

STOREHOUSES

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- ‘*acam, aw-sawm*’; from an unused Hebrew root meaning to heap together; a storehouse
- Synonyms in Scripture for storehouses are barns, granaries, storerooms and treasuries.

A storehouse means a place of storage for the purpose of gathering surplus or extra, to have more than enough for your own need so that others’ needs can be met. Among those who are to be blessed through God’s storehouses are the widows, orphans, fatherless, poor, needy, destitute, afflicted, hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, family members, strangers, etc. This is Biblical: **(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.” **(Prov. 13:22a)** “A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children..” **(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.” **(I Thess. 4:11-12)** “Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody” (have no lack). **(I Tim. 5:8)** “If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” **(Gal. 6:10)** “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” **(I John 3:17)** “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” **(James 2:15-16)** “Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?” **(James 1:27)** “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” **(Prov. 11:24-25)** “There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.” **(Isa. 58:6-9)** “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I.” **(Mal. 3:5)** “I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers, and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens (strangers) of justice, but do not fear me,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

God builds for scale, for more than enough. When He made water, he didn’t just use a bucket or a sink or a water cooler or a water tower; he made the seas. “He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap (in jars). He lays up the deep in storehouses” **(Psalm 33:7)**. When God looks at a mountain range, he sees more than majesty and grandeur and beauty. He sees what is underneath the mountains and inside the mountains—minerals like gold and silver and platinum

and oil and gas and coal. (**Isaiah 45:3**) says “I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.” And God sees what is on top of the mountains—snow—which can be used for recreation or for water in the spring when it melts. (**Job 38:22**) says “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail?” (**Prov. 25:2**) “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; it is the glory of kings to search out a matter.” You and I are kings. **Some animals have storehouses.** Squirrels hide nuts; ants scavenge for food. (**Prov. 6:6**) says “Go to the ant you sluggard; consider her ways and be wise. It stores its provisions in summer and gathers food at harvest.” (**Prov. 30:25**) says “Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.” In contrast, birds and whales migrate, thus have no storehouse. (**Luke 12:24**) “Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?”

The Bible is a storehouse. (**Psalm 119:89**) “Your word, o Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.” (**Matt. 24:35**) “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (repeated in **Mark 13:31**, **Luke 21:33**). (**John 1:1**) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (**John 5:24**) “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (**John 6:63**) “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” (**John 6:68**) Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Jesus is a storehouse. (**Col. 2:2-3**) “My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (**Col. 2:9**) “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”

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(**Isa. 33:5-6**) “The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure”). (**Deut. 28:12**) “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.” (**Jer. 51:16**) “When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses” (repeated in **Psalm 135:7**). (**Haggai 2:8**) “‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” (**Psalm 50:9-12**) “I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.” (**Mal. 3:19**) “Bring all (the whole) tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me in this if I will not open up the floodgates (windows) of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you cannot contain or will not have room enough for it.” (**Neh. 10:37**) “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.”

Since God is a storehouse and God owns storehouses, both in heaven and on earth, then you and I are to be storehouses and to own storehouses in heaven and on earth.

The Bible says we are created in the image of God. (**Gen. 1:26-27**) “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.” (**Matt. 12:35**) “The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” (**Luke 6:45**) “The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” David said in (**Psalms 119:11**) that “I have hidden (or stored up) your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (**James 1:21**) says that “it is the implanted word (i.e., the stored up word) that is able to save.” (**Prov. 10:14**) “Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.” (**Prov. 21:20**) “In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.” (**Matt. 6:19-21**) “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (**Deut. 28:8**) “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”

Satan also has storehouses and as followers of Christ we have authority to plunder them.

