



A Study in Silver by R. J. Adams



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Chapter 1: The End Times Scenario

Someday, and I don't know when, (but I suspect within 40 years or less) the Antichrist and the False Prophet will come to power in the political and religious realms and forbid buying and selling through the regular means of trade at that time, which will likely be through electronic transactions completed by using the Mark of the Beast as identification. Unless one takes the Antichrist's mark, which symbolizes worship of Satan and rejection of God the Father and Jesus Christ, they will be unable to engage in normal trade. One will very likely have to barter with commodities to obtain food and necessities.

(Rev 13:16-17 NIV) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

(Rev 16:2 NIV) The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

(Rev 14:9-11 NIV) A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."

In effect, taking the Mark will be the same as swearing allegiance to the devil, and that leads first to painful sores and ultimately to eternity in hell. That's enough to ruin anyone's day.

(Rev 14:12-13 NIV) This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Some say that the Church and the saved will be gone in the rapture before the Mark is required, but that does not seem to be the clear message of the scriptures. Some will die at the hand of Antichrist and the False Prophet as a witness to the unbelieving world, as a testimony to their faith in Jesus Christ. The scripture above clearly shows this.

(Rev 14:14-16 NIV) I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

However, not all will die. The harvest of the earth is the rapture, also called "The First Resurrection, and it will happen while believers are still alive on the earth." Some people will never see death but go directly from earthly life to eternal life.

(Rev 20:6 NIV) Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

What is called the rapture, the harvest of the earth, or the First Resurrection, occurs sometime after the saints have been persecuted and the mark of the Beast is instituted, but we don't know exactly when during the tribulation period that this happens.

(Dan 12:11-12 NIV) "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

We do know one thing for certain however, that it won't last more than 1,335 days and it could be less. The end of the 1,335 days seems to indicate that Christ will return at that time and if so, the saints will have been removed from earth before that, because we, and the saved of all ages, will return with him.

Jude 1:14-15 KJV) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among

them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

(Col 3:4 KJV) When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

It is clear that the saved of all ages will return with Christ at his second coming, therefore the rapture must take place some time before the return of Jesus Christ, when he returns to earth to destroy the armies of the world at Armageddon. How long before, we do not know. My guess is that it will be about one year before, but that is only a guess. The rapture could take place shortly after the mark of the Beast is instituted and some believers are martyred, or just before Christ's return, or anytime in-between. We have no way of knowing for sure. The Lord very often does what we least expect, hence the saying, "the Lord works in strange ways."

(Isa 28:21 NCV) The LORD will fight as he did at Mount Perazim. He will be angry as he was in the Valley of Gibeon. He will do his work, his strange work. He will finish his job, his strange job.

(Mat 24:44 KJV) Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

We need to heed the warnings in the verses above.

(1 Th 4:16-18 NIV) For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

(1 Th 5:1-4 NIV) Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

The Lord has not left us completely in the dark though. To the world the end times events and his return will be a shock, like being surprised by a thief in the night. We, the saved, should not be surprised though, instead

we should be prepared, and that is our goal in this study, to learn how to prepare for the tribulation period.

Chapter 2: A Time Of Plenty Before The Famine

(Psa 37:25-26 NIV) I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

(Prov 6:6-11 NIV) Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest--and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

The Lord will care for us during the tribulation period if we are some of those who will be alive during that time. However, the fact that he will provide for us somehow is not an excuse to be lazy or reckless with that which he has given us in at the present time. In other words, it's not prudent to go forgo all savings and live large without at least some type of preparation for the future. We can all cut back somewhere and put a little aside to help us survive during the famine, and there will be a famine during the tribulation period when the Two Witnesses, Enoch and Elijah withhold the rain for 3 1/2 years.

According to the book of Esdras in the Greek Bible and a non biblical book called the apocryphal Revelation of John, there will be a time of great plenty before the tribulation starts, just like there were seven years of great harvests before the seven years of famine during the time that Joseph was ruling under Pharaoh in Egypt. The Christians living in the end times will have the opportunity to prepare for what is coming upon the earth during a period of great abundance just before Antichrist comes to power, and then when he does all hell shall break loose.

The Horror of the Last Days

2 Esdras 16:18-20 The beginning of sorrows, when there shall be much lamentation; the beginning of famine, when many shall perish; the beginning of wars, when the powers shall be terrified; the beginning of calamities, when all shall tremble. What shall they do, when the calamities come? Famine and plague, tribulation and anguish are sent as scourges for the correction of humankind. Yet for all this they will not turn from their iniquities, or ever be mindful of the scourges.

2 Esdras 16:21 Indeed, provisions will be so cheap upon earth that people will imagine that peace is assured for them, and then calamities shall spring up on the earth—the sword, famine, and great confusion.

2 Esdras 16:22-34 For many of those who live on the earth shall perish by famine; and those who survive the famine shall die by the sword. And the dead shall be thrown out like dung, and there shall be no one to console them; for the earth shall be left desolate, and its cities shall be demolished. No one shall be left to cultivate the earth or to sow it. The trees shall bear fruit, but who will gather it? The grapes shall ripen, but who will tread them? For in all places there shall be great solitude; a person will long to see another human being, or even to hear a human voice. For ten shall be left out of a city; and two, out of the field, those who have hidden themselves in thick groves and clefts in the rocks. Just as in an olive orchard three or four olives may be left on every tree, or just as, when a vineyard is gathered, some clusters may be left by those who search carefully through the vineyard, so in those days three or four shall be left by those who search their houses with the sword. The earth shall be left desolate, and its fields shall be plowed up, and its roads and all its paths shall bring forth thorns, because no sheep will go along them. Virgins shall mourn because they have no bridegrooms; women shall mourn because they have no husbands; their daughters shall mourn, because they have no help. Their bridegrooms shall be killed in war, and their husbands shall perish of famine.

God's People Must Prepare for the End Times

2 Esdras 16:35-39 **Listen now to these things, and understand them, you who are servants of the Lord.** This is the word of the Lord; receive it and do not disbelieve what the Lord says. The calamities draw near, and are not delayed. Just as a pregnant woman, in the ninth month when the time of her delivery draws near, has great pains around her womb for two or three hours beforehand, but when the child comes forth from the womb, there will not be a moment's delay, so the calamities will not delay in coming upon the earth, and the world will groan, and pains will seize it on every side.

2 Esdras 16:40-50 Hear my words, O my people; prepare for battle, and in the midst of the calamities be like strangers on the earth. Let the one who sells be like one who will flee; let the one who buys be like one who will

lose; let the one who does business be like one who will not make a profit; and let the one who builds a house be like one who will not live in it; let the one who sows be like one who will not reap; so also the one who prunes the vines, like one who will not gather the grapes; those who marry, like those who will have no children; and those who do not marry, like those who are widowed. Because of this, those who labor, labor in vain; for strangers shall gather their fruits, and plunder their goods, overthrow their houses, and take their children captive; for in captivity and famine they will produce their children. Those who conduct business, do so only to have it plundered; the more they adorn their cities, their houses and possessions, and their persons, the more angry I will be with them for their sins, says the Lord. Just as a respectable and virtuous woman abhors a prostitute, so righteousness shall abhor iniquity, when she decks herself out, and shall accuse her to her face when he comes who will defend the one who searches out every sin on earth.

Impending Persecution of God's People

2 Esdras 16:68-73 The burning wrath of a great multitude is kindled over you; they shall drag some of you away and force you to eat what was sacrificed to idols. And those who consent to eat shall be held in derision and contempt, and shall be trampled under foot. For in many places and in neighboring cities there shall be a great uprising against those who fear the Lord. They shall be like maniacs, sparing no one, but plundering and destroying those who continue to fear the Lord. For they shall destroy and plunder their goods, and drive them out of house and home. **Then the tested quality of my elect shall be manifest, like gold that is tested by fire.**

Promise of Divine Deliverance

2 Esdras 16:74-78 **Listen, my elect ones, says the Lord; the days of tribulation are at hand, but I will deliver you from them. Do not fear or doubt, for God is your guide** . You who keep my commandments and precepts, says the Lord God, must not let your sins weigh you down, or your iniquities prevail over you. Woe to those who are choked by their sins and overwhelmed by their iniquities! They are like a field choked with underbrush and its path overwhelmed with thorns, so that no one can pass through. It is shut off and given up to be consumed by fire.

The apocryphal Revelation of John says much the same thing as 2 Esdras. During the short time of peace and safety at the very beginning of

Antichrist's reign, there will be also be an abundance of food. It will appear at that time that no one will ever have to go hungry again due to the brilliance of Antichrist's wonderful plan.

From The Apocryphal Revelation Of John

And I heard a voice saying to me: Hear, righteous John. In this book which thou seest there have been written the things in the heaven, and the things in the earth, and the things in the abyss, and the judgments and righteousness of all the human race. And I said: Lord, when shall these things come to pass? and what do those times bring? And I heard a voice saying to me: Hear, righteous John. **There shall be in that time abundance of corn and wine, such as there hath never been upon the earth, nor shall ever be until those times come.** Then the ear of corn shall produce a half choenix, and the bend of the branch shall produce a thousand clusters, and the cluster shall produce a half jar of wine; and in the following year there shall not be found upon the face of all the earth a half choenix of corn or a half jar of wine.

