit. Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will eat none of it. Your donkey will be forcibly taken from you and will not be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no-one will rescue them. Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, powerless to lift a hand. A people that you do not know will eat what your land and labour produce, and you will have nothing but cruel oppression all your days. The sights you see will drive you mad... v38 You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it. You will plant vineyards and cultivate them but you will not drink the wine nor gather the grapes, because worms will eat them. You will have olive trees throughout your country but you will not use the oil, because the olives will drop off. You will have sons and daughters, but you will not keep them, because they will go into captivity. Swarms of locusts will take over all your trees and the crops of your lands. The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head but you will be the tail...

agnebb MJWH on Deut 28 There seems a great divide today between God's way in agriculture and man's. In this chapter the blessings of a prosperous agriculture are heavily dependent on love and obedience to the Lord and what he will give. Today however, we are taught that prosperity depends very much on solving certain economic matrices independent of God's law. People especially are seen as expendable factors of production. The morality and honesty of a move rarely enters the calculation. For example, if one can read around the rulings of an act really designed to bring stability and help to the weaker man, and through this legal loophole obtain vast sums of grant money totally against the spirit of the Act, one is

congratulated on one's astuteness. Sadly subtlety in these matters is often practised by Christians. We are called to be salt, to be light; we have somehow got to set a reflection of Jesus, a reflection of the creator's heart in agriculture.

- agnebb DEUT.33:13-16 About Joseph, Moses said, "May the Lord bless his land with the precious dew from heaven above and with the deep waters that lie below; with the best the sun brings forth and the finest the moon can yield; with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills; with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favour of him who dwelt in the burning bush.
- agnebb DEUT 33:28 So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure in a land of corn and new wine where the heavens drop dew.
- agnebb PROV 13:21-22 Misfortune pursues the sinner but prosperity is the reward of the righteous. A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.
- agnebb PROV 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapour and a deadly snare.
- agnebb JOS 1:7-9 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
- agnebb JOB 42:12-17 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter was named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years.
- agnebb PROV.21:5 The plans of the deligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty
- agnebb PROV 21:20 In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil but the foolish man devours all that he has.

WORK (see fuller analysis in WK codings)

- agnebc PROV 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
- agnebc PROV 15:19 The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the

upright is a highway.

agnebu PROV 16:26 The labourer's appetite works for him and hunger drives him on.

agnebc PROV 18:9 One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

agnebu PROV 20:13 Do not love sleep or you will grow poor, stay awake and you will have food to spare.

agnebc EPH 4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

ATTITUDES TO WEALTH

agnecc DEUT.18:3ff This is the share due to the priests from the people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls and the inner parts. You are to give them the first fruits of their corn, new wine and oil, and the first wool from the shearing of your sheep, for the Lord your God has chosen them, and their descendants out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the Lord's name always.

agnecc DEUT.8:10-18 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord you God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your flocks and herds grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

agnecc LUKE 12:16-21 And Jesus told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich

man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and then I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God."

CONSEQUENCES OF ATTITUDES

agnedd RUTH 2:17-18 So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered and it amounted to an ephah. She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten.

agnedd PS 52:6-7 The righteous will see and fear, they will laugh at him saying, "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold, but trusted in his great wealth, and grew strong by destroying others.

agnedd PROV 23:4 Do not wear yourself out getting rich, have wisdom to show restraint.

agnedd JER.5:23-24 But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away. They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest. Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.

agnedd HAB 3:17-19 Though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

agnedd MATT 6:25-34 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothed the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' for the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given

to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.

EFFECTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

agneee DEUT.24:19-22 When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you

harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

- agnee DEUT.28:1-24 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock - the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction, but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity - in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground - in the land he swore your forefathers to give you. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of these commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other Gods or serving them.
- agnee DEUT 30:15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.
- agnee JOB 42:12-15 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemima, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. *(At 1982 prices the value of Job's stock would have been about £2,256,000.)*
- agnee PS 34:9-10 Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- agnee PS 85:12-13 The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.
- agnee PS.144:12-15 Then our sons in their youth will be like well nurtured plants, and

our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace. Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets. Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

agneee MJWH on PS 144:12-15 *What is so radical here is that the blessings do not depend on chasing the latest economic fancy, technical innovation, investment programme, increased fertilizer or spray programme, or even a trimming down of the labour force, but on God and our attitude to him and his word.*

agneee JER 31:5 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria, the fathers will plant them and enjoy their fruit.

agneee LUKE 12:16-21 Then Jesus told them this parable; "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who store up things for himself but is not rich towards God."

EFFECT OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

agneeg DEUT.28:15-44 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not follow carefully all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. The fruit of your womb will be cursed and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. The Lord will plague with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder, it will come down from the skies until you are ruined. The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth. Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no-one to frighten them away. The Lord will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumours, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. The Lord will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no-one to rescue

you. You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and ravish her. You will build a house, but another will live in it. You will plant a vineyard but you will not begin to enjoy its fruit. Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will eat none of it. Your donkey will be forcibly be taken from you and will not be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no-one will rescue them. Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, powerless to lift a hand. A people what you do not know will eat what your land and labour produce, and you will have nothing but cruel oppression all your days. The sights you see will drive you mad... v38 You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it. You will plant vineyards and cultivate them but you will not drink the wine nor gather the grapes, because worms will eat them. You will have olive trees throughout your country but you will not use the oil, because the olives will drop off. You will have sons and daughters, but you will not keep them, because they will go into captivity. Swarms of locusts will take over all your trees and the crops of your lands. The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head but you will be the tail...

agneeg NEH 9:36-37 "But see, we are slaves today, slaves in the land you gave to our forefathers so that they could eat its fruit and the other good things it produces. Because of our sins its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have placed over us. They rule over our bodies and our cattle as they please. We are in great distress."

