

Make This Valley Full of Ditches

A Picture of the Prosperity Phenomenon Of the Day of Jehovah Tsaba

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SUMMARY: This teaching discusses the biblical concept of prosperity, emphasizing the importance of faithfulness, generosity, and the promise of wealth through divine intervention.

- **Divine Instruction:** Elisha, as a prophet, commanded to "Make this valley full of ditches," signifying preparation for God's blessings despite the lack of visible signs like rain or wind. This illustrates the principle of faith in God's provision.
- **Historical Context:** The Hohokam Indians are mentioned for their advanced irrigation systems, symbolizing how careful planning and effort can lead to prosperity through the management of resources. Illustrates a concept of Elisha's instruction to "Make this valley full of ditches."
- **Abundance Promised:** Isaiah 60:5,11 speaks of nations bringing wealth to God's people, highlighting the expectation of abundant blessings and open doors for receiving wealth from various lands.
- **Restoration of Prosperity:** Psalms 126 reflects joy in the restoration of prosperity, comparing it to a dream and expressing the joy and wonder of God's works.
- **Generosity Rewarded:** The teachings emphasize that giving and generosity lead to receiving blessings in return, as seen in Luke 6:38, which states that gifts will return in overflowing measures.
- **Final Wealth Manifestation:** James 5 warns the rich of impending judgment, contrasting their fate with the faithful who await the Lord's return and the eventual manifestation of wealth for God's people.
- **Tithing as a Foundation:** Malachi 3 emphasizes the importance of tithing, promising that obedience in giving will result in abundant blessings and protection over one's resources.

2Kings 3:14-20 KJV "And Elisha said, **As the LORD of hosts [Jehovah Tsaba] lives, before whom I stand**, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. (15) But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. (16) And he said, **Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches (Heb. canals with cisterns). (17) For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water**, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. (18) And **this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD**: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. (19) And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. (20) And **it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.**"

2Kings 3:14-20 MESSAGE "Elisha said, "**As GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies lives, and before whom I stan** (15) ...bring me a minstrel." (When a minstrel played, the power of GOD came on Elisha.) (16) He then said, "**GOD's word: Dig ditches all over this valley. (17) Here's what will happen—you won't hear the wind, you won't see the rain, but this valley is going to fill up with water** and your army and your animals will drink their fill. (18) **This is easy for GOD to do...** (20) **In the morning—it was at the hour of morning sacrifice—the water arrived, water pouring in from the west, from Edom, a flash-flood filling the valley with water.**"



Hohokam Indians of Phoenix, AZ* - ***Known for their** irrigation canals and ditches. "These canals stretched up to ten miles from a river's point of origin to the next village¹. They were carefully calculated structures with precise gradients to ensure water flow². The canals fed hundreds of small ditches that brought water to thousands of acres of croplands."

The wealth Conversion Will be Like a Deluge – The Flood of Prosperity is Coming:

Isaiah 60:5,11 TLB “Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill *and* tremble with joy and be enlarged; because **the abundant wealth of the Sea shall be converted to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures.**” (KJV “**...abundance of the sea shall be unto thee.**”) (Moffatt’s Translation “**...the rich sea trade and the wealth of nations shall be converted unto thee.**”) (11) Your doors will remain wide open around the clock to receive the wealth of many lands. The kings of the world will cater to you.”

Psalms 126:1-4 TLB “When Jehovah restored back to us our prosperity, it was like a dream! (2) How we laughed and sang for joy. And the nations said, “What amazing things the Lord has done for them.” (3) Yes, glorious things! What wonder! What joy! (4) May we be refreshed as by a deluge in the desert.”

Isaiah 23:18 GNB “The money earned by commerce will be dedicated to the LORD. It will not be stored away, but those who worship the LORD will use the money to buy the food and the clothing they need.”

Isaiah 23:18 TLD “Yet the distant time will come when the businesses will give their profits to the Lord! They will not be hoarded but used for good food and fine clothes for the ministers of the Lord!”