(Choenix - CHOENIX ke'-niks : A Greek dry measure, almost equal to one quart. Mentioned in the New Testament only in Revelation 6:6, where the Revised Version, margin would read "choenix" instead of the indefinite translation "measure." The verse is then obviously a threat of famine.)
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Somehow Antichrists system of government will appear to have the answer to all of the world's problems. It will be short lived though, perhaps only a year or two or maybe only six months, and then the whole thing will fall apart when the seven seals begin to be opened and the two witnesses appear and withhold the rain.

(1 Th 5:3 KJV) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

(Jer 8:15 NIV) We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there was only terror.

When the time of peace and prosperity comes at the start of Antichrist's reign it will be time for those who don't want to take the mark a year or two later in order to buy or sell, to pay off all of their bills and stock up on non perishable food. Remember, if you own your home you may be able to live in it for a few years until they throw you out for non payment of taxes. But, if

you owe money on it and can't make the payments without the mark you could be out in the street three months after the mark is implemented. Christians should strive to be out of debt by whatever means necessary when they see the Antichrist come to power. Even if it means selling your home and buying a smaller one that is paid for. Remember, once the Mark is implemented you won't be able to sell your home without it. You could have a million dollar home and not be able to sell it to get money to buy food on the black market without taking the Mark and swearing allegiance to Satan. We should all follow the principles below whenever possible, but especially so in the end times.

(Rom 13:8 KJV) Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

(Prov 22:7 NCV) The rich rule over the poor, and borrowers are servants to lenders.

Don't be sucked into the home refinance trap and extend your mortgage into the tribulation period. If you do re-fi make sure you have enough cash in the bank to pay it off at any time you need to. That way if Antichrist comes to power you can run down and pay it off before he implements the mark. Why should they throw you out of your own home you worked so hard for and out into the street for not taking the mark? You'll be sleeping in the bushes instead of in your own bed. Any mortgage that extends past 2018 is definitely in the danger zone as we will be very close at that time to completing 6000 years from the creation of Adam. Even if nothing happens at that time it's still a good goal to have your home paid for and you will be happy you did it and followed biblical money management principles. A word to the wise is sufficient.

(Prov 22:26-27 NIV) Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.

Chapter 3: Jesus Himself Outlines The End Times Scenario In Matthew's Gospel

(Mat 24:3-9 NIV) As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

(Mat 24:10-13 NIV) At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

(Mat 24:14 NIV) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

(Mat 24:15-21 NIV) "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand--then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again.

(Mat 24:22 NIV) If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

(Mat 24:23-25 NIV) At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect--if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time.

The Lord Jesus Christ himself has told us what conditions will be like shortly before his return. We need to heed his warning and prepare for it, and not just for ourselves only, but so we may help others.

(Mat 24:26-28 NIV) "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

(Mat 24:29-31 NIV) "Immediately after the distress of those days ""the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'" "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Many of the things that Jesus predicted will happen before the trumpet sounds and we are lifted up off of the earth by the angels to meet him in the air. Notice that it does not say that they (the people of the unbelieving nations of the world) will see him coming, returning to earth at this time, only that they will see the signs of his coming, and mourn about it. The signs are the darkening of the sun, stars appearing to fall from the sky, and other wonders in the heavens. Another sign in the heavens will be when bodies of the Two Witnesses rise from the dead in the streets of Jerusalem and ascend into heaven, and the saved of all ages bursting from their graves to meet the Lord in the air at the rapture. Those are the signs that will make the unsaved people of the earth really mourn, when they miss the first Resurrection.

These signs could easily happen months or even years before Christ's return. To some the verses in Matthew 24:29-31 seem to indicate that the believers will go through the entire tribulation period, and meet Christ in the air as he is on his way down and then continue to descend with him until his feet touch the Mount of Olives. I do not personally believe that is the case. The four verses above pertain to more than just a few moments in time to complete. At least one year and maybe more, in my humble opinion.

(Mat 24:32-35 NIV) "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its

twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

(Mat 24:36 NIV) "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

(Mat 24:37-42 NIV) As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

(Mat 24:43-44 NIV) But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Lord himself tells us to be ready for the time of his coming. There are many aspects to being ready. Number one is to be spiritually ready. Being ready spiritually means to have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to be living for him. In a broader sense being ready means to be prepared to endure and survive until the rapture takes place, if the Lord gives us grace to do so. It means being ready to die for him if necessary, and being mentally prepared to refuse to take the Mark of Antichrist, even if it means being booted out of our beautiful homes. Refusing to take the Mark means that people will be cast out into the street for non payment of debts and they will have to live by their wits and the grace of God for 1,335 days or less.

You may ask, how do you know that people will lose their homes? Well, if one cannot legally buy or sell, even if their home is paid for they will not be able to pay their taxes to the government, or their utility bills, water, electric and gas, or any other payments that are due, such as insurance's and or special assessments. One might last six months or a year before being

thrown out of their homes for non-payment of debts, but not much longer than that in today's electronic world. Even renters won't be able to pay their rent. We will have to live by our wits and by the grace of God during that time period. We may have an extended period of camping out. But, hey, there are homeless people who live outdoors day after day and year after year, and they make it. So can we, and with a little preparation, it might even be fun. If we band together and help one another we can make it until the rapture.

(Mat 24:45-47 NIV) "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Jesus tells us that during that time period the wise and faithful servants will be able to provide food for their households. Who are the wise and faithful servants? Those that listen to the voice of the master through his word, the bible, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

(Mat 24:48-51 NIV) But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Mat 25:1-13 NIV) "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day

or the hour.

Again and again the Lord admonishes us to prepare and keep watch for we do not know the day or hour of his coming. He does not say, just forget about my return, because you don't have a clue when it will happen anyway. That seems to be the position of many Christians today. They think that hey, since I don't know when it will happen I won't worry about it. Jesus stresses that we should study the scriptures and be alert for prophetic fulfillments. Even if it doesn't happen in our own individual lifetime, we still lay up treasure in heaven by obeying his word, and that includes reading the book of Revelation and studying prophecy.

(Rev 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

(Mat 6:19-21 KJV) 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.

There are many lessons that can be drawn from Matthew chapters 24 and 25. In the parable concerning virgins and their lamps many scholars believe that the oil in the lamps allude to believers being filled with the Holy Spirit, and that may very well be true, but that is not all of the story. When one is full of the Holy Spirit they will be attuned to God's will through the workings of the Spirit and prepare for the end times according to his will. Now not every person will prepare in the same way. The body of Christ consists of many parts and I expect that we will all assist one another using our various talents, skills and resources during the tribulation period, and that is the way God intends it to be.

The message in this study is for those whose hear the Holy Spirit touches and gives them the desire to prepare to help themselves, their families and others obtain food and necessities by commodity barter during the tribulation period. Others will no doubt provide other things. Perhaps some will have vacant land with the taxes somehow paid ahead years in advance where we can legally camp. Others may have various skills to build and provide comfort without the modern convenience of electricity. Some may have musical talents to provide entertainment without television. Some may know how to make and repair clothing and shoes. In other words, we may

have to flee to sparsely populated areas, pool our talents and resources, and live like those who settled this land hundreds of years ago. It is not an impossible task. Many of our ancestors came off of ships from Europe and from Africa with nothing, and they survived. We can do the same, with the Lord's help.

(Mat 25:14-30 NIV) "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.' "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

(Mat 25:31-46 NIV) "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those

on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Lord, in his dissertation concerning the end times makes it clear that wise preparation is going to be essential as we draw near to his second coming. The question now is, what does wise planning consist of? How can we prepare? There are many ways, and as previously stated, spiritual preparation must be first and foremost. After that though the most essential things that humans need for survival is water and food. A waterproof sleeping bag and clothing can provide minimum shelter when absolutely necessary. Mountain climbers survive climbs for weeks carrying only lightweight gear and food. So then, the gist of this study is to show a way that we may be able to barter for food, and if necessary bottled water, during the tribulation period, using the commodity of silver as a means of barter.

Note: Some may think that it is a contradiction to Jesus' command to "Lay up treasure in heaven" and then try to save some money down here. The reason it is not a contradiction is because we are not trying to store up great wealth or gain for worldly pleasures, we are merely trying to lay aside something in store during the good times so that we will be able to eat during the famine, and that is god's command to all heads of household.

(1 Tim 5:8 NIV) 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.

We are not trying to get rich by silver speculation, we are only trying to insure that we do all we can to provide food for ourselves and our families and to help others if possible, during troublesome times. When we have done all that we can the rest is in God's hands.

