

THE THRESHING FLOOR

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| A STUDY IN THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT |
| 2 SAMUEL 24 |

TRIBULATION, N.

[L. TRIBULO, TO THRASH, TO BEAT.]

Severe affliction; distresses of life; vexations. In Scripture, it often denotes the troubles and distresses which proceed from persecution.

--Webster's 1828

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience.

THE THRESHING FLOOR: GOD'S CHOSEN LOCATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MOMENTS

1. Revealing unto Gideon God's plan for delivering His people from the Midianites (we find out later God does it with only 300 men)!!
And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. (Judges 6:11)
2. Ruth throwing herself at the mercy of Boaz, and Boaz vowing to redeem her (and thereby Ruth was privileged to be brought into the line of David, and more importantly, Jesus, our Kinsman-Redeemer).
And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. (Ruth 3:2)
3. God broke forth and slew Uzzah for dishonoring the Ark.
And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. (2 Samuel 6:6)

OH, AND ONE OTHER SEEMINGLY IRRELEVANT, BUT INCREDIBLY SIGNIFICANT EVENT

2 Samuel 24:16

And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

1 Chronicles 21:18

Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 Samuel 24:21

And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

2 Samuel 24:22

And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments (מורג) mowrag) and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

Tribulum (מורג) mowrag), a threshing wain: an instrument of husbandry for rubbing out corn (or grain) on a threshing floor. It consists of three or four wooden cylinders armed with stones or iron, and joined together as a sledge; it is drawn by cattle over the corn, to separate the grains from the ear.

--Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon

2 Chronicles 3:1

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Genesis 22:2

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

THE BREATH OF GOD

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God (theopneustos=God-breathed, or God-blown, or God-winded), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

THE FIRE OF GOD

Hebrews 12:26–29

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

Matthew 3:11–12

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

FIFTY DAYS FROM PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover (Nissan 15).

Exodus 19:1, 3a & 20:1

In the third month [after a journey of 50 days], when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. . . . And Moses went up unto God . . . And God spake all these words [of the Ten Commandments].

After Passover's somber feast of the Paschal Lamb the harvest season commences with an offering of the first sheaf of harvest being waved before God.

On the morning, which succeeds the Paschal Sabbath, the Sheaf is waved. On this same dawn Jesus arose, avowing himself the antitype. [. . .] The Sheaf relates a tale of triumph. It brings back thought to a seed cast into the ground. To view, it was a dry and worthless husk. Earth's tomb then buried it. Mighty hindrances assailed it. The frost retained it with iron grasp, and many storms repressed it. At last it raised a living head. Here life gains victory over death.

--Henry Law ("Christ is All: The Gospel in the Pentateuch")

Thus begins Shavuot, the "Feast of Weeks," and this celebration of the harvest culminates 50 days after the second day of Passover. And this 50th day is what we now call the day of Pentecost.

On [Pentecost's] earliest day the fiery Law went forth. But when God's purposes were fully ripe, a greater marvel signaled its end. Christ came, and died. Redemption's work was finished. Types vanished in His glorious light. Foreshadowing festivals waxed dim, and the last Pentecost arrived. On this same day, Jesus expands His hands, and pours the promised Spirit down. Cloven tongues of fire fall, and blaze on the Apostle's heads. New powers of speech proclaim His presence; and in all tongues the Gospel—truth is heard. A blessed harvest instantly is brought. The gifted heralds speak. They tell of Christ—His dying love—His resurrection—power. The present Spirit seals the word. Blind eyes are opened. Frozen feelings melt. Pride is laid low. Hearts open. Jesus enters. And on that day about three thousand souls were added to the church. The church presents her First—fruit loaves. The reaping time of souls is come; and heaven's garners swell with immortal produce.

--Henry Law ("Christ is All: The Gospel in the Pentateuch")

THE WHIRLWIND & THE FIRE

Ezekiel 1:4

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

2 Chronicles 7:1

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

- The day when the sharpened blade severs the grain from the earth (the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God).
- The day when the threshing instrument is wielded (wood and nails which crush).
- The day when the winnowing fan and fork sift the chaff, blowing it away and burning it up (the shaking voice and fiery law of judgement and wrath).
- The day when the grain is prepared to become bread (the body of the bread).

People say, "We want another Pentecost." I don't believe them for a minute. Pentecost in the New Testament is tied in with persecution, poverty and prison! [. . .] People today want a painless Pentecost. After the apostles were filled in the upper room, they were persecuted, and they went to prison for preaching the Word.

--Leonard Ravenhill

THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

John 16:13 & John 15:26

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification (holy-fication). Note: Sanctification is the process of making our lives a testimony of the purity, holiness and life of Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–19

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit (whose role it is to bring the wind and fire of purgation).

A TRAIN WITHOUT TRACKS

A NEW LAW

Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Mark 1:14–15

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

ADDITIONAL STUDY RESOURCES

<http://www.gracegems.org/LAW/L16.htm>

<http://www.gracegems.org/LAW/L18.htm>

<http://www.gracegems.org/LAW/e01.htm>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uwfax-2qPE

<http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols28-30/chs1808.pdf>

<http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols61-63/chs3477.pdf>

thlibo: verb

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G2346>

thlipsis: noun

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G2347>

Araunah the Jebusite (<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H728>)

Araunah = "I shall shout for joy"

"make ye to shine (2 Sam. 24:16)"

"joyful shouting of Jah (2 Sam. 24:18)"

a Jebusite who sold David the site for an altar