1. God Has Plans for the final “wealth Manifestation” for His People:

James 5:1-11 TLB “Look here, you rich men, now is the time to cry and groan with anguished grief because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. (2) Your wealth is even now rotting away, and your fine clothes are becoming mere moth-eaten rags. (3) The value of your gold and silver is dropping fast, yet it will stand as evidence against you and eat your flesh like fire. That is what you have stored up for yourselves. (4) For listen! Hear the cries of the workers whom you have cheated of their pay. Their cries have reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts [Jehovah Tsaba]. (5) You have spent your years here on earth having fun, satisfying your every whim, and now your fat hearts are ready for the slaughter. (6) You have condemned and killed good men who had no power to defend themselves against you. (7) But now as for you, dear brothers who are waiting for the Lord’s return, be patient. The Lord of the Harvest waits until the autumn for his precious harvest to ripen. (8) Yes, be patient. And take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. (9) The great Judge is coming. He is almost here. (10) For examples of patience, look at the Lord’s prophets. (11) We know how

happy they are now because they stayed true to him then. Job is an example of a man who continued to trust the Lord; from his experiences we can see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, yes, the end of the Lord is very good."

2. God's Plans for Ditches for the Prosperity Phenomenon:

A) The Prosperity Ditches Begin With the Promise of Faithfulness With the Tithe –

Malachi 3:10-18 TLB **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse** so that there will be food enough in my Temple and put me to test, **says the Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Tsaba); if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!"** (11) Your crops will be large, for I will guard them from insects and plagues. Your grapes won't shrivel away before they ripen," **says the the Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Tsaba).** (12) **"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land sparkling with happiness. These are the promises of the Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Tsaba).** (13) "Your attitude toward me has been proud and arrogant," says the Lord. "But you say, 'What do you mean? What have we said that we shouldn't?' (14) (14-15) "Listen; you have said, 'It is foolish to worship God and obey him. What good does it do to obey his laws, and to sorrow and mourn for our sins? From now on, as far as we're concerned, "Blessed are the arrogant." For those who do evil shall prosper, and those who dare God to punish them shall get off scot-free.'" (16) **Then those who feared and loved the Lord spoke often of him to each other. And he had a Book of Remembrance drawn up in which he recorded the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him.** (17) **"They shall be mine," says the Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Tsaba), "in that day when I take back my jewels and distribute my wealth."** And I will spare them as a man spares an obedient and dutiful son. (18) And then **you will see the difference between God's treatment of good men and bad, between those who serve and obey him and those who don't."**

B) More Prosperity Ditches are Dug By Helping With the Spread of the Gospel and Good Deeds to other Christian Believers –

Mark 10:29-30 TLB "And Jesus replied, **"Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything—home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property—for love of me and to tell others the Good News,** (30) who won't be **given back, a hundred times over, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—with persecutions! "All this will be here on earth,** and in the world to come he shall have eternal life."

C) The Life of a Generous Giver Creates Prosperity Ditches –

Luke 6:38 TLB “For **if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over.** Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—**will be used to measure what is given back to you.**”

Psalms 102:13 NIV “You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor (HEB. Bend or stoop over to an inferior to bestow a kindness) ; **the appointed time has come.**”

2Corinthians 9:6-14 TLB “But remember this—**if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.** (7) Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don’t force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes. (8) God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others. (10) For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest. (11) **Yes, God will give you much so that you can give away much...** (13) Those you help will be glad not only because of your generous gifts to themselves and to others, but they will praise God for this proof that your deeds are as good as your doctrine. (14) And they will pray for you with deep fervor and feeling because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you.”

3. We Will Be Recipients of All Who Have Gone On Without Reaping Their Earthly Rewards in A Great Deluge of Blessing:

Isa 60:15-17 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, **a joy of many generations.** (16) **Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles,*** and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. (17) For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

***John Wesley Notes on the Bible – Shalt suck** – “That the church shall draw, or receive the wealth of nations, and the riches, and power of kings, and whatever is most excellent, and that it shall come freely, and affectionately, as milk flows from the breast of the mother.”