Chapter 4: Silver As A Biblical Symbol Of Wealth

Now that we have looked at the biblical reasons for embarking on this study we will get to the heart of the matter. Our question is, using the bible as a guide, what is our best guess as to what might be a viable way to barter for the necessities of life if we happen to be alive during the tribulation period? That is the question, and from the bible it appears that Silver is the answer.

We will look at numerous scriptures from the bible concerning silver. According to my electronic concordance the word "Silver" occurs in the King James Version of the bible 320 times. The word "Gold" occurs even more, 417 times.

Wealth Is Measured In Silver And Other Commodities

Silver, since ancient times has been used as a medium of exchange. Silver is a commodity that has been used like a currency since the time of Abraham and before. The first mention of it in the bible is in Genesis 13:2.

(Gen 13:2 NCV) Abram was very rich in cattle, silver, and gold.

(Gen 24:35 NCV) The LORD has greatly blessed my master in everything, and he has become a rich man. The LORD has given him many flocks of sheep, herds of cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, camels, and horses.

Not much has changed since ancient times. We still have our wealth amassed or measured in commodities such as precious metals and livestock, and number of employees working for us. Abraham possessed much of all of them due to the blessing of God.

Note: Abraham's' servants were not slaves in the sense that we use the word to pertain to slavery in the United States during the civil war. They were more like the people who are hired to take care of wealthy peoples properties today. Gardeners, maids, cooks, kitchen help, and people to repair thing around the home. Abraham also would have needed people to look after his abundance of livestock. To be an employee of Abraham in those days was a good thing, because he was a benevolent employer.

A Warning To Those Who Are Blessed With Many Possessions

(Deu 8:11-14 NIV) Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, ...

When God blesses a nation or a person with an abundance of goods, including silver, he also gives a warning not to become proud and forget him due to pride in ones material possessions.

Silver Was Brought To Solomon Through Maritime Trade

(1 Ki 10:22 NCV) King Solomon also had many trading ships at sea, along with Hiram's ships. Every three years the ships returned, bringing back gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

(2 Chr 9:21 NCV) King Solomon had many ships that he sent out to trade, with Hiram's men as the crews. Every three years the ships returned, bringing back gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

(1 Ki 10:25 NCV) Every year those who came brought gifts of silver and gold, clothes, weapons, spices, horses, and mules.

Silver Was Used For The Kings Utensils And Vessels

(1 Ki 10:21 NCV) All of Solomon's drinking cups, as well as the dishes in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon, were made of pure gold. Nothing was made from silver, because silver was not valuable in Solomon's time.

(2 Chr 9:20 NCV) All of Solomon's drinking cups, as well as the dishes in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon, were made of pure gold. In Solomon's time people did not think silver was valuable.

An Abundance Of Silver Causes A Nation To Be Known As Materially Prosperous

(1 Ki 10:27 NCV) In Jerusalem Solomon made silver as common as stones and cedar trees as common as the fig trees on the western hills.

(2 Chr 1:15 NCV) In Jerusalem Solomon made silver and gold as plentiful as stones and cedar trees as plentiful as the fig trees on the western hills.

(2 Chr 9:27 NCV) In Jerusalem the king made silver as common as stones and cedar trees as plentiful as the fig trees on the western hills.

The Lord blessed Israel during Solomon's tenure as king that silver was not considered to be very valuable. Today, The United States is very blessed also, because silver is only worth between \$5.00 and \$8.00 an ounce. It is not the actual price that is important but the percentage of a days wages that it costs to buy an ounce. For most workers in the U. S. buying an ounce of silver takes less than one hours in wages. Though the price of silver is set today on a worldwide basis, in some countries a laborer might not make \$8.00 for a days work. The point is that collecting a few ounces of silver every month for the next fifteen to twenty years should be a relatively easy thing to do for most people in the U. S.

Silver Used To Describe the Wealth Of Tyre And Nineveh

(Ezek 28:4 NCV) Through your wisdom and understanding you have made yourself rich. You have gained gold and silver and have saved it in your storerooms.

(Zec 9:3 NCV) Tyre has built a strong wall for herself. She has piled up silver like dust and gold like the mud in the streets.

(Nahum 2:9 NCV) Take the silver! Take the gold! There is no end to the treasure-- piles of wealth of every kind.

Silver Was Still Being Used As Money In The New Testament

(Mat 10:9 NCV) Don't carry any money with you--gold or silver or copper.

(Acts 3:6 NCV) But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you. By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth, stand up and walk!"

Jesus told the disciple not to take any money with them while they were ministering during his time on earth. He specifically told them not to take gold, silver, or copper, which is what the coinage of that era was made of. That is not too different than today. Many coins in the world today in various countries are made of gold silver and copper.

Silver used As An Example Of A Firm foundation

(1 Cor 3:12 NCV) But if people build on that foundation, using gold, silver, jewels, wood, grass, or straw,

(2 Tim 2:20 NCV) In a large house there are not only things made of gold and silver, but also things made of wood and clay. Some things are used for special purposes, and others are made for ordinary jobs.

In passages above the point is being made that our good works after we are saved can be compared to precious items or to virtually worthless items. The good things we do from a pure heart are compared to gold or silver and the other things we do to materials of lesser value. Since God knew beforehand when the new testament was being written that we would still be using it 2000 years later, he knew that gold and silver would still have value today. As we continue this study we will see that gold and silver will still have value in the end times when the prophecies in the book of Revelation are being fulfilled. That means that we can count on silver to always have some value, even though that value may fluctuate up or down regularly.

Chapter 5: Silver, The Idol Makers Metal Of Choice

Anything that can be used for good can also be used for evil, and silver is no exception. We have seen in the previous chapter how an abundance of silver shows God's blessing on both nations and individuals. Later we will see many more biblical uses of silver for good things, such as constructing and decorating the tabernacle and the temple.

Silver Idols Forbidden To Be made Or Worshipped

(Exo 20:23 NCV) You must not use gold or silver to make idols for yourselves; do not worship these gods in addition to me.

When the Israelites came out of Egypt God warned them not to worship idols like the heathen nations. The practices of those nations are documented in the bible.

Silver Used To Make Idols

(Deu 29:17 NCV) You saw their hateful idols made of wood, stone, silver, and gold.

(Psa 115:4 NCV) Their idols are made of silver and gold, the work of human hands.

(Psa 135:15 NCV) The idols of other nations are made of silver and gold, the work of human hands.

(Isa 40:19 NCV) An idol is formed by a craftsman, and a goldsmith covers it with gold and makes silver chains for it.

(Isa 46:6 NCV) Some people are rich with gold and weigh their silver on the scales. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god. Then they bow down and worship it.

(Jer 10:4 NCV) They decorate their idols with silver and gold. With hammers and nails they fasten them down so they won't fall over.

(Jer 10:9 NCV) Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz, so the idols are made by craftsmen and goldsmiths. They put blue and purple clothes on the idols. All these things are made by skilled

workers.

(Dan 11:8 NCV) He will take their gods, their metal idols, and their valuable things made of silver and gold back to Egypt...

Even in the New Testament idols continued to be worshipped. As far as making money goes being in the business of making idols was a prosperous trade.

(Acts 19:24 NCV) A man named Demetrius, who worked with silver, made little silver models that looked like the temple of the goddess Artemis. Those who did this work made much money.

While it may have been a prosperous trade in this life, the eternal punishment for leading people astray will far outweigh any material pleasures gained in this life by the riches obtained from it.

Silver Idols To Be Burned

God commanded the Israelites not to worship idols made from silver and gold or any other substance. He commanded that the Israelites destroy any idols they found or captured as the spoils of war.

(Deu 7:25 NCV) Burn up their idols in the fire. Do not wish for the silver and gold they have, and don't take it for yourselves, or you will be trapped by it. The LORD your God hates it.

The Israelites however, did not heed his command at all times, and very often fell into the sin of idol worship. An example of this is given in the book of Judges, when Micah, an Israelite made an idol and a shrine for himself from silver.

(Judg 17:1-6 NIV) Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephraim said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a curse--I have that silver with me; I took it." Then his mother said, "The LORD bless you, my son!" When he returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, she said, "I solemnly consecrate my silver to the LORD for my son to make a carved image and a cast idol. I will give it back to you." So he returned the silver to his mother, and she took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who made them into the image and the idol. And they were put in Micah's house. Now this man Micah had a shrine, and

he made an ephod and some idols and installed one of his sons as his priest. In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

Micah made the shrine, and then he offered a Levite, a descendant of Aaron, the priestly tribe, the job of being a priest for the shrine. The Levite accepted the job and was paid with clothes, food, and some silver spending money. Even the priests in Israel were not beyond corruption.

(Judg 17:7-12 NIV) A young Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, who had been living within the clan of Judah, left that town in search of some other place to stay. On his way he came to Micah's house in the hill country of Ephraim. Micah asked him, "Where are you from?" "I'm a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah," he said, "and I'm looking for a place to stay." Then Micah said to him, "Live with me and be my father and priest, and I'll give you ten shekels of silver a year, your clothes and your food." So the Levite agreed to live with him, and the young man was to him like one of his sons. Then Micah installed the Levite, and the young man became his priest and lived in his house.

