

Part 5 – The Lord’s Provisions for His Creation

In part 4 we learned that, after the Lord (YHVH) flooded the earth with water during the *first* earth age, He got rid of the waters simply by commanding them to go ‘*unto the place which thou hast founded for them*’ (Ps 104:8), which means (as Gen 1:9-10 tells us), our Heavenly Father commanded most of the waters to be gathered into one place (which He called the sea) while also commanding dry land to appear. And the dry land (which He called earth) is a boundary the waters cannot pass over again, which is why the *entire* earth has *never again* been flooded (which is why Noah’s flood was *localized*, not global). Yet, *some* of the waters our Heavenly Father also purposely caused to go onto the dry land, for the specific purpose of giving water to His creation. So, it’s *no accident* there are rivers, springs (and so forth) that provide (non-salty) water for His creation to drink. Truly, our Heavenly Father is able to well provide for His creation, which is why (as Jesus taught us in Mth 6:33) we shouldn’t worry about our basic needs (food, water, shelter, clothing). For, so long as we love and obey the Lord (YHVH), He’ll always make sure we have what we *need*. And truly, He usually blesses us far beyond what we really need to survive, so long as we *continue* to seek, love and serve Him (wholeheartedly). And then we also learned how the Lord (YHVH) also provides rain fall for many parts of the earth that the rivers and springs *don’t* go to, which in turn provides grass for the animals and food (grain and meat) for us people, too. So, in the physical sense, our Heavenly Father is entirely capable of providing for His creation, including us humans. But, thankfully, He also promises to provide us with *spiritual* food, which is *why* He’s given us His written Word. Further to that, since Jesus has come to pay for our sins, He’s also given us the Holy Spirit, which helps us to *understand* God’s Word, so we can *always* get our daily spiritual bread and living waters (John 4, 6, 10, etc.) – instead of being famished as Amos 8:11 warns of - **if** we simply continue to study His Word *sincerely and consistently*. But, the Psalmist is certainly not done speaking of all the blessings that comes from the waters the Lord (YHVH) has provided for us...

Psalm 104

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

So, another impact that rain brings is, naturally, grass grows. And, of course, that’s what animals, such as cattle, eat. So, rain is vital to keep the pastures filled with grass so the cattle don’t die, yet it’s just as paramount for mankind, because many people grow grain crops on pastures that depend totally on the rain (even today). And, if you’ve ever grown crops (or even a garden) you know that rain from above (in ‘due season’) is *far better* than any irrigation system can ever be. Now, the word ‘**herb**’ here simply means **grass** (*or any tender shoot*) (#6212), so it could also be referring to ‘herbs’ in the sense we think of it today, i.e. spices and other natural plants that help heal the human body *and* provide excellent nutrition to maintain good health (garlic, peppermint, etc.). However, the word ‘**food**’ here means **food** (for man or beast), especially **bread**, or **grain**

(for making it) (#3899), so it's likely the 'herb' here is referring to the tender shoots of grain, which we make bread from. So, rain is incredibly important not only to us humans, but also for the animals as well. And our Heavenly Father makes sure we have it. And while there are times of drought, there's never been a drought that has lasted to the point of extinction for mankind or the animals...

Psalms 104

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

Here again the Psalmist points out more benefits from the rain. And, of course, wine is made from grapes, oil is made usually from olives and bread is made from grain... all things we humans really enjoy *and* help to keep us healthy. And oil wasn't just used for cooking; back in those days they also used it in other ways, such as in perfumes and even moisturizers. And, of course, oil was also vital for lamps to give them light! Further, oil was also used for anointing people into the priesthood (or kings, such as David) and was used a lot in the Tabernacle (Temple) of God as well. The word '**bread**' in this verse (rendered as 'food' in the prior verse) means **food** (for man or beast), especially **bread**, or **grain** (for making it) (#3899) while the word '**strengtheneth**' means **to support** (#5882) and the word '**heart**' means **the heart** (as the most interior organ) (#3824). So, the Psalmist's point is that God *not only* provided rivers, springs, and other water sources on the land (even underground water from which we can make wells to draw out the water) but He *also* provides rain that brings forth many plants that we humans (and the animals) need to live a comfortable life - from lighting, to food, to hygiene and even enjoyment (such as wine, 1 Tim 5:23), God provides all the things we need while in a flesh body.