agneeg JER.7:17-20 Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger. But am I the one they are provoking? declares the Lord. Are they not rather harming themselves, to their own shame? Therefore, this is what the sovereign Lord says: My anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and beast, on the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground, and it will burn and not be quenched.

agneeg JER.8:13 I will take away their <the idolatrous people of Judah> harvest, declares the Lord. There will be no grapes on the vine. There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them.

agneeg JER 12:4 How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds are perished.

agneeg HOS 2:8-13 She <Israel> has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold - which they used for Baal. Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens, and my new wine when it is ready. I will take back my wool and my linen, intended to cover her nakedness. SO now I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers; no-one will take her out of my hands. I will stop

all her celebrations: her yearly festivals, her New Moons, her Sabbath days - all her appointed feasts. I will ruin her vines and her fig-trees, which she said were her pay from her lovers; I will make them a thicket, and wild animals will devour them. I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewellery, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the Lord.

agneeg MICAH 7:1 What misery is mine! I am like one who gathers summer fruit at the gleaning of the vineyard; there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave.

EFFECT OF JUSTICE

agneff DEUT.16:9-12 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put in the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing the Lord your God has given you. And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees. Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and your wine-press. Be joyful at your Feast-you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the Feast to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

agneff DEUT.16:20 Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

agneff RUTH 4:2-4 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here, " and they did so. Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so that I will know. For no-one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it" he said.

agneff RUTH 4:5-6 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."

SABBATH TRADING

- agnegh NEH 10:31 When the neighbouring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or any holy day. Every seventh year we will forego working the land and will cancel all debts.
- agnegh NEH 13:15-18 In those days I saw men in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. Men from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah. I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this wicked thing you are doing - desecrating the Sabbath day? Didn't your forefathers do the same thing, so that our God brought all this calamity upon us, and upon this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath."

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE

- agnehh DEUT.23:19 Do not charge your brother interest, whether on money or food or anything else that may earn interest. You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, so that the Lord your God may bless you in everything you put your hand to in the land you are entering to possess.
- agnehh HOSEA 12:1-8 Ephraim feeds on the wind; he pursues the east wind all day and multiplies lies and violence. He makes a treaty with Assyria and sends olive oil to Egypt....The merchant uses dishonest scales; he loves to defraud. Ephraim boasts, "I am very rich; I have become wealthy. With all my wealth they will not find in me any iniquity or sin."

ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS

- agneii 2 CHRON 27:5 Jothan made war on the king of the Ammonites and conquered them. That year the Ammonites paid him a hundred talents of silver, ten thousand cors of wheat and ten thousand cors of barley.

TRADE PROTECTION

- agnejj DEUT.23:19 Do not charge your brother interest, whether on money or food or anything else that may earn interest. You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, so that the Lord your God may bless you in everything you put your hand to in the land you are entering to possess.
- agnejj DEUT.24:6 Do not take a pair of millstones - not even the upper one - as security for a debt, because that would be taking a man's livelihood as security.

INTEREST AND USURY

- agnekk EXOD.22:25 If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not be like the money-lender; charge him no interest
- agnekk DEUT.23:19 Do not charge your brother interest, whether on money or food or anything else that may earn interest. You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, so that the Lord your God may bless you in everything you put your hand to in the land you are entering to possess.
- agnekk NEH.5:10 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them: "You are exacting usury from your own countrymen!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them, and said: "As far as possible we have brought back our Jewish brothers who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your brothers, only for them to be sold back to us!" They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say. So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? I and my brothers are also lending the people money and grain. But let the exacting of usury stop! Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses and also the usury you are charging them - the hundredth part of the money, grain new wine and oil." "We will give it back," they said, "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."
- agnekk PS.15:1..5 Lord who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may rest upon your holy hill? He who.....lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
- agnekk LUKE 19:22-23 His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?"

ECONOMIC BAROMETERS

- agnell JOEL 1:4-12 What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten. A nation has invaded my land, powerful and without number; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vines and ruined my fig-trees. It has stripped off their bark and thrown it away, leaving their branches white. Mourn like a virgin in sackcloth grieving for the betrothed of her youth. Grain offerings and drink offerings are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests are in mourning, those who minister before the Lord. The fields are ruined, the ground is dried up. The grain is destroyed, the new wine is dried up, the oil fails. Despair, you farmers, wail, you vinegrowers; grieve for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field is destroyed. The vine is dried up and the fig-tree is withered; the pomegranate, the palm and the

apple tree - all the trees of the field - are dried up. Surely the joy of the people is withered away.

agnell JOEL 1:16-20 Has not the food been cut off before our very eyes - joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seeds are shrivelled beneath the clods. The storehouses are in ruins, the granaries have been broken down, for the grain has dried up. How the cattle moan! The herds mill about because they have no pasture; even the flocks of sheep are suffering. To you, O Lord, I call, for fire has devoured the open pastures and flames have burned up all the trees of the field. Even the wild animals pant for you; the streams of water have dried up and fire has devoured the open pastures.