This is not isolated incident, many people in Israel worshipped silver idols. The prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Hosea document their sins.

(Isa 2:8 NCV) Their land is full of idols. The people worship these idols they made with their own hands and shaped with their own fingers.

(Ezek 16:17 NCV) You also took your beautiful jewelry, made from my gold and silver I had given you, and you made for yourselves male idols so you could be a prostitute with them.

(Hosea 13:2 NCV) But they still keep on sinning more and more. They make idols of their silver, idols that are cleverly made, the work of a craftsman. Yet the people of Israel say to each other, "Kiss those calf idols and sacrifice to them."

The Dream Of Nebuchadnezzar

(Dan 2:31-45 NIV) "You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue--an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; in your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. "After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron--for iron breaks and smashes everything--and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay. "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

Nebuchadnezzar's dream gives us a snapshot of history with the most part being that at some time in the future God will set up his kingdom, which will last forever. It is interesting that silver was used a part of this description. The head of gold was the most valuable part, silver was second, and mentioned as inferior to the gold. It is the same today with gold being more valuable than silver. Not much has changed. The other materials used to construct were worth even less than the gold or the silver.

Later the king, perhaps inspired by his dream, set up an image of gold and nearly everyone in his kingdom obeyed his command to fall down and worship a lifeless gold statue. There were three however who refused. Apparently Daniel's was away on the king's business for he would also have refused had he been there. However, Daniel's being away was a blessing for his three friends. It was an opportunity for them to exercise their faith on their own without Daniel's encouragement. It was good for

their personal spiritual growth.

(Dan 3:1-7 NIV) King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

(Dan 3:8-18 NIV) At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You have issued a decree, O king, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon-- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego--who pay no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up." Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not

serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

(Dan 3:19-23 NIV) Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

(Dan 3:24-25 NIV) Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

(Dan 3:26-27 NIV) Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

(Dan 3:28-29 NIV) Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

(Dan 3:30 NIV) Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship idols, even if they were to be killed for it. God saved them and then put it into the heart of the king to promote them. They did a great amount of good being a witness to

the people of Babylon of the power of the Lord, the God of the bible.

Belshazzar's Feast

During the reign of Belshazzar he gave a great feast and used the royal vessels from the temple for his party. Included in the festivities was idol worship. This angered the Lord and he ended the reign of Belshazzar that very evening.

(Dan 5:1-4 NIV) King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

(Dan 5:5-12 NIV) Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way. The king called out for the enchanters, astrologers and diviners to be brought and said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom." Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled. The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "O king, live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale! There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. King Nebuchadnezzar your father--your father the king, I say--appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. This man Daniel, whom the king called Beltshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

(Dan 5:13-17 NIV) So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

(Dan 5:17-23 NIV) Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means. "O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. Because of the high position he gave him, all the peoples and nations and men of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like cattle; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes. "But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.

King Belshazzar should have known better than to worship idols and to desecrate the holy items used for temple worship. His fate after doing so shows us the futility of worshipping idols of silver and gold. They are no help in a time of trouble. Only the Lord can help us when we need it, not lifeless idols, no matter what valuable material they may be made of.

(Dan 5:24-29 NIV) Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN. "This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of

your reign and brought it to an end. Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

(Dan 5:30-31 NIV) That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Some may say, well, that was then and this is now. No one in these modern times would be foolish enough to ever worship idols. According to the bible that will not be the case in the end times.

(Hab 2:19 NCV) How terrible it will be for the one who says to a wooden statue, 'Come to life!' How terrible it will be for the one who says to a silent stone, 'Get up!' It cannot tell you what to do. It is only a statue covered with gold and silver; there is no life in it.

(Rev 9:20 NCV) The other people who were not killed by these terrible disasters still did not change their hearts and turn away from what they had made with their own hands. They did not stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood--things that cannot see or hear or walk.

There are still idol worshippers in the world today and there will be until Christ returns. We know that because the prophecies in the book of Revelation have not yet been fulfilled, and in the times when they are fulfilled there will be idol worship occurring in the world.

After Christ's return though, idol worship will finally be a thing of the past, which will be a great blessing, especially for the Israelites.

(Isa 2:20 NCV) At that time people will throw away their gold and silver idols, which they made for themselves to worship; they will throw them away to the bats and moles.

(Isa 30:22 NCV) You have statues covered with silver and gold, but you will ruin them for further use. You will throw them away like filthy rags and say, "Go away!"

(Isa 31:7 NCV) The time is coming when each of you will stop worshipping

idols of gold and silver, which you sinned by making.

So then, we see that although silver has a great many worthwhile uses, making idols from it is not one of them. It is sin and God's anger due to that sin only brings judgment, followed by sorrow. So then, let's use our silver for good, not evil. We will be better off that way.

Chapter 6: The Many Worthwhile Biblical Uses Of Silver

Silver Used As A Legal Remedy

(Gen 20:16 NCV) Abimelech said to Sarah, "I gave your brother Abraham twenty-five pounds of silver to make up for any wrong that people may think about you. I want everyone to know that you are innocent."

Silver was used to pay fines for wrongdoing and as a legal remedy.

Silver Used As Retribution Payment For Injuries Or Death

(Exo 21:32 NCV) If the bull kills a male or female slave, the owner must pay the master the price for a new slave, or twelve ounces of silver, and the bull must also be stoned to death.

Silver Used To Pay For Damages To A Womans Reputation

(Deu 22:13-19 NIV) If a man takes a wife and, after lying with her, dislikes her and slanders her and gives her a bad name, saying, "I married this woman, but when I approached her, I did not find proof of her virginity," then the girl's father and mother shall bring proof that she was a virgin to the town elders at the gate. The girl's father will say to the elders, "I gave my daughter in marriage to this man, but he dislikes her. Now he has slandered her and said, 'I did not find your daughter to be a virgin.' But here is the proof of my daughter's virginity." Then her parents shall display the cloth before the elders of the town, and the elders shall take the man and punish him. They shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver and give them to the girl's father, because this man has given an Israelite virgin a bad name. She shall continue to be his wife; he must not divorce her as long as he lives.

Death Was The Punishment For The Rape Of A Married Or Engaged Woman

(Deu 22:23-24 NIV) If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death--the girl because she was in a town and did not scream for help, and the man because he violated another man's wife. You must purge the evil from among you.

(Deu 22:25-27 NIV) But if out in the country a man happens to meet a girl pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die. Do nothing to the girl; she has committed no sin deserving death. This case is like that of someone who attacks and murders his neighbor, for the man found the girl out in the country, and though the betrothed girl screamed, there was no one to rescue her.

Rape of An Unmarried Woman Resulted In Marriage And A Fine Paid In Silver

(Deu 22:28 NIV) If a man happens to meet a virgin who is not pledged to be married and rapes her and they are discovered, he shall pay the girl's father fifty shekels of silver. He must marry the girl, for he has violated her. He can never divorce her as long as he lives.

A man who raped a woman was required to marry her, (if she so desired) and he could never divorce her. In addition he had to pay the father of the girl a certain amount of silver or damages. If the woman did not desire to marry him the fine still had to be paid.

Silver Used For Real Estate Purchases

(Gen 23:15-16 NCV) "Sir, the land is worth ten pounds of silver, but I won't argue with you over the price. Take the land, and bury your dead wife." Abraham agreed and paid Ephron in front of the Hittite witnesses. He weighed out the full price, ten pounds of silver, and they counted the weight as the traders normally did.

(Gen 33:19 NCV) He bought a part of the field where he had camped from the sons of Hamor father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver.

Silver Used By Jacob To Buy Land In Shechem

(Josh 24:32 NCV) When the Israelites left Egypt, they carried the bones of Joseph with them. They buried them at Shechem, in the land Jacob had bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor (Hamor was the father of Shechem). This land now belonged to Joseph's children.

God Orders Jeremiah To buy A Field And Pay For It With Silver

(Jer 32:9-10 NCV) "I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, weighing out seven ounces of silver for him. I signed the record

and sealed it and had some people witness it. I also weighed out the silver on the scales.

(Jer 32:25 NCV) But now, Lord GOD, you tell me, 'Buy the field with silver and call in witnesses.' You tell me this while the Babylonian army is ready to capture the city."

Land purchases were completed with payment in silver, in Jeremiah's case, by direct divine order to the prophet.

The Price Of Farmland Set In Silver

(Lev 27:16 NCV) "If a person gives some family property to the LORD, the value of the fields will depend on how much seed is needed to plant them. It will cost about one and one-fourth pounds of silver for each six bushels of barley seed needed.

Rent Was Paid In Silver

(Song 8:11-12 NCV) Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon. He rented the vineyards for others to tend, and everyone who rented had to pay twenty-five pounds of silver for the fruit. But my own vineyard is mine to give. Solomon, the twenty-five pounds of silver are for you, and five pounds are for those who tend the fruit.