Psalms 104

16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

And here's a couple more blessings that the rain brings. The word '**Lord**' here is, of course, God's Sacred (and covenantal) name, **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. And part of His covenant is to provide for us, so long as we obey Him (Deut 28, Lev 26). As Ps 111:5 says, *He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant*. And the word '**sap**' here actually *isn't in the manuscripts* (#9999); so the first part of this verse simply says the trees of the Lord (YHVH) are '**full**', which means **to sate**, i.e. **fill to satisfaction** (literally or figuratively) (#7646). So, you can see why the translators added the word 'sap' because this verse does imply that. Yet, the Lord (YHVH) also provides that which the trees need to grow, which is why some of them grow *enormously* tall (like the Cedars of Lebanon). And, naturally, we also use the wood that comes from trees (as well as sap for things like syrup). And Cedar is particularly useful in building houses, for it repels many bugs. That's why David made

his house of cedar when he became king (2 Sam 5:11) as well as why the Temple of Solomon was also built out of cedar (1 Kings 5).

Psalms 104

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

This verse continues on with the thought of trees (which grow from the waters the Lord provides). And, as we all know, many birds make their nests in the trees (and, in Mth 13:32, Jesus references this also). The word ‘**stork**’ means *the kind* (maternal) *bird*, i.e. *a stork* (#2624) and ‘**fir trees**’ means *a cypress tree* (#1265), so even the larger birds find refuge in the wonderful trees the Lord (YHVH) has provided for all His creation. In other words, our Heavenly Father hasn’t forgotten to provide for any of His creation! And, as Jesus taught us...

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

*31 **Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.***

Matt 10:28-31

So, Jesus used one of the smallest (and perhaps the most numerous, which were apparently very cheap to buy) birds to point out how our Heavenly Father keeps track of them *so well* that *not one* of them dies *without Him knowing*. He then tells us that our Heavenly Father keeps track of **us so much** He even knows how many hairs we have on our head! That’s *why* we shouldn’t fear (anything), for our Heavenly Father values us *much more* than the little sparrows, which He clearly loves too. Therefore, if we love and obey Him, He’ll *always* take care of us too...

Psalms 104

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

This verse continues with the thought of how our Heavenly Father provides for His creation; and specifically, here, points out how the Lord (YHVH) made the high ‘hills’ (and mountains, #2022) a ‘refuge’ (shelter, #4268) for the wild goats (ibex, #3277) and the rocks (lofty, craggy rocks, #5553) for the conies (a rock rabbit, likely the hyrax, #8227). The point being, He even provides for the animals He made who live in, rather inhospitable places, such as high on the mountains. And, what’s even more amazing, is that there’s even animals who live, quite well, in *incredibly* cold places such as Antarctica!

Psalms 104

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Now the Psalmist turns to speaking of how the Lord (YHVH) also *especially* made the sun and the moon. The word ‘**seasons**’ means *a fixed time* or *season* (#4150) and the words ‘**going down**’ mean *sunset* (#3996) so it’s simply referring to how the sun *and* the moon both know when they are supposed to come up and then go down. The sun doesn’t come up when it’s supposed to be night time; only the moon does that. Likewise, the moon never tries to come up with the sun! As Genesis tells us...

*14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; **and** let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

*15 **And** let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

*16 And God made **two great lights**; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.*

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

*18 **And** to rule over the day and over the night, **and** to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*

Gen 1:13-18

So, the sun and moon (and stars) were also made to give us light, to divide the day from the night. Thankfully, the moon can be quite a nice light, during the night, if it is shining brightly. But, verse 14 also tells us the sun, moon and stars are also for ‘seasons’, and for ‘days’ and ‘years’. So, not only can we keep time from them, we can also learn to navigate the seas (from the stars) and also know when to plant crops. And, interestingly, the stars are also for ‘**signs**’, which means **a signal** (literally or figuratively), *as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence*, etc. (#226). As David wrote in Psalm 19...