TRADING STANDARDS AND ETHICS

agnemm LEV 19:35-36 Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

agnemm DEUT.25:13-16 Do not have two differing weights in your bag - one heavy, one light. Do not have two differing measures in your house - one large one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. For the Lord your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.

agnemm PROV 11:26 People curse a man who hoards grain, but blessings crown him who is willing to sell.

agnemm PROV 11:1 The Lord abhors dishonest scales but accurate weights are his delight.

agnemm PROV 16:11 Honest scales and balances are from the Lord, all the weights in the bag are of his doing.

agnemm PROV 20:10 Differing weights and differing measures, the Lord detests them both.

agnemm PROV 20:17 Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man but he ends up with a mouthful of gravel.

agnemm PROV 21:30. There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

agnemm EZEK 45:9-12 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: You have gone far enough, O princes of Israel! Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right. Stop dispossessing my people, declares the Sovereign Lord. You are to use accurate scales, an accurate ephah and an accurate bath. The ephah and the bath are to be the same size, the bath

containing the tenth of a homer and the ephah a tenth of a homer; the homer is to be the standard measure for both. The shekel is to consist of twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels plus twenty five shekels plus fifteen shekels equal one mina.

agnemm HOSEA 12:1-8 Ephraim feeds on the wind; he pursues the east wind all day and multiplies lies and violence. He makes a treaty with Assyria and sends olive oil to Egypt....The merchant uses dishonest scales; he loves to defraud. Ephraim boasts, "I am very rich; I have become wealthy. With all my wealth they will not find in me any iniquity or sin."

agnemm MICAH 6:10-15 Am I still to forget, O wicked house, your ill-gotten treasures and the short ephah, which is accursed? Shall I acquit a man with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? Her rich men are violent; her people are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully. Therefore I have begun to destroy you, to ruin you because of your sins. You will eat but not be satisfied; your stomachs will still be empty. You will store up but save nothing, because what you save I will give to the sword. You will plant but not harvest; you will press olives but not use the oil on yourselves, you will crush grapes but will not drink the wine.

agnemm NAHUM 3:16 You have increased the number of your merchants till they are more than the stars of the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away.

agnemm HAB 1:14-17 You have made men like fish in the sea, like creatures that have no ruler. The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad. Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his drag-net. For by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food. Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?

agnemm HAB 2:9_11 Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.

agnemm HAB 2:6 Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?

agnemm JOHN 2:14 In the temple courts Jesus found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my father's house into a market!"

ECONOMIC CHOICE AND CONSEQUENCES

agnenn PROV.21:20 In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a

foolish man devours all that he has.

agnenn EZEK 20:24-25 Because they had not obeyed my laws but had rejected my decrees and desecrated my Sabbaths, and their eyes lusted after their fathers' idols, I also gave them over to statutes that were not good and laws they could not live by.

SOCIO-ECONOMICS (see also agtc = Community Precepts)

agneoo DEUT.23:24-25 If you enter your neighbour's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but do not put any in your basket. If you enter your neighbour's cornfield, you may pick the ears with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to his standing corn.

agneoo DEUT.24:6 Do not take a pair of millstones - not even the upper one - as security for a debt, because that would be taking a man's livelihood as security.

agneoo DEUT.24:19-22 When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. that is why I command you to do this.

agneoo 2 CHRON 27:2-4 Jothan did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Uzziah had done, but unlike him he did not enter the temple of the Lord. The people however, continued their corrupt practices. Jothan rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple of the Lord and did extensive work on the hill of Ophel. He built towns in the Judean hills and forts and towers in the wooded areas.

INFLATION

agnepp MICAH 6:10-15 Am I still to forget, O wicked house, your ill-gotten treasures and the short ephah, which is accursed? Shall I acquit a man with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? Her rich men are violent; her people are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully. Therefore I have begun to destroy you, to ruin you because of your sins. You will eat but not be satisfied; your stomachs will still be empty. You will store up but save nothing, because what you save I will give to the sword. You will plant but not harvest; you will press olives but not use the oil on yourselves, you will crush grapes but will not drink the wine.

agnepp HAGG.1:5 Now this is what the LORD Almighty says, "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

DEBT

- agneqq EXOD.22:26 If you take your neighbour's cloak as a pledge, return it to him by sunset, because his cloak is the only covering he has for his body. What else will he sleep in? When he cries out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate.
- agneqq MATT.6:12 Our Father...forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- agneqq ROM.13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding except the debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law.

CANCELLING OF DEBTS

- agneqr DEUT 31:10 Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for cancelling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing...."

YEAR OF JUBILEE

- agneqs LEV 25:25-28 If one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells some of his property, his nearest relative is to come and redeem what his countryman has sold. If, however, a man has no-one to redeem it for him, but he himself prospers and acquires sufficient means to redeem it, he is to determine the value for the years since he sold it and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it. He can then go back to his own property. But if he does not acquire the means to repay him, what he sold will remain in the possession of the buyer until the year of the jubilee. It will be returned in the year of the jubilee, and he can then go back to his property.

COVETOUSNESS

- agness EXOD.20:17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
- agness DEUT 5:21 You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbour's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
- agness MICAH 2:1 Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellow man of his inheritance.

TAKE-OVER BIDS

- agnest DEUT 5:21 You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbour's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
- agnest PS 35:25 Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!" or say, "We have swallowed him up."
- agnest ISA.5:8 Woe to you who add house to house and field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land

DISPOSSESSION OF THE WEAK AND POOR (Also pr series)

- agnesu EXOD.22.22-23 Do not take advantage of a widow or orphan. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry.
- agnesu DEUT.27:17 Cursed is the man who moves his neighbour's boundary stone. Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"
- agnesu NEH 5:5 We are powerless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.
- agnesu JOB 31:16ff If I have denied the desires of the poor or let the eyes of the widow grow weary, if I have kept my bread to myself, nor sharing it with the fatherless....if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or a needy man without a garment, and his heart did not bless me for warming him with the fleece from my sheep, if I have raised my hand against the fatherless, knowing that I had influence in court, then let my arm fall from its shoulder, let it be broken of at the joint.
- agnesu AMOS 4:1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, "Bring us some drinks!"...
- agnesu AMOS 5:11 You trample on the poor and force him to give you corn. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

FALSE PROMISES

- agnesv MICAH 2:11 If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' he would be just the prophet for this people!