Silver Used As Engagement Gifts

(Gen 24:53 NCV) Then he gave Rebekah gold and silver jewelry and clothes. He also gave expensive gifts to her brother and mother.

Silver Used For Gifts Of All Types

(Exo 25:3 NCV) These are the gifts that you should receive from them: gold, silver, bronze;

Silver Used As Payment To The Israelites By Egyptians For Years Of Slavery

(Exo 3:22 NCV) Each woman should ask her Egyptian neighbor and any Egyptian woman living in her house for gifts--silver, gold, and clothing. You should put those gifts on your children when you leave Egypt. In this way you will take with you the riches of the Egyptians."

(Exo 11:2 NCV) Tell the men and women of Israel to ask their neighbors for things made of silver and gold."

(Exo 12:35 NCV) The Israelites did what Moses told them to do and asked their Egyptian neighbors for things made of silver and gold and for clothing.

Silver Used In the Building Of The Tabernacle In The Wilderness

(Exo 26:19 & 21 NCV) Each frame must have two silver bases to go under it, a peg fitting into each base. You must make forty silver bases for the frames. and forty silver bases for them--two bases for each frame.

(Exo 27:17 NCV) All the posts around the courtyard must have silver bands and hooks and bronze bases.

(Exo 36:36 NCV) They made four posts of acacia wood for it and covered them with gold. Then they made gold hooks for the posts, as well as four silver bases in which to set the posts.

(Exo 38:10-12 NCV) The curtains hung on silver hooks and bands, placed on twenty bronze posts with twenty bronze bases. On the north side the wall of curtains was also one hundred fifty feet long, and it hung on silver hooks and bands on twenty posts with twenty bronze bases. On the west side of the courtyard, the wall of curtains was seventy-five feet long. It was held up by silver hooks and bands on ten posts with ten bases.

(Exo 38:17 & 19NCV) The bases for the posts were made of bronze. The hooks and the bands on the posts were made of silver, and the tops of the posts were covered with silver also. All the posts in the courtyard had silver bands. It was held up by four posts and four bronze bases. The hooks and bands on the posts were made of silver, and the tops on the posts were covered with silver.

(Exo 38:25-28 NCV) The silver was given by the members of the community who were counted. It weighed 7,550 pounds, as set by the Holy Place measure. All the men twenty years old or older were counted. There were 603,550 men, and each man had to pay one-fifth of an ounce of silver, as set by the Holy Place measure. Of this silver, 7,500 pounds were used to make the one hundred bases for the Holy Tent and for the curtain--75 pounds of silver in each base. They used 50 pounds of silver to make the hooks for the posts and to cover the tops of the posts and to make the

bands on them.

Silver Used For Vessels For The Tabernacle

(Num 7:13 NCV) His gift was one silver plate that weighed about three and one-fourth pounds, and one silver bowl that weighed about one and three-fourths pounds. These weights were set by the Holy Place measure. The bowl and the plate were filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.

This offering is repeated 12 times, once for each of the tribes of Israel.

(Num 7:84-85 NCV) So these were the gifts from the Israelite leaders when oil was poured on the altar and it was given for service to the LORD: twelve silver plates, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold dishes. Each silver plate weighed about three and one-fourth pounds, and each bowl weighed about one and three-fourths pounds. All the silver plates and silver bowls together weighed about sixty pounds according to a weight set by the Holy Place measure.

Silver Used To Pay For Blacksmith Work And Jewellery

(1 Sam 13:21 NCV) The Philistine blacksmiths charged about one-fourth of an ounce of silver for sharpening plows and hoes. And they charged one-eighth of an ounce of silver for sharpening picks, axes, and the sticks used to guide oxen.

(Song 1:11 NCV) We will make for you gold earrings with silver hooks.

Achan Cursed Due To Lust For Silver, And Died For It

Silver has many wonderful uses, but lust for it to the point of stealing or disobeying God's commands to get it is still a sin. The sin of Achan in the matter of silver caused Israel's army to be defeated and many deaths. This occurred because by his actions he removed the blessing and protection of God from Israel. Because of his sin and the deaths he cause, both he and his family died.

(Josh 7:1-5 NIV) But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel. Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to

the east of Bethel, and told them, "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai. When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the people will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary all the people, for only a few men are there." So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

(Josh 7:6-12 NIV) Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads. And Joshua said, "Ah, Sovereign LORD, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan! O Lord, what can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies? The Canaanites and the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. What then will you do for your own great name?" The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.

(Josh 7:13-19 NIV) "Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: That which is devoted is among you, O Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove it.' "In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe that the LORD takes shall come forward clan by clan; the clan that the LORD takes shall come forward family by family; and the family that the LORD takes shall come forward man by man. He who is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the LORD and has done a disgraceful thing in Israel!" Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was taken. The clans of Judah came forward, and he took the Zerahites. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was taken. Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of

Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

(Josh 7:20-26 NIV) Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath." So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD. Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

Silver Used To Entice Delilah To Betray Samson

(Judg 16:5 NCV) The Philistine rulers went to Delilah and said, "Find out what makes Samson so strong. Trick him into telling you how we can overpower him and capture him and tie him up. If you do this, each one of us will give you twenty-eight pounds of silver."

(Judg 16:18 NCV) When Delilah saw that he had told her everything sincerely, she sent a message to the Philistine rulers. She said, "Come back one more time, because he has told me everything." So the Philistine rulers came back to Delilah and brought the silver with them.

Silver Used As An Offering To A Prophet

(1 Sam 9:8 NCV) Again the servant answered Saul. "Look, I have one-tenth of an ounce of silver. Give it to the man of God. Then he will tell us about our journey."

While silver is a good thing, the saving of it is only a blessing when it is done legally, ethically and accordance with the will of God. It would be better not to have one penny and go into the tribulation period totally

unprepared, but with God's blessing, than to have one ton of silver obtained by unjust means.

Chapter 7: Silver for Kings and Governments

Silver has been the method by which God's people have exchanged value, since the earliest times. Joseph used silver in dealing with his brothers when they were buying grain in Egypt, of which he was 2nd in command. In the United States we would have called Joseph the "vice president," the office that Dick Cheney holds today.

Silver Was Used for Royalty, Priestly, Governmental and Military Purposes

(Gen 44:2 NCV) Put my silver cup in the sack of the youngest brother, along with his money for the grain." The servant did what Joseph told him.

(Gen 44:8-9 NCV) We brought back to you from the land of Canaan the money we found in our sacks. So surely we would not steal silver or gold from your master's house. If you find that silver cup in the sack of one of us, then let him die, and we will be your slaves."

Silver Used For Gifts From Those In High Government Offices

(Gen 45:22 NCV) He gave each brother a change of clothes, but he gave Benjamin five changes of clothes and about seven and one-half pounds of silver.

(2 Chr 21:3 NCV) Jehoshaphat gave his sons many gifts of silver, gold, and valuable things, and he gave them strong, walled cities in Judah. But Jehoshaphat gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the first son.

A King Should Not Be Greedy To Possess an Over Abundance of Silver And Gold

(Deu 17:17 NCV) The king must not have many wives, or his heart will be led away from God. He must not have too much silver and gold.

Solomon violated both of these commands of God and because of his sin, the Kingdom of Israel was split and Solomon's son Rehoboam ruled over only two of the 12 tribes. It's not good to be too greedy for either money or wives and mistresses, even if you are the king. One wife and enough money to supply the needs of life is enough, as it says in Proverbs.

(Prov 30:7-9 NIV) "Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

(1 Ki 11:1-4 NIV) King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter--Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

(2 Chr 9:13-14 & 24NCV) Every year King Solomon received about fifty thousand pounds of gold. Besides that, he also received gold from traders and merchants. All the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land also brought gold and silver. Year after year everyone who came brought gifts of silver and gold, clothes, weapons, spices, horses, and mules.

(Eccl 2:8 NCV) I also gathered silver and gold for myself, treasures from kings and other areas. I had male and female singers and all the women a man could ever want.

(1 Ki 11:6 NIV) So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

(1 Ki 11:9-13 NIV) The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. So the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

Silver Used To Make Musical Trumpets

(Num 10:2 NCV) "Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them to call the people together and to march out of camp.

Silver is still used today to make expensive, high quality musical instruments.

Silver Used To Redeem The Israelites And As Payment To The Priests

(Num 3:47-51 NCV) collect two ounces of silver for each of the 273 sons. Use the measure as set by the Holy Place, which is two-fifths of an ounce. Give the silver to Aaron and his sons as the payment for the 273 Israelites." From the firstborn of the Israelites, he collected thirty-five pounds of silver, using the measure set by the Holy Place. Moses obeyed the command of the LORD and gave the silver to Aaron and his sons.

God commanded the Israelites to use silver for offerings to the priests.

Silver Used For Redemption Of Things Devoted To The Lord

(Num 18:14-18 NIV) "Everything in Israel that is devoted to the LORD is yours. The first offspring of every womb, both man and animal, that is offered to the LORD is yours. But you must redeem every firstborn son and every firstborn male of unclean animals. When they are a month old, you must redeem them at the redemption price set at five shekels of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs.