(**Prov. 13:22b**) “A sinner’s wealth is stored up for the righteous.” (Luke 10:19) “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.” (**Col. 1:13**) “God hath delivered us out of the kingdom of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear son.” (**Col. 2:10**) “And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].” (**Matt. 4:8-9**) “Again, the devil took him [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’” (**Luke 4:5-7**) “The devil led him [Jesus] up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” (**Matt. 12:29**) “Or how can a person go into a strong man’s house and carry off his goods (the entire equipment of his house) without first binding the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.” (**Mark 3:27**) “But no one can go into a strong man’s house and ransack his household goods right and left and seize them as plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then indeed he may plunder his house.” (**1 Sam. 17:53**) The Israelites returned from their pursuit of the Philistines and plundered their tents. (**2 Kings 7:16**) Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. (**2 Chron. 14:14**) “And they smote all the cities round about Gerar, for the fear of the Lord came upon them. They plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.”

David stored wealth for building the temple (1 Chron. 22:5,14). “David said, My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it. So

David made extensive preparations before his death.”...“Now behold in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord a 100,000 talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance; timber and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.”

Joseph at age 30 oversaw storehouses in Egypt. (Gen. 41:34-37) “Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. Have them gather all the food and grain of these good years into the royal storehouses, and store it away so there will be food in the cities. That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come. Otherwise disaster will surely strike the land and all the people will die.’ Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his advisors.” **(Verse 49)** says: “Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.” **(Verses 56- 57)** says: “When the famine had spread over the whole country [earth], Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.”

The Kings of Israel and Judah and Egypt also had storehouse cities. (1 Chron. 27:25). “Azmarath son of Adiel was in charge of the royal storehouses. Jonathan son of Uziah was in charge of the storehouses in the outlying districts, in the towns, the villages and the watchtowers.” **(2 Kings 20:13)** “Hezekiah received the messengers and showed them all that was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices and the fine oil—his armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.” **(Exodus 1:11)** “So they set over [the Israelites] taskmasters to afflict and oppress them with [increased] burdens. And [the Israelites] built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.” **(1 Kings 9:19)** “And all the store cities which Solomon had and cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen, and whatever Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.” **(2 Chron. 8:6)** “And Baalath and all the store cities [he] had, and all the cities for his chariots and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all his dominion.” **(2 Chron. 16:4)** “And Ben-hadad hearkened to King Asa and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.” **(2 Chron. 17:12)** “And Jehoshaphat became very great. He built in Judah fortresses and store cities.” Today national governments and multinational corporations have storehouse cities—cities where military bases, nuclear arsenals, mints, gold reserves, federal reserve banks, raw materials, factories and manufacturing plants, skilled labor forces, seaports etc. are located.

The modern State of Israel is a storehouse. (Gen. 12:3) “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you.” **(Isa. 60: 10-12)** “Though in anger I struck you, in favor will I show you compassion. Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations—their kings led in triumphal procession. For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined.” **(Isa. 66:8, 10-12)** “Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.. Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink

deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance. For this is what the Lord says: I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream..."

The purpose of Kingdom storehouses is to bless others and advance the Kingdom of God, not to store up riches for ourselves or worship Mammon. (Luke 12:16-21) "And he [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 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 stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." **(I Tim. 6:17-19)** "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, not trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." **(Matt. 6:24)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions)." **(Prov. 11:28)** "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch (or green leaf)." **(Deut. 8:17-18)** "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..." **(Ecc. 5:10)** "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income." **(Luke 16:11)** "Therefore if ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous Mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" **(I Tim. 6:6-7)** "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." **(James 5:1-6)** "Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you."

Finally, God is raising up a new generation of Josephs, Daniels, Esthers, Lydias and Noahs to unlock, build, steward, and oversee storehouses for the Kingdom of God, the riches and treasures hidden in darkness for such a time as this. These individuals have been tested and tried with adversity and hardship and affliction, and in their brokenness and obscurity and suffering have been proven faithful over little; now they are being rewarded for their obedience and their integrity and humility and being given keys and royal (divine) authority and promoted to be rulers over much. They are being given divine strategies, witty inventions, creative ideas, heavenly revelation, and spiritual gifts, and are experiencing the force of God's unlimited and immeasurable favor. These storehouses will help to finance the endtime harvest of souls, the establishment of dominion in the marketplace and governmental realms, and the transformation and discipling of nations, states, provinces, and cities. May God bless His word and seal this.