HUSBANDRY GUIDELINES

GENERAL

agphff PROV 12:24 Diligent hands will rule but laziness ends in slave labour.

LAND - WORKING OF

agphgb PROV 12:11 He who works his land will have abundant food but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.

LAND - RESTING OF

agphgc EXOD.23:10-12 For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and olive grove.

agphgc Lev.25:18-22 Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. You may ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?" I will send such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

LAND - WISDOM

agphgd PROV 6:6 Go to the ant you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY - BASIC PRECEPTS

agpiaa EXOD.22:19 Anyone who has sexual relationships with an animal must be put to death.

agpiaa EXOD.23:4-5 If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him. If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there: be sure you help him with it.

agpiaa LEV 19:26 Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it. Do not practice divination or sorcery.

- agpaaa DEUT.22:1-3 If you see your brother's ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it, but be sure to take it back to him. If your brother does not live near you or you do not know who he is, take it home with you and keep it until he comes looking for it. Then give it back to him. Do the same if you find your brother's donkey or his cloak or anything he loses. Do not ignore it.
- agpaaa DEUT.22:10 Do not plough with an ox and a donkey yoked together.
- agpaaa DEUT.22:4 If you see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen on the road, do not ignore it. Help him to get it to its feet.
- agpaaa DEUT.25:4 Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the corn.
- agpaaa PROV 12:10 A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
- agpaaa PROV 14:4 Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.
- agpaaa PROV 27:23ff Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure for ever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, the lambs will protect you with clothing and the goats with the price of a field. You will have plenty of goats milk to feed you and your family, and to nourish your servant girls.
- agpaaa ISA 40:10-11 See the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies. He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.
- agpaaa EZEK. 34:7-10 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will not longer be food for them.
- agpaaa EZEK 34:11-16 For this is what the Sovereign Lord says; I myself will search for my sheep and will look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements of the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the

mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

- agpiaa LUKE 13:15 The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?"
- agpiaa LUKE 14:5 "Then Jesus asked them, "If one of you has a donkey or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?"
- agpiaa JN.10:11-13 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees a wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- agpiaa JN.10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY - VALUES AND RESTITUTION

- agpiab GEN 32:13 Jacob spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau:- Two hundred female goats twenty male goats two hundred ewes twenty rams thirty female camels with their young forty cows ten bulls twenty female donkeys ten male donkeys *(At 1982 prices approximately #50,000 worth of livestock.)*
- agpiab EX.22:1-6 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.....If a stolen animal is found alive in his possession - whether ox or donkey or sheep - he must pay back double. If a man grazes his livestock in a field or vineyard and lets them stray and they graze in another man's field, he must make restitution from the best of his own field or vineyard. If a fire breaks out and spreads into thornbushes so that it burns shocks of grain or standing corn or the whole field, the one who started the fire must make restitution.
- agpiab EX.22:10-13 If a man gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to his neighbour for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no-one is looking, the issue between them will be settled by taking an oath before the LORD tht the neighbour did not lay hands on the other person's property. The owner is to accept this, and no restitution is required. But if the animal was stolen from the neighbour, he must make restitution to the owner. If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, he shall bring in the remains as evidence and he will not be required to pay for the torn animal.
- agpiab EX.22:14-15 If a man borrows an animal from his neighbour and it is injured or dies while the owner is not present, he must make restitution. But if the owner is with the animal, the borrower will not have to pay. If the animal was hired, the money

paid for the hire covers the loss.

agpiab JOB 42:12 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys...

SKILLS

agpiac DEUT 33:11 Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.

agphff 1 CHRON 4:21-23 The sons of Shelah son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah and the clans of the linen workers at Beth Ashbea, Jokim, the men of Cozeba, and Joash and Saraph, who ruled in Moab and Jashubi Lehem. (These records are from the ancient times.) They were the potters who lived at Netaim and Gederah; they stayed there and worked for the king.

LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY - REST (see also agtccc)

agpiae DEUT 5:12ff Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey, or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY - EXAMPLES OF HUSBANDRY SYSTEMS

agpiaf GEN.32:13 Jacob spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau:- Two hundred female goats twenty male goats two hundred ewes twenty rams thirty female camels with their young forty cows ten bulls twenty female donkeys ten male donkeys (At 1982 prices approximately #50,000 worth of livestock.)

agpiaf *D.J. Stenning, Savannah Nomads, Oxford Press, London. Another adaption technique of traditional pastoralists is keeping a herd that consists of*

different types of livestock:- camels, sheep, goats, donkeys as well as cattle. A mixed herd can exploit a variety of ecological niches. Cattle and sheep graze on grasslands; and goats browse on shrubs and low parts of trees. Valuable protein for human consumption is then produced by plants that humans cannot eat. Different species have different reproductive cycles; staggered breeding seasons ensure some type of milk throughout the year. The hardiness of camel

and goats make them good animals to fall back on in times of drought when cattle die off. A varied herd also acts as a walking storehouse for food, either directly or in exchange for grain, during annual dry spells and periodic droughts. Pastoralists traditionally produced enough meat and dairy products to exchange with farmers for grain. In addition, the pastoralists' herds, annually manured the fallow fields of the farmers. The animals then gained good grazing land and the fertility of the farmers' soil improved. This symbiotic relationship allowed for a remarkably dense population to comfortably inhabit seemingly inhospitable lands.

agpiaf *Jeremy Swift, Disaster and a Sahelian nomad economy. Center for African Studies 1973. We have come to learn, however, that nomadic pastoralists have traditionally made efficient use of vast stretches of semi-arid land that otherwise would remain unproductive. While their migration might look random to the outsider, they are in reality patterned to take advantage of variations in rainfall and vegetation. The nomads may herd their livestock over hundreds of miles from rainy season pasture to oases of perennial grasses in dry seasons. Pastoral nomadism then, is a rational response to an environment characterized by the scarcity of water, seasonal drought, and widely scattered seasonal fodder resources. The nomads tactics makes use of resources that others would not even consider as resources.*

agpiaf LUKE 14:5 Then Jesus asked them "If one of you has a donkey or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?"

LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY - PRINCIPLES

agiag ISA.40:11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

agpiaf EZEK.34:1-6 The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered all over the mountains and on

every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no-one searched or looked for them.

agpiaf EZEK. 34:7-10 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the

Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.

- agpiag EZEK 34:11-16 For this is what the Sovereign Lord says; I myself will search for my sheep and will look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements of the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
- agpiag EZEK 34:17-19 "As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?
- agpiag EZEK 34:20-24 "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another, I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.
- agpiag JER.23:1-4 "Woe to the shepherds who are scattering and destroying the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord, Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people. "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of the countries where I have driven them
- and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.
- agpiag JN.10:11-13 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees a wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

- agpiag LUKE 15:3-7 Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there is more rejoicing in heaven over the one sinner who repents than ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."
- agpiag JN.10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.
- agpiag 1.COR.9:7-11 JBP Just think for a moment. Does any soldier ever go to war at his own expense? Does any man plant a vineyard and have no share of its fruit? Does the shepherd who tends the flock never taste the milk? This is, I know, our argument from every day life, but it is a principle endorsed by the Law. For is it not written in the Law of Moses: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treads out the corn"?

CROP HUSBANDRY

CROP HUSBANDRY - BASIC PRECEPTS

- agpjba LEV 19:23-25 When you enter the land and plant any kind of fruit tree, regard its fruit as forbidden. For three years you are to consider it as forbidden; it must not be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit will be holy, an offering of praise to the Lord. But in the fifth year you may eat its fruit. In this way your harvest will be increased. I am the Lord your God.
- agpjba DEUT.22:9 Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.
- agpjba PROV 10:5 He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.
- agpjba JER 4:3 This is what the Lord says to the men of Judah and Jerusalem; "Break up your unploughed ground and do not sow among thorns."

CROP HUSBANDRY - OBSERVATION AND CARE

- agpjbb PROV 6:6 Go to the ant you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.
- agpjbb PROV 27:18 He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit and he who looks after his master will be honored.
- agpjbb SONG 2:11-13 See! The winter is passed; the rains are over and gone. Flowers

appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

- agpjbb SONG 2:15 Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.
- agpjbb SONG 6:11 I went down to the grove of the nut trees to look at the new growth in the valley, to see if the vines had budded or the pomegranates were in bloom.
- agpjbb JAS.5:7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

CROP HUSBANDRY - REST see Idjuaa, Idjuab and agtcce

CROP HUSBANDRY - ECONOMIC WISDOM

- agpjbd 2 CHRON 26:10 Uzziah also built towers in the desert and dug many cisterns, because he had much livestock in the foothills and in the plain. He had people working his fields and vineyards in the hills and in the fertile lands, for he loved the soil.
- agpjbd PROV 11:26 People curse a man who hoards grain, but blessings crown him who is willing to sell.
- agpjbd PROV 21:20 In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil but a foolish man devours all that he has.
- agpjbd ECC.11:4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

CROP HUSBANDRY - EXAMPLES

- agpjbe PROV 6:6 Go to the ant you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.
- agpjbe ISA 5:1 I will sing to the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes why did it yield only bad?"
- agpjbe HOSEA 10:12-13 Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love,

and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness upon you. But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception.

agpjbe HOSEA 10:4 They make many promises, take false oaths and make agreements; therefore law suits spring up like poisonous weeds in a ploughed field.

agpjbe LUKE 8:5-8 A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

agpjbe LUKE 8:15 But the seed in the good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it and by persevering produce a crop.

CROP HUSBANDRY - HUSBANDRY STRUCTURES

agpjpl 1 CHRON 27:25-34 Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the royal storehouses. Jonathan son of Uzziah was in charge of the storehouses in the outlying districts, in the towns, the villages and the watchtowers. Ezri son of Kelub was in charge of the field workers who farmed the land. Shimei the Ramathite was in charge of the vineyards. Zabdi the Shiphmite was in charge of the produce of the vineyards for the wine vats. Baal-Hanan the Gederite was in charge of the olive and sycamore-fig trees in the western foothills. Joash was in charge of the supplies of olive oil. Shitrai the Sharonite was in charge of the herds grazing in Sharon. Shaphat son of Adlai was in charge of the herds in the valleys. Obil the Ishmaelite was in charge of the camels. Jehdeiah the Meronothite was in charge of the donkeys. Jaziz the Hagrite was in charge of the flocks. All these were the officials in charge of King

David's property. Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of insight and a scribe. Jehiel son of Hacmoni took care of the king's sons. Ahithophel was the king's counsellor. Hushai the Arkite was the king's friend. Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoida son of Benaiah and by Abiathar. Joab was the commander of the royal army.

agpjpl 2 CHRON 26:10 Uzziah also built towers in the desert and dug many cisterns, because he had much livestock in the foothills and in the plain. He had people working his fields and vineyards in the hills and in the fertile lands, for he loved the soil.

agpjpl 2 KG.25:12 But the commander left behind some of the poorest people of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS

agpjpgm I COR.3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

THE LAND

THE LAND - ORIGIN

Idoraa GEN.1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Idoraa EXOD.20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Idoraa JOB 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Idoraa PS.148:5-8 ...Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth...

Idoraa PROV.3:19-20 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop their dew.

THE LAND - BOUNDARIES

Idorab EZEK.47:13-14 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "These are the boundaries by which you are to divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel, with two portions for Joseph. You are to divide it equally among them. Because I swore with uplifted hand to give it to your forefathers, this land will become your inheritance."