*1 The heavens **declare the glory of God**; and the firmament **sheweth his handywork**.*

*2 Day unto day **uttereth speech**, and night unto night **sheweth knowledge**.*

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

*4 Their line is gone out **through all the earth**, and **their words** to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*

Ps 19:1-4 [to study Ps 19, click here: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/183]

So, the heavens and firmament *actually* ‘speak’, just *without words*, for it is their actions that speak... and, as we say today ‘actions speak louder than words’! And in their ‘speech’ they declare God’s glory *and* His handywork. And there’s nowhere on earth where their ‘voice’ is not heard because *all* of the earth sees them. But, *what* ‘signs’ can be found in them? If you are familiar with the Zodiac, you’ll understand that the Gospel is actually written within the stars. Of course, His written Word tells us this too, which is why ***both the ‘heavens’ and His Word are two***

witnesses to God's Word. And therefore, the Scriptures are not silent as to the great antiquity of the signs and constellations. Consider the following...

*Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: **he calleth them all by names** by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.*

Isa 40:26

In Isaiah, our Heavenly Father tells us that He not only created the 'host' of heavens (the stars), but also named them; and Ps 147:4 even tells us He also knows how many there are, as it states: **He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.** Isa 13:10 also mentions the *stars of heaven and the constellations thereof* **when prophesying** they 'shall not give their light' at the Lord's Day (Jesus' second coming). Amos 5:8 also tells us to *seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.* The Zodiac is even directly referred to as "Mazzaroth" (#4216) in Job 38:32 and "planets" (#4208) in 2 Kings 23. Others Scriptures actually refer to the zodiac signs by name. For example, the sign of "Gemini" (the twins), is given as the name of a ship in Acts 28:11 when they are translated as: 'Castor' and 'Pollux', both are # 1359, which means: *the twins Dioscuri*. And the constellation of "Draco" (or the Dragon) is referred to in Job 26:13 and in Isaiah 27:1 as the 'crooked serpent'.

And then there's also the book of Job, which mentions the constellations quite a bit. The Book of Job is generally thought to be the oldest book in the Bible, *if not in the world*. Many agree that the 'Job' spoken of in the book of Job is the same man as Jobab mentioned in Genesis 10:29, the third in descent from Eber. So, the book of Job was likely written at least 2,000 years before Christ. And in this book the signs of the Zodiac, and the names of several stars and constellations, are mentioned **as being ancient and well-known**. For example, in Job 9:9 Job is speaking of God Almighty and says that He alone *spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.* Arcturus is the constellation of the Great Bear (#5906), Orion is indeed the constellation Orion (#3685) as is Pleiades (#3598). And in chapter 38, when God is somewhat 'dressing down' Job for listening to his foolish friends who were trying to 'help' him (but were only making him feel worse), God said...

*31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of **Pleiades**, or loose the bands of **Orion**?*

*32 Canst thou bring forth **Mazzaroth** in his season? or canst thou guide **Arcturus** with his sons?*

*33 Knowest thou the **ordinances of heaven**? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?*

Job 38:31-33

So, the Scriptures are clearly not silent as to the great antiquity of the signs and constellations. But this does generate the question: *how did mankind (flesh people) come to know this information?* After all, knowledge of the Zodiac has been found in civilizations other than that of Adam's family. And while some have perverted it (thanks to Satanic influence via the fallen angels), these civilizations still show that, at one point in time, the *true* signs of the Zodiac were understood,

