

## THE THRESHING FLOOR

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*The threshing floor in scripture is used as a strong metaphor in the scriptures as a place of separation and revelation. A place where God's harvest is prepared by separating the grain from the useless straw and husk (natural body and its failings)... by threshing (pressure) and the wind (the spirit of truth). The concept of threshing and separation are used to describe God's dealings with men and their future blessings.*

*The following three names are used in reference to the same location... Mt Moriah, Mt Araunah and Mt Zion.*

**I. 1830BC. Mt Moriah (chosen by Jehovah) where Abraham offered Isaac as a perfect sacrifice. GEN 22:15** And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, **16** And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: **17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed** (both natural and spiritual); **because thou hast obeyed my voice.** A new name is also applied to the same place... **V14** And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovahjireh** (provider): as it is said to this day, **In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.** God promised that Abraham's descendants would be separated from the rest of the world, so he could teach them and show them, the principles of blessing through his mercy and provision.

*This all happened on the physical site of the threshing floor that David purchased on God's behalf.*

**2. 980BC, Mt Araunah the place David purchased for an Altar and later Solomon's Temple.** David approaches Araunah in obedience to God's request of him. **2SAM 24:24** And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for **fifty shekels** of silver (50 represents the Jubilee... the rest of rests). **25** And David built there an **altar** unto the LORD, and offered **burnt offerings** (a tribute to God) and **peace offerings** (giving of thanks). So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the **plague** (angel of death) was stayed from Israel (This was punishment for holding a census against God's will... relying on their strength of numbers and not God's power). Healing and forgiveness went hand in hand when God was the focus of faith and provision... at demonstrated at the threshing floor.

*This same location and spiritual principle is greatly magnified a few decades later.*

**3. Solomons Temple 957BC. 2CHR 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.

*This prophecy by the greatest prophet that ever lived, contains and explains true salvation.*

**MAT 3: Part 1. 11** 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:

**Part 2. he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

**Part 3. 12** Whose **fan** (winnowing shovel, relying upon the wind [spirit] to blow the chaff aside) is in his hand, and he will throughly **purge his floor** (the threshing floor... the temple), and gather his **wheat into the garner**; but he will burn up the chaff with **unquenchable fire**. The threshing is symbolic and descriptive of our time serving God... our walk in the Lord.

**The threshing floor represents God's plan from Abraham to Jesus... both natural and spiritual.** The temple (and tabernacle) were a place of sacrifice for the sins and diseases of the people... it served to remove failings and restore physical and spiritual health for all who would enter in. Jesus made it possible to have a permanent and personal threshing floor where all separation and cleansing was within our own power. **1COR 3:16** Know ye not that ye **are the temple of God**, and that the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you**? **17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. You are now in total control of your own salvation.

*Summary...*

*There are many parables relating to wheat and grains... the wheat and tares, the parable of the sower, etc. The threshing floor is mainly focused on separating the good grain from its worldly environment. The fire is able to burn up all our sin and failings permanently... because the Holy Spirit is a purifying fire, superior to the dregs it burns.*

*This is perfectly symbolised by the winnowing shovel (fan)... the raw grain is tossed into air and the wind (spirit) blows away the chaff (sin... it's burnt and permanently removed). The winnowing process is a life long experience and not just the day of our initial salvation... That's why we walk in the spirit and pray in the spirit.*