Idorab ACTs 17:26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

THE LAND - OWNERSHIP - GOD'S CLAIM

Idowaa EX.9:29 Moses replied, "When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the Lord's.

Idowaa LEV.25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Idowaa LEV 25:29-31 If a man sells a house in a walled city, he retains the right of redemption a full year after its sale. During that time he may redeem it. If it is not redeemed before a full year has passed, the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to the buyer and his descendants. It is not to be returned in the Jubilee. But houses in villages without walls around them are to be considered as open country. They can be redeemed, and they are to be returned in the Jubilee.

Idowaa LEV 25:32-34 The Levites always have the right to redeem their houses in the Levitical towns, which they possess. So the property of the Levites is redeemable - that is, a house sold in any town they hold - and is to be returned in the Jubilee, because the houses in the towns of the Levites are their property among the Israelites. But the pasture-land belonging to their towns must not be sold; it is their permanent possession.

Idowaa DEUT.10:14 To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.

Idowaa PS.24:1-2 The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Idowaa PS.89.11 The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

Idowaa JER 27:4-5 Give them a message for their masters and say, "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says; 'Tell this to your masters: With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please.'"

THE LAND - GOD'S TO GIVE

Idowab GEN.17:8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you: and I will be their God.

Idowab DEUT.1:8 See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to their descendants after them.

Ibowab JOSH.1:1-6 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert and from Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite country - and to the Great Sea on the west. No-one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or

forsake you.

Idowab EZEK 37:14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.

Idowab EZEK.47:13-14 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "These are the boundaries by which you are to divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel, with two portions for Joseph. You are to divide it equally among them. Because I swore with uplifted hand to give it to your forefathers, this land will become your inheritance."

THE LAND - MAN'S TENANCY

Idowba LEV.25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Idowba PS.8:6 You have made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.

Idowba PS.115:16 The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man.

Idowba EZEK.37:14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

THE LAND - SECURITY OF TENURE

Idowca DEUT 30:15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Idowca DEUT 30:19 Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Idowca DEUT 31:13 Their children, who do not know this law must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

Idowca MJWH on Deut 31 *To stay in the land, attitudes to God and his word override economic considerations. Economic considerations have their place but where we go wrong is that we put them first, so that often our work schedule is forced to fit in to them, rather than putting God's word, his law, first. Hence, we do not dwell secure in the land, our grip is never tight, but like someone climbing up a*

shaking cliff face, we are constantly seeking fresh and hopefully more secure footholds or grips, yet on achieving them, we are forced to realise that yet again these are also insecure.

Idowca NEH 11:20 The rest of the Israelites, with the priests and Levites, were in all the towns of Judah, each in his own ancestral property.

Idowca PS 37:3-4 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Idowca HOSEA 2:21-23 "In that day I will respond," declares the Lord - "I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth; and the earth will respond to the grain, the new wine and the oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people', 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.' "

THE LAND - ALLOTMENT OF

Idowda DEUT 32:8-9 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according the number of the sons of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.

Idowda NUM.26:52-56 The Lord said to Moses, "The land is to be allotted to them as an inheritance based on the number of names. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one; each is to receive its inheritance according to the number of those listed. Be sure that the land is distributed by lot. What each group inherits will be according to the names for its ancestral tribes. Each inheritance is to be distributed by lot among the larger and smaller groups."

Idowda NUM.33:53-54 Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess. Distribute the land by lot, according to your clans. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one. Whatever falls to them by lot will be theirs. Distribute it according to your ancestral tribes.

Idowda PS 37:34 Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to possess the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Idowda PS 44:3 It was not by their sword that our fathers won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm and the light of your face, for you loved them.

Idowda PS 125:3 The sceptre of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

THE LAND - ALLOTMENT FOR ALIENS

Idowdb EZEK.47:21-23 "You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to give him his inheritance." declares the Sovereign LORD.

THE LAND - SALE OF

Idowea LEV 25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Idowea NUM.36:7 No inheritance in Israel is to pass from tribe to tribe, for every Israelite shall keep the tribal land inherited from his forefathers.

Idowea 1 KING.21:2-3 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard, or if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." But Naboth replied, 'The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.'

OWNERSHIP - DEGREE OF

Idowfa LEV.25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Idowfa NEH 5:5 We are powerless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.

OWNERSHIP - MANS'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD

Idowga LEV.27:30 A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

Idowga DEUT.8:10-11 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

Idowga DEUT.26:1ff When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling place for his Name...

ldowga MAL.3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse - the whole nation of you - because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out such a blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty, "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

ldowga LUKE 12:48 From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

OWNERSHIP - MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS FAMILY

ldowgb EX.20:12 Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

ldowgb LEV.25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

ldowgb RUTH 4:2ff Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother, Elimelech. I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so that I will know. For no-one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.

ldowgb 1 KING.21:2-3 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard, or if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." But Naboth replied, 'The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.'

ldowgb JER. 32:6-7 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.

OWNERSHIP - MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE POOR - See PR texts

OWNERSHIP - MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO WEAKER BROTHERS - see PR texts

OWNERSHIP - MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS WORKERS - see WK texts

LAND (CONTINUED)

MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY - INHERITANCE

- Idihaa DEUT.1:6-8 The Lord our God said to us at Horeb, "You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighbouring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the sea-coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore he would give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to their descendants after them."
- Idihaa DEUT 19:14 Do not move your neighbour's boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess.
- Idihaa NUM.27:8-11 Say to the Israelites, 'If a man dies and leaves no son, give his inheritance over to his daughter. If he has no daughter, give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, give his inheritance to his father's brothers. If his father had no brothers, give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan, that he may possess it. This is to be a legal requirement for the Israelites, as the Lord commanded Moses.'
- Idihaa NUM.36:8-9 Every daughter who inherits land in any Israelite tribe must marry someone in her father's tribal clan, so that every Israelite will possess the inheritance of his fathers. No inheritance may pass from tribe to tribe, for each Israelite tribe is to keep the land it inherits.
- Idihaa JOSH.15:19 She (*Caleb's daughter*) replied, "Do me a special favour. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.
- Idihaa PS 37:9 Those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
- Idihaa PS 37:11 The meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.
- Idihaa PS 37:16-19 Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure for ever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.
- Idihaa PS 37:21-22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; those the Lord blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.
- Idihaa PS 37:29 The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it for ever.