both as to the meaning of their names and their order, *in all the ancient nations of the world*. The Chinese, Chaldean, and Egyptian records go back to more than 2,000 years BC. Indeed, the Zodiacs in the Temples of Denderah and Esneh, in Egypt, are doubtless *copies* of Zodiacs still more ancient, which, from internal evidence, must be placed nearly 4,000 BC, when the summer solstice was in Leo. So, how did they know this? Let's remember what God's Word says. Ps 147:4 says that, *He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names*. And in Isa 40:26 God says: *Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth*. So, our Heavenly Father knows how many stars there are and even calls them by names. So, our Heavenly Father (YHVH) knows all the signs of Zodiac *by name* because, He not only formed them but *named* them. Therefore, **it is clearly the Lord (YHVH) who gave this information (about the Zodiac) early on in the history of mankind**, because the stars also testify to His 'plan of Salvation'.

For what it's worth, ancient Persian and Arabian traditions ascribe its invention to Adam, Seth, and Enoch. Josephus wrote that Adam and his son, Seth, are credited with the invention of letters and the Zodiac, and Enoch is accredited as being the recorder of the special wisdom relating to astronomy and prophesy. Back in those days, they lived hundreds of years and were able to observe the stars much longer than we can today, since most people don't even live to be 100 years old. They (the descendants of Adam) also have information that God gave to Adam and Eve passed on down to them *orally*, which is why they understood the promise of the Messiah (given in Gen 3:15), *which the heavens record as well*. If you haven't ever studied up on the Zodiac, consider the book 'The Glory of the Stars' by E. Raymond Capt or the 'Witness of the Stars' by Dr. Bullinger [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/14>]. Consider also the book on 'Numbers in Scripture' [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/15>] to see how nature itself testifies, along with the stars, of God's Divine Hand in creating them. So, the ancient civilizations, other than Adam's descendants, could have received this information from Adam's family; but it's also possible that God (in some way) gave the original forefathers of their race this information. [Learn how **Adam Was Not the First Man** in this study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/430>].

What is known for sure, however, is that the signs of the Zodiac, and the names of several stars and constellations are mentioned in the book of Job *as being ancient and well-known*. And while it's most likely that this information was given to Adam, and passed down to his children (Adam and Eve were, after all, in the Garden of Eden and literally got to talk to God), exactly how this information was spread throughout the world is not quite as clear. But the fact that the Zodiac has been well known for *thousands* of years in *all* ancient civilizations *is clearly documented*. So again, this tells us that God made Himself *and* His plan of Salvation (through the Messiah, Jesus Christ) known. That's how people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, Moses (etc.) were able to have faith in the Messiah, even before the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch) were written down by Moses. But, through studying David's Psalms, it's evident God also gave David clarifications, and more prophesies, about the Messiah (such as Ps 110:4) and, of course, He also did this through the other prophets too. But, since the heavens themselves give us God's plan of Salvation, that's why they are for 'signs', for they also reveal to us what is coming, which of

course, God's Word does too! So, if we want to study prophesy, using the Zodiac is ok but we must *also* study it in conjunction with God's Word, so we are not deceived. Further, the practice of astrology (worshiping the stars, moon and/or sun) **are all prohibited by God**. The stars, sun and moon are *only* given to us *as signs to learn from* and to count days, years and seasons. They are **not** to be worshiped (as so many do yet today) and they have **no** control over our lives.

And so, the point the Psalmist is making (throughout this precious Psalm 104) is that, of a truth, our Heavenly Father has well provided for us. But, not only in the physical sense; He also provides us (His children) with the spiritual understanding, *of the truth*, that our 'inner man' needs! For, *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is **renewed day by day*** (2 Cor 4:16) when we study our Heavenly Father's Word (the Bible). And that's why we shouldn't look (or focus on) *the things which are seen* (fleshly things, Col 3:1-3), *but at the things which are not seen* (spiritual things, i.e. the truth): *for the things which are seen are **temporal**; but the things which are not seen are **eternal*** (2 Cor 4:18) ...

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

*21 **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.***

Luke 12:16-21

*35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.***

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

*40 And **this is the will of him that sent me**, that every one *which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

John 6:35-40

We'll pick this up in part 6...

AMEN.