Silver Was Used To Pay For Services Rendered

(Num 22:18 NCV) But Balaam answered Balak's servants, "King Balak could give me his palace full of silver and gold, but I cannot disobey the LORD my God in anything, great or small.

(Num 24:13 NCV) 'Balak could give me his palace filled with silver and gold, but I still cannot go against the Lord's commands. I could not do anything, good or bad, on my own, but I must say what the LORD says.'

Silver Used As Payment For Human Slaves

(Gen 37:28 NCV) So when the Midianite traders came by, the brothers took Joseph out of the well and sold him to the Ishmaelites for eight ounces

of silver. And the Ishmaelites took him to Egypt.

Silver Used As A Gift To The Lord

(Exo 30:13 NCV) Every person who is counted must pay one-fifth of an ounce of silver. (This is set by using one-half of the Holy Place measure, which weighs two-fifths of an ounce.) This amount is a gift to the LORD.

(Exo 35:5 NCV) From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Let everyone who is willing bring this offering to the LORD: gold, silver, bronze,

(Exo 35:24 NCV) Everyone who could give silver or bronze brought that as a gift to the LORD, and everyone who had acacia wood to be used in the work brought it.

Silver Used To Value Offerings To The Lord

(Lev 5:15 NCV) "If a person accidentally sins and does something against the holy things of the LORD, he must bring from the flock a male sheep that has nothing wrong with it. This will be his penalty offering to the LORD. Its value in silver must be correct as set by the Holy Place measure. It is a penalty offering.

The Price Of Redeeming Slaves Set In Silver

(Lev 27:3-7 NCV) the price for a man twenty to sixty years old is about one and one-fourth pounds of silver. (You must use the measure as set by the Holy Place.) The price for a woman twenty to sixty years old is about twelve ounces of silver. The price for a man five to twenty years old is about eight ounces of silver; for a woman it is about four ounces of silver. The price for a baby boy one month to five years old is about two ounces of silver; for a baby girl the price is about one and one-half ounces of silver. The price for a man sixty years old or older is about six ounces of silver; for a woman it is about four ounces of silver.

Silver Used As An Offering After A Military Victory

(Josh 6:19 NCV) All the silver and gold and things made from bronze and iron belong to the LORD and must be saved for him."

(Josh 6:24 NCV) Then Israel burned the whole city and everything in it, but they did not burn the things made from silver, gold, bronze, and iron. These

were saved for the LORD.

The King Brought Gifts Of Gold And Silver To The Lords Temple

(1 Ki 15:15 NCV) Asa brought into the Temple of the LORD the gifts he and his father had given: gold, silver, and utensils.

(2 Chr 15:18 NCV) Asa brought into the Temple of God the gifts he and his father had given: silver, gold, and utensils.

Horses And Chariots Were Purchased With Silver

(1 Ki 10:29 NCV) A chariot from Egypt cost about fifteen pounds of silver, and a horse cost nearly four pounds of silver. Solomon's traders also sold horses and chariots to all the kings of the Hittites and the Arameans.

Treaties Were Implemented With Silver And Gold

(1 Ki 15:18-19 NCV) Asa took the rest of the silver and gold from the treasuries of the Temple of the LORD and his own palace and gave it to his officers. Then he sent them to Ben-Hadad son of Tabrimmon, who was the son of Hezion. Ben-Hadad was the king of Aram and ruled in the city of Damascus. Asa said, "Let there be a treaty between you and me as there was between my father and your father. I am sending you a gift of silver and gold. Break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so he will leave my land."

(1 Ki 16:24 NCV) He bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for about one hundred fifty pounds of silver. Omri built a city on that hill and called it Samaria after the name of its earlier owner, Shemer.

(1 Ki 20:3 NCV) "Your silver and gold belong to me, as well as the best of your wives and children."

(1 Ki 20:5 NCV) Then the messengers came to Ahab again. They said, "Ben-Hadad says, 'I told you before that you must give me your silver and gold, your wives and your children.

(1 Ki 20:7 NCV) Then Ahab called a meeting of all the older leaders of his country. He said, "Ben-Hadad is looking for trouble. First he said I had to give him my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold, and I have not refused him."

(2 Chr 16:2=3 NCV) Asa took silver and gold from the treasuries of the Temple of the LORD and out of his own palace. Then he sent it with messengers to Ben-Hadad king of Aram, who lived in Damascus. Asa said, "Let there be a treaty between you and me as there was between my father and your father. I am sending you silver and gold. Break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so he will leave my land."

Payment In Silver Required For Neglect Of Duty

(1 Ki 20:39 NCV) As Ahab king of Israel passed by, the prophet called out to him. "I went to fight in the battle," the prophet said. "One of our men brought an enemy soldier to me. Our man said, 'Guard this man. If he runs away, you will have to give your life in his place. Or, you will have to pay a fine of seventy-five pounds of silver.'

The Price for letting a prisoner escape was 75 pounds of silver, or death. A hefty sum even is today's world.

Silver Collected And Distributed As Spoil From Enemies Conquered

(Josh 22:8 NCV) He said, "Go back to your homes and your riches. You have many animals, silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and many beautiful clothes. Also, you have taken many things from your enemies that you should divide among yourselves."

Failure To Get Silver Noted As Failure In War

(Judg 5:19 NCV) "The kings came, and they fought. At that time the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo. But they took away no silver or possessions of Israel.

Silver used To Pay Mercenaries

(Judg 9:4 NCV) So the leaders of Shechem gave Abimelech about one and three-quarter pounds of silver from the temple of the god Baal-Berith. Abimelech used the silver to hire some worthless, reckless men, who followed him wherever he went.

(1 Chr 19:6 NCV) The Ammonites knew that they had insulted David. So Hanun and the Ammonites sent about seventy-four thousand pounds of silver to hire chariots and chariot drivers from Northwest Mesopotamia,

Aram Maacah, and Zobah.

Silver Used As A Gift To King David

(2 Sam 8:10-11 NCV) So Toi sent his son Joram to greet and congratulate King David for defeating Hadadezer. (Hadadezer had been at war with Toi.) Joram brought items made of silver, gold, and bronze. King David gave them to the LORD, along with the silver and gold he had taken from the other nations he had defeated.

Silver Used As Payment to Soldiers

(2 Sam 18:11-12 NCV) Joab said to him, "You saw him? Why didn't you kill him and let him fall to the ground? I would have given you a belt and four ounces of silver!" The man answered, "I wouldn't touch the king's son even if you gave me twenty-five pounds of silver. We heard the king command you, Abishai, and Ittai, 'Be careful not to hurt young Absalom.'"

(2 Chr 25:6 NCV) Amaziah also hired one hundred thousand soldiers from Israel for about seventy-five hundred pounds of silver.

(2 Chr 25:9 NCV) Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what about the seventy-five hundred pounds of silver I paid to the Israelite army?" The man of God answered, "The LORD can give you much more than that."

Silver and Gold Was Used as Payment for Services Rendered From King to King

(2 Ki 5:1-6 NIV) Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

(2 Ki 5:9-10 NIV) So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

(2 Ki 5:14-16 NIV) So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant." The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

Gehazi Lusted After Silver And Lost His Health Because Of It

(2 Ki 5:20-27 NIV) Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked. "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'" "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha. "Where have you been, Gehazi?" Elisha asked. "Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered. But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants? Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.

Silver Used By David To Purchase The Temple Mount

(2 Sam 24:24 NCV) But the king answered Araunah, "No, I will pay you for the land. I won't offer to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for one and one-fourth pounds of silver.

David Set Apart Much Silver For Building The Temple

(1 Ki 7:51 NCV) Finally the work King Solomon did for the Temple of the LORD was finished. Solomon brought in everything his father David had set apart for the Temple--silver, gold, and other articles. He put everything in the treasuries of the Temple of the LORD.

(1 Chr 22:14 NCV) "Solomon, I have worked hard getting many of the materials for building the Temple of the LORD. I have supplied about seven and one-half million pounds of gold, about seventy-five million pounds of silver, so much bronze and iron it cannot be weighed, and wood and stone. You may add to them.

(1 Chr 28:14-17 NCV) David told Solomon how much gold or silver should be used to make each thing. David told him how much gold to use for each gold lampstand and its lamps and how much silver to use for each silver lampstand and its lamps. The different lampstands were to be used where needed. David told how much gold should be used for each table that held the holy bread and how much silver should be used for the silver tables. He told how much pure gold should be used to make the forks, bowls, and pitchers and how much gold should be used to make each gold dish. He told how much silver should be used to make each silver dish

(1 Chr 29:2-5 NCV) I have done my best to prepare for building the Temple of God. I have given gold for the things made of gold and silver for the things made of silver. I have given bronze for the things made of bronze and iron for the things made of iron. I have given wood for the things made of wood and onyx for the settings. I have given turquoise gems of many different colors, valuable stones, and white marble. I have given much of all these things. I have already given this for the Temple, but now I am also giving my own treasures of gold and silver, because I really want the Temple of my God to be built. I have given about two hundred twenty thousand pounds of pure gold from Ophir and about five hundred twenty thousand pounds of pure silver. They will be used to cover the walls of the buildings and for all the gold and silver work. Skilled men may use the gold

and silver to make things for the Temple. Now, who is ready to give himself to the service of the LORD today?"