- Idihaa PS 37:34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to possess the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.
- Idihaa LK.12:13-15 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

GIFTS RELATING TO INHERITANCE

- Idjjab EZEK 46:16-18 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: If the prince makes a gift from his inheritance to one of his sons, it will also belong to his descendants; it is to be their property by inheritance. If, however, he makes a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, the servant may keep it until the year of freedom; then it will revert to the prince. His inheritance belongs to his sons only; it is theirs. The prince must not take any of the inheritance of the people, driving them off their property. He is to give his sons their inheritance out of his own property, so that none of my people will be separated from his property.'

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE

- Idjuaa LEV 25:29-31 If a man sells a house in a walled city, he retains the right of redemption a full year after its sale. During that time he may redeem it. If it is not redeemed before a full year has passed, the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to the buyer and his descendants. It is not to be returned in the Jubilee. But houses in villages without walls around them are to be considered as open country. They can be redeemed, and they are to be returned in the Jubilee.
- Idjuaa LEV 25:25-28 If one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells some of his property, his nearest relative is to come and redeem what his countryman has sold. If, however, a man has no-one to redeem it for him, but he himself prospers and acquires sufficient means to redeem it, he is to determine the value for the years since he sold it and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it; he can then go back to his own property. But if he does not acquire the means to repay him, what he sold will remain in the possession of the buyer until the year of the Jubilee. It will be returned in the year of the Jubilee, and he can then go back to his property.
- Idjuaa LEV 25:32-34 The Levites always have the right to redeem their houses in the Levitical towns, which they possess. So the property of the Levites is redeemable - that is, a house sold in any town they hold - and is to be returned in the Jubilee, because the houses in the towns of the Levites are their property among the Israelites. But the pasture-land belonging to their towns must not be sold; it is their permanent possession.

7TH YEAR REST

Idjuab Lev.25:18-22 Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. You may ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?" I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

IN RELATIONSHIP TO MAN HARBOURING EVIL (See also agneeg & aggdIm)

Idkkaa PS 35:20 They (*the ruthless witnesses*) do not speak peaceably, but devise false accusations against those who live quietly in the land.

Idkkaa I KINGS 15:11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord as his father David had done. He expelled the male shrine prostitutes from the land and got rid of all the idols his fathers had made.

Idkkaa MJWH on I Kings 15:11 Cleansing the land of evil seems part of the stewardship required by God.

Idllaa IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE see aggdjh, aggdji etc

Idllbb IN RELATIONSHIP TO JUDGEMENT see aggdjl

Idllbc IN RELATIONSHIP TO JUDGEMENT - FAMINE see aggdno

Idllbd IN RELATIONSHIP TO JUDGEMENT - ECONOMIC see aggneeg

WORK AS PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (see WK series)

Idmmwa DEUT 11:8f Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, and so that you may live long in the land that the Lord swore to your forefathers to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today - to love the Lord your God and to serve Him

with all your heart and with all your soul - then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut

the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you. Fix these words of mine on your hearts and minds...

Idmmwa JER.5:24 They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.' Idmmwa EZ.34:25 I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety.

Idmmwa HOS 14:8 "...I am like a green pine tree; your fruitfulness comes from me."

Idmmwa MATT 6:26f Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Idmmwa 2 COR.9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

WORK - MAN'S PART

Idmmwb GEN.1:27f So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

Idmmwb PS.104:23 Then man goes out to his work, to his labour until evening.

Idmmwb PR.6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

Idmmwb PR.10:5 He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Idmmwb PR.12:11 He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.

Idmmwb PR.14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Idmmwb PR.27:18 He who tends a fig-tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honoured.

WORK - HUSBANDRY FACTORS

- ldmmwc LEV.18:23 Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relationships with it; that is a perversion.
- ldmmwc DEUT.22:4 If you see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen on the road, do not ignore it. Help him to get it to its feet.
- ldmmwc DEUT.22:10 Do not plough with an ox and a donkey yoked together.
- ldmmwc DEUT.25:4 Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the corn.
- ldmmwc PROV.12:10 A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
- ldmmwc PROV.14:4 Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.
- ldmmwc PROV.27:23 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure for ever and a crown is not secure for all generations.
- ldmmwc ISA.5:1-2 I will sing to the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

WORK - ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS (See pl econ and wk files)

- llmmwd PROV.12:11 He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.

LAND IN RESPECT TO POPULATING

- ldnnnn GEN.1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it ...
- ldnnnn ISA.5:8 Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.
- ldnnnn ISA 45:18 For this is what the Lord says- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited
- ldnnnn EZ.36:37-38 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says, Once again I will yield to the

plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Idnnnn AMOS 8:4 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,....

LAND IN RESPECT TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

Idoooo LEV.26:3f "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.....

Idoooo LEV.26:14f "But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you; I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies.....

Idoooo DEUT.25:13-16 Do not have two differing weights in your bag - one heavy, one light. Do not have two differing measures in your house - one large one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. For the Lord your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.

Idoooo PS.37:1ff Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture....

