

DIVINE PROVISION FOR GOD'S PEOPLE DURING THE TIME OF FAMINE

1. There is a physical famine and also a spiritual famine in the land; Amos 8:11; 2 Chron. 15:3
2. Some famines are due to natural disasters and some are “engineered”. History records that food has been used as a “weapon” by corrupt authorities to bring the people to a place of submission; Revelation 13:16-18
3. Jesus has warned His people of the coming famines; Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:5-8
4. Noah was warned by God of a coming world-wide flood. He directed Noah in how to build and prepare and Ark for his family with provisions and supplies; Genesis 7:1-5
5. Abraham “journeyed”; he moved his tent when he was driven to Egypt in a time of famine; Genesis 12:9-10
6. God gives dreams to warn people of a coming famine. He raises up individuals who will “store the grain” in preparation for the famine and drought to come; Gen. 41:15-36, 47-57; 43:1
7. The Israelites followed the “cloud” during their journey in the Wilderness. Their food was supernaturally supplied and the “Rock” provided their water; Ex. 17:5-6; Deut. 8:15-16
8. In a time of great loss, Ruth and Naomi were led to a divine supply of food in the fields of Boaz, when there was a famine in the land; Ruth 1:1-6, 22; 2:2-9, 14-23
9. A Levite (priest) was searching for a place to live. As he travelled, he stopped at Micah’s house, who offered to support him with money, a change of clothing and food. The Lord blessed Micah because the priest of the Lord lived in his house; Judges 17:7-12
10. God has furnished a table for His people in a desolate, Wilderness place; Psalm 78:19-20
11. Saul is an overlord who starves his army; 1 Sam. 14:24. David would not sit and eat at “Saul’s table”; 1 Sam. 20:25-27. When David fled from the presence of Saul, God provided for him and protected him in the Wilderness; Psalm 23:5
12. Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David; 1 Sam. 20:16-17. Miphibosheth, Jonathan’s crippled son, was found in a desolate place. He became an heir of the covenant blessing that his “father” had entered into with “the king”; 2 Sam. 7:15-16. He sat continually at king David’s table and ate bread with David and his sons; 2 Sam. 4:4; 9:7-13
13. Priests of the Lord will feed the Lord’s “chosen” during a time of hunger and persecution; 1 Sam. 21:6. The “Woman” in the wilderness is nourished by God’s servants; Rev. 12:6
14. God uses different methods and individuals to feed His servants. Elijah was sustained and fed by a “widow woman”, by “ravens” and by an angel; 1 Kings 17:4-7, 9-13; 19:4-8
15. As Elijah fed the Gentile woman and her son during the famine, so will God’s ministry feed

the predominantly Gentile believers during the spiritual famine; 1 Kings 17:14-16; Amos 8:11

16. When Jezebel (the harlot system) cut off the prophets, Obadiah took 100 prophets of the Lord and hid them by 50's in the caves, and fed them bread and water; 1 Kings 18:4, 13; 2 Kings 2:7

17. Elisha was obedient to the Lord; he multiplied the "oil" and blessed a widow's household. As a result, food was given to him and a "furnished room" was provided for him by the widow whenever he passed through the area; 2 Kings 4:8-10

18. Elisha cast "meal" (flour for bread) into the "pot" to neutralize the poison; 2 Kings 4:38-41. Poisonous doctrines, wild traditions, strange practices have been tossed into the church's "pot".

19. Disciples cannot grow spiritually if they feed upon a worldly diet consisting of entertainment, sensationalism or "social reform", based upon cultural, tribal, political and racial issues. The "leaven of corruption": sin, false doctrine, sensuality, divisions, strife and immorality must be put away; 1 Corinthians 1:10-12; 3:1-9; 5:1-13

20. Sons of the prophets will thrive and grow on the Word of God; it brings them to maturity and full stature; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:13; John 4:32-34. Elisha gave them:

- a. Bread of the "first fruits"; John 6:33-35; 1 Cor. 15:20, 23
- b. Loaves of barley; John 6:9,13
- c. Full ears of corn (fully ripened grain, which has been tended and cultivated); Mark 4:28

21. We must partake of "unleavened bread" during our journey, to help prepare us for our departure from the Wilderness:

- a. Lot prepared unleavened bread for the heavenly visitors; Genesis 19:3
- b. Unleavened bread was used for the Passover; Exodus 12:8
- c. Unleavened bread was eaten by the priests; 2 Kings 23:9
- d. Unleavened bread was consumed by the Nazarites; Numbers 6:13, 15
- e. Unleavened bread was eaten at the Lord's Supper; Luke 22:7-19

22. Jesus said that He was the "Bread of Life"; John 6:33-35 and His people are also a part of that same "loaf" of bread. Jesus is the Source of "living water"; John 10:14; He is the spiritual Rock Who travelled with the Israelites; 1 Cor. 10:4, 17

23. Loaves and fishes were multiplied; disciples are the recipients of a supernatural supply; Matt. 15:32-38; 24:45-51; John 6:5-13. Insight and understanding comes in the breaking of bread; Luke 24:30-31, 35

24. Agabus the prophet, predicted by the Spirit there would be a great dearth throughout the world which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar; Acts 11:27-28

25. The "ship" (organized church) may break apart as the storm increases in intensity, but a final feeding of "bread" is given to those who would be "rescued"; Acts 27:33-44

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