More Temple Silver Usage

(2 Ki 12:13 NCV) The money brought into the Temple of the LORD was not used to make silver cups, wick trimmers, bowls, trumpets, or gold or silver vessels.

(2 Chr 2:7 NCV) "Now send me a man skilled in working with gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and with purple, red, and blue thread. He must also know how to make engravings. He will work with my skilled craftsmen in Judah and Jerusalem, whom my father David chose.

(2 Chr 2:14 NCV) His mother was from the people of Dan, and his father was from Tyre. Hiram-Abi is skilled in working with gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and wood, and with purple, blue, and red thread, and expensive linen. He is skilled in making engravings and can make any design you show him. He will help your craftsmen and the craftsmen of your father David.

(2 Chr 5:1 NCV) Finally all the work Solomon did for the Temple of the LORD was finished. He brought in everything his father David had set apart for the Temple--all the silver and gold and other articles. And he put everything in the treasuries of God's Temple.

Craftsmen Made Temple Implements From Silver And Gold

(Exo 31:4 NCV) He is able to design pieces to be made from gold, silver, and bronze,

Silver Used In Building And Restoring The 2nd Temple

(2 Chr 24:14 NCV) When the workers finished, they brought the money that was left to King Joash and Jehoiada. They used that money to make utensils for the Temple of the LORD, utensils for the service in the Temple and for the burnt offerings, and bowls and other utensils from gold and silver. Burnt offerings were given every day in the Temple of the LORD while Jehoiada was alive.

(Ezra 1:4 NCV) Those who stay behind, wherever they live, should support those who want to go. Give them silver and gold, supplies and cattle, and

special gifts for the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

(Ezra 1:6 NCV) All their neighbors helped them, giving them things made of silver and gold, along with supplies, cattle, valuable gifts, and special gifts for the Temple.

(Ezra 1:9-11 NCV) He listed thirty gold dishes, one thousand silver dishes, twenty-nine pans, thirty gold bowls, four hundred ten matching silver bowls, and one thousand other pieces. There was a total of fifty-four hundred pieces of gold and silver. Sheshbazzar brought all these things along when the captives went from Babylon to Jerusalem.

(Ezra 2:69 NCV) They gave as much as they could to the treasury to rebuild the Temple--about 1,100 pounds of gold, about 6,000 pounds of silver, and 100 pieces of clothing for the priests.

(Ezra 5:14 NCV) Cyrus brought out from the temple in Babylon the gold and silver bowls and pans that came from the Temple of God. Nebuchadnezzar had taken them from the Temple in Jerusalem and had put them in the temple in Babylon. "Then King Cyrus gave them to Sheshbazzar, his appointed governor.

(Ezra 5:15 NCV) Cyrus said to him, 'Take these gold and silver bowls and pans, and put them back in the Temple in Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple of God where it was.'

(Ezra 6:5 NCV) The gold and silver utensils from the Temple of God should be put back in their places. Nebuchadnezzar took them from the Temple in Jerusalem and brought them to Babylon, but they are to be put back in the Temple of God in Jerusalem."

(Ezra 7:15-16 NCV) Also take with you the silver and gold that the king and those who advise him have given freely to the God of Israel, whose Temple is in Jerusalem. Also take the silver and gold you receive from the area of Babylon. Take the offerings the Israelites and their priests have given as gifts for the Temple of your God in Jerusalem.

(Neh 7:71 NCV) Some of the family leaders gave about 375 pounds of gold and about 2,660 pounds of silver to the treasury for the work.

(Neh 7:72 NCV) The total of what the other people gave was about 375 pounds of gold, about 2,250 pounds of silver, and 67 pieces of clothing for the priests.

(Ezra 7:18 NCV) You and your fellow Jews may spend the silver and gold left over as you want and as God wishes.

(Ezra 7:22 NCV) Give him up to seventy-five hundred pounds of silver, six hundred bushels of wheat, six hundred gallons of wine, and six hundred gallons of olive oil. And give him as much salt as he wants.

(Ezra 8:25-26 NCV) I weighed the offering of silver and gold and the utensils given for the Temple of our God, and I gave them to the twelve priests I had chosen. The king, the people who advised him, his officers, and all the Israelites there with us had given these things for the Temple. I weighed out and gave them about fifty thousand pounds of silver, about seventy-five hundred pounds of silver objects, and about seventy-five hundred pounds of gold.

(Ezra 8:28 NCV) Then I said to the priests, "You and these utensils belong to the LORD for his service. The silver and gold are gifts to the LORD, the God of your ancestors.

(Ezra 8:30 NCV) So the priests and Levites accepted the silver, the gold, and the utensils that had been weighed to take them to the Temple of our God in Jerusalem.

(Ezra 8:33 NCV) On the fourth day we weighed out the silver, the gold, and the utensils in the Temple of our God. We handed them to the priest Meremoth son of Uriah. Eleazar son of Phinehas was with him, as were the Levites Jozabad son of Jeshua and Noadiah son of Binnui.

(Neh 10:32 NCV) We will be responsible for the commands to pay for the service of the Temple of our God. We will give an eighth of an ounce of silver each year.

Silver As Plunder

(2 Ki 14:14 NCV) He took all the gold and silver and all the utensils in the Temple of the LORD, and he took the treasuries of the palace and some hostages. Then he returned to Samaria.

(2 Chr 25:24 NCV) He took all the gold and silver and all the utensils from the Temple of God that Obed-Edom had taken care of. He also took the treasures from the palace and some hostages. Then he returned to

Samaria.

(Jer 52:19 NCV) The commander of the king's special guards took away bowls, pans for carrying hot coals, large bowls, pots, lampstands, pans, and bowls used for drink offerings. He took everything that was made of pure gold or silver.

(Joel 3:5 NCV) You took my silver and gold, and you put my precious treasures in your temples.

Silver Used As Tribute

(2 Ki 15:19-20 NCV) Pul king of Assyria came to attack the land. Menahem gave him about seventy-four thousand pounds of silver so Pul would support him and make his hold on the kingdom stronger. Menahem taxed Israel to pay about one and one-fourth pounds of silver to each soldier of the king of Assyria. So the king left and did not stay in the land.

(2 Ki 16:8 NCV) Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in the Temple of the LORD and in the treasuries of the palace, and he sent these as a gift to the king of Assyria.

(2 Ki 18:14-15 NCV) Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent a message to the king of Assyria at Lachish. He said, "I have done wrong. Leave me alone, and I will pay anything you ask." So the king of Assyria made Hezekiah pay about twenty-two thousand pounds of silver and two thousand pounds of gold. Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was in the Temple of the LORD and in the palace treasuries.

(2 Ki 23:33 NCV) King Neco took Jehoahaz prisoner at Riblah in the land of Hamath so that Jehoahaz could not rule in Jerusalem. Neco made the people of Judah pay about seventy-five hundred pounds of silver and about seventy-five pounds of gold.

(2 Ki 23:35 NCV) Jehoiakim gave King Neco the silver and gold he demanded. Jehoiakim taxed the land and took silver and gold from the people of the land to give to King Neco. Each person had to pay his share.

(2 Ki 25:15 NCV) The commander of the king's special guards took away the pans for carrying hot coals, the bowls, and everything made of pure gold or silver.

(1 Chr 18:10-11 NCV) So Toi sent his son Hadoram to greet and congratulate King David for defeating Hadadezer. (Hadadezer had been at war with Toi.) Hadoram brought items made of gold, silver, and bronze. King David gave them to the LORD, along with the silver and gold he had taken from these nations: Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.

(2 Chr 17:11 NCV) Some of the Philistines brought gifts and silver to Jehoshaphat as he demanded. Some Arabs brought him flocks: seventy-seven hundred sheep and seventy-seven hundred goats.

(2 Chr 27:5 NCV) Jotham also fought the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. So each year for three years they gave Jotham about seventy-five hundred pounds of silver, about sixty-two thousand bushels of wheat, and about sixty-two thousand bushels of barley.

(2 Chr 36:3 NCV) Then King Neco of Egypt removed Jehoahaz from being king in Jerusalem. Neco made the people of Judah pay about seventy-five hundred pounds of silver and about seventy-five pounds of gold.

Silver In The Storehouse Of The King

(2 Ki 20:13 NCV) Hezekiah listened to the messengers, so he showed them what was in his storehouses: the silver, gold, spices, expensive perfumes, his swords and shields, and all his wealth. He showed them everything in his palace and his kingdom.