Idoooo PS. 85:12-13 The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Idoooo JER.12:13-14 They will sow wheat but reap thorns; they will wear themselves out but gain nothing. So bear the shame of your harvest because of the LORD's fierce anger.

THE LAND IN RESPECT TO JUSTICE

Idoopp DEUT.16:20 Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Idoopp NEH.5:1ff Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Jewish

brothers. Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous, in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain." Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine." Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others." When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry.

Idoopp PROV.11:1 The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.

Idoopp PROV.13:23 A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.

Idoopp PROV.20:10 Differing weights and differing measures - the LORD detests them both.

Idoopp MIC.4:2-4 Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig-tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

- agtcaa LEV 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.
- agtcaa LUKE 10:27 Jesus answered "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself."

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - EXAMPLES OF LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

- agtcab GEN.41:48 Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it.
- agtcab GEN. 41:56-57 When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold corn to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy corn from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.
- agtcab DEUT.22:1-3 If you see your brother's ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it, but be sure to take it back to him. If your brother does not live near you or you do not know who he is, take it home with you and keep it until he comes looking for it. Then give it back to him. Do the same if you find your brother's donkey or his cloak or anything he loses. Do not ignore it.
- agtcab DEUT.22:4 If you see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen on the road, do not ignore it. Help him to get it to its feet.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE REST FOR SELF

- agtcca EX.34:21 Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE REST FOR OTHERS

- agtccc EX.23:12 Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well may be refreshed
- agtccc LEV 23:39-43 So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.

Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days. All native born Israelites are to live in booths so that your descendants will know that I made the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

agtccc DEUT.5:12 Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do.

agtccc PROV 11:26 People curse a man who hoards grain, but blessings crown him who is willing to sell.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE REST FOR STOCK

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COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES TO REST LAND

agtccc EX.23:10-11 For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

agtccc Lev.25:18-22 Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. You may ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?" I will send such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - HARVEST RESPONSIBILITIES

agtccd GEN.41:33-36 And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put

him in charge of the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the corn under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.

agtcdd EX.23:16 Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field.

agtcdd EX.34:26 Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.

agtcdd DEUT.24:19-22 When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. that is why I command you to do this.

agtcdd RUTH 2:2-3 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eye I find favour." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead my daughter." So she went out and began to glean the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

agtcdd RUTH 2:4-9 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!" "The Lord bless you!" they called back. Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, "Whose young woman is that?" The foreman replied, "She is the Moabitess who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather behind the harvesters.' She went into the field and has worked steadily from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter." So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

agtcdd RUTH 2:14-16 When Ruth sat down with the harvesters, Boaz offered her some roasted corn. She ate all and had some left over. As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Even if she gathers among the sheaves, don't embarrass her. Rather, pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

agtcdd RUTH 2:17-18 So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered and it amounted to an ephah. She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten.

agtcdd NEH 10:35-39 We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the first fruits of our crops and of every fruit tree. As it is also written in the Law, we will bring the first born of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God to the priests ministering. Moreover we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury. The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and oil to the storerooms where the articles for the sanctuary are kept and where the ministering priests and gatekeepers stay. "We will not neglect the house of our God."

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES TO SHARE IN REJOICING

agtcee DEUT.16:9-12 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put in the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing the Lord your God has given you. And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees. Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and your wine-press. Be joyful at your Feast-you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the Feast to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

agtcee LEV 23:39-43 So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days. All native born Israelites are to live in booths so that your descendants will know that I made the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

agtcee NEH 8:17 The whole company that had returned from exile built booths and lived in them. For the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - REDEMPTION RESPONSIBILITIES

- agtcff LEV 25:23-24 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.
- agtcff RUTH 4:2-4 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so that I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am the next in line."

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - INHERITANCE (see idihaa)

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALIEN, POOR, WIDOW AND ORPHAN

- agtchh DEUT.16:9-15 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put in the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing the Lord your God has given you. And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name - you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees. Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and your wine-press. Be joyful at your Feast-you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the Feast to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.
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- Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vinyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. that is why I command you to do this.
- agtchh DEUT.26:12 When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

- agtchh EZEK.47:21-23 "You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to give him his inheritance," declares the Sovereign Lord.
- agtchh EPH 4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY

- agtcii JOSH 15:19 Acsah replied, "Do me a special favour. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.
- agtcii 1 KG 21 2-3 Ahab said to Naboth, "let me have your vineyard to use as a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth. But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AND TREATMENT OF WORKERS see WK

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - GLEANING LAWS see agtchh

COMMUNITY PRECEPTS - SCRUMPING LAWS

- agtcii DEUT.23:24-25 If you enter your neighbour's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but do not put any in your basket. If you enter your neighbour's cornfield, you may pick the ears with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to his standing corn.

ECOLOGICAL DIRECTIVES

ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- agppaa GEN.1:26-30 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food." And it was so.
- agppaa GEN.2:15 Then God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
- agppaa DEUT 20:19ff When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an axe to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees of the field men, that you besiege them? However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls.

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- agppbb GEN.3:17-18 "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."
- agppbb EZEK 36:33-36 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the Lord have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the Lord have spoken and I will do it.
- agppbb MICAH 7:3-13 Both hands are skilled in doing evil, the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire - they all conspire together. The best of them is like a briar, the most upright worse than a thorn

hedge... The earth will become desolate because of its inhabitants, as the result of their deeds.

ECOLOGICAL WARNINGS

- agppcc JER.12:4 How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds have perished.
- agppcc JER 12:10-11 Many shepherds will ruin my vineyard and trample down my field; they will turn my pleasant field into a desolate wasteland. It will be made a wasteland, parched and desolate before me; the whole land will be laid waste because there is no-one who cares.

ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

- agppdd JONAH 4:5-11 Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do", he said, "I am angry enough to die." But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"