(1 Chr 22:16 NCV) They are skilled in working with gold, silver, bronze, and iron. You have more craftsmen than can be counted. Now begin the work, and may the LORD be with you."

(1 Chr 29:7 NCV) They donated about three hundred eighty thousand pounds of gold, about seven hundred fifty thousand pounds of silver, about one million three hundred fifty thousand pounds of bronze, and about seven million five hundred thousand pounds of iron to the Temple of God.

(2 Chr 32:27 NCV) Hezekiah had many riches and much honor. He made treasuries for his silver, gold, gems, spices, shields, and other valuable things.

(Isa 39:2 NCV) Hezekiah was pleased and showed the messengers what

was in his storehouses: the silver, gold, spices, expensive perfumes, his swords and shields, and all his wealth. He showed them everything in his palace and in his kingdom.

Silver Used To Purchase Horses And Chariots Of War

(2 Chr 1:17 NCV) They imported chariots from Egypt for about fifteen pounds of silver apiece, and horses cost nearly four pounds of silver apiece. Then they sold the horses and chariots to all the kings of the Hittites and the Arameans.

Silver Used As Payment For Taxes

(Neh 5:15 NCV) But the governors before me had placed a heavy load on the people. They took about one pound of silver from each person, along with food and wine. The governors' helpers before me also controlled the people, but I did not do that, because I feared God.

Silver Used To Make Home Décor Items

(Est 1:6 NCV) The courtyard had fine white curtains and purple drapes that were tied to silver rings on marble pillars by white and purple cords. And there were gold and silver couches on a floor set with tiles of white marble, shells, and gems.

(Song 3:10 NCV) He made its posts of silver and its braces of gold. The seat was covered with purple cloth that the women of Jerusalem wove with love.

(Song 8:9 NCV) If she is a wall, we will put silver towers on her. If she is a door, we will protect her with cedar boards.

Silver Used To Pay Bribes To Kings For Murder

(Est 3:9 NCV) If it pleases the king, let an order be given to destroy those people. Then I will pay seven hundred fifty thousand pounds of silver to those who do the king's business, and they will put it into the royal treasury."

Job Rebukes Those Leaders Who Hoard Silver And Gold

(Job 3:15 NCV) I would be asleep with rulers who filled their houses with

gold and silver.

Silver Will Be Used As Tribute In The Future

(Psa 68:30 NCV) Punish Egypt, the beast in the tall grass along the river. Punish the leaders of nations, those bulls among the cows. Defeated, they will bring you their silver. Scatter those nations that love war.

The Israelites Brought Silver Out Of Egypt

(Psa 105:37 NCV) Then he brought his people out, and they carried with them silver and gold. Not one of his people stumbled.

Property Values Were Given In Weight Of Silver

(Isa 7:23 NCV) In this land there are now vineyards that have a thousand grapevines, which are worth about twenty-five pounds of silver. But these fields will become full of weeds and thorns.

An Army That Did Not Care About Silver Or Gold Could Not Be Bribed

(Isa 13:17 NCV) "Look, I will cause the armies of Media to attack Babylon. They do not care about silver or delight in gold.

The Jews Will Return to Israel (Some Already Have) With Great Wealth, Silver And Gold

(Isa 60:9 NCV) People in faraway lands are waiting for me. The great trading ships will come first, bringing your children from faraway lands, and with them silver and gold. This will honor the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, who does wonderful things for you.

Silver Used In Trade And Barter

(Ezek 27:12 NCV) "People of Tarshish became traders for you because of your great wealth. They traded your goods for silver, iron, tin, and lead.

Silver And Gold Used To Make Crowns For Kings

(Zec 6:10=11 NCV) "Take silver and gold from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who were captives in Babylon. Go that same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah, who came from Babylon. Make the silver and

gold into a crown, and put it on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

A Prosperous Country Has Much Silver And Gold

(Isa 2:7 NCV) Their land has been filled with silver and gold; there are a great many treasures there. Their land has been filled with horses; there are many chariots there.

As you can see if you made it this far, the biblical uses of silver and gold are almost limitless. As we will see in the next chapter, silver and gold are still good ways to invest to protect wealth even in this generation.

Chapter 8: Examples Of Potential Silver Use In The End Times

The Lord Ordered Silver to Be Used To Pay for Food and Water During The Exodus

(Deu 2:6 NCV) You must pay them in silver for any food you eat or water you drink."

(Deu 2:28 NCV) We will pay you in silver for any food we eat or water we drink. We only want to walk through your country.

In Famine Silver Was Used To Purchase Food

(2 Ki 6:25 NCV) There was a shortage of food in Samaria. It was so bad that a donkey's head sold for about two pounds of silver, and half of a pint of dove's dung sold for about two ounces of silver.

(2 Ki 7:1 NCV) Elisha said, "Listen to the Lord's word. This is what the LORD says: 'About this time tomorrow seven quarts of fine flour will be sold for two-fifths of an ounce of silver, and thirteen quarts of barley will be sold for two-fifths of an ounce of silver. This will happen at the gate of Samaria.'"

(2 Ki 7:8 NCV) When the men with the skin disease came to the edge of the camp, they went into one of the tents and ate and drank. They carried silver, gold, and clothes out of the camp and hid them. Then they came back and entered another tent. They carried things from this tent and hid them, also.

(2 Ki 7:16 NCV) Then the people went out and took valuables from the Aramean camp. So seven quarts of fine flour were sold for two-fifths of an ounce of silver, and thirteen quarts of barley were sold for two-fifths of an ounce of silver, just as the LORD had said.

(2 Ki 7:18 NCV) He had said, "Thirteen quarts of barley and seven quarts of fine flour will each sell for two-fifths of an ounce of silver about this time tomorrow at the gate of Samaria."

God is Our True Gold and Silver

(Job 22:25 NCV) Then the Almighty will be your gold and the best silver for you.

The Lord may have us use earthly gold and silver as a tool to survive until he returns, but our true wealth is knowing him.

The Wicked Heap Up Treasure for the Just

(Job 27:16 NCV) The wicked may heap up silver like piles of dirt and have so many clothes they are like piles of clay.

(Job 27:17 NCV) But good people will wear what evil people have gathered, and the innocent will divide up their silver.

Prov. 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Silver Used To Transport Wealth When Traveling

(Deu 14:25 NCV) exchange your one-tenth for silver. Then take the silver with you to the place the LORD your God shall choose.

Silver Used To Celebrate Before The Lord

(Deu 14:26 NCV) Use the silver to buy anything you wish--cattle, sheep, wine, beer, or anything you wish. Then you and your family will eat and celebrate there before the LORD your God.

Article 1 Section 10 of the U. S. Constitution

Section 10. No state shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility.

(James 5:3 NCV) Your gold and silver have rusted, and that rust will be a proof that you were wrong. It will eat your bodies like fire. You saved your treasure for the last days.

(1 Pet 1:18 NCV) You know that in the past you were living in a worthless way, a way passed down from the people who lived before you. But you were saved from that useless life. You were bought, not with something that ruins like gold or silver,

(Rev 18:12 NCV) cargoes of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, red cloth; all kinds of citron wood and all kinds of things made from ivory, expensive wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

Silver will still have value during the tribulation period, as we can see from the verse above. how much value we do not know, but it is a better risk than the stock market. At least we can be 100% sure it won't go down to zero like some tech stocks did.

While Gold is also a wonderful method of exchange, for common everyday use it's value is too high for some situations. That is it's drawback. For example, if time get bad and paper currency is worthless, the price for an ounce of gold may soar to \$1000.00 or more per ounce. If you possessed only a few one ounce gold coins and wished to purchase a loaf of bread and some beans from a local farmer, and he was poor also, how would change be made? Could you carry home \$1000.00 worth of bread and beans? Even if you could, would you then be able to eat it all before it spoiled? The only other option would be to give him the gold and take what you could carry or not buy anything at all, but if you needed food, you can't eat the gold. You might be forced to give the farmer the entire ounce and take whatever he had or whatever you could carry. perhaps he might only have \$50.00 worth of food left for sale. Then what? Go hungry or spend \$1000.00 to get \$50.00 worth of food. That is why silver is better as a medium of exchange for small purchases, because it is much easier to make change or take out full value in products if change cannot be made. I recommend. Having once ounce of silver per day for 1,335 days for every two people who it is ones responsibility to feed. In other words, to feed a family of four throughout the entire tribulation period, 2,670 ounces of silver would be required. Now, we may not have to go through the entire tribulation period, but hey, it's a good investment in the long run and it's better to be safe than sorry. If we are raptured at the start of the tribulation period leave your silver to an unsaved relative or friend. They will truly be blessed by it and grateful to you for it. It might even work toward their refusing the mark and obtaining salvation during the tribulation period.

Unclassified Silver Verses

There are so many verses in the bible about silver that some of them just don't fit into a category. If you haven't had enough biblical information

about silver yet, here are some more verses for you personal perusal. This way you won't have to hunt for them yourself in the bible.

One thing is clear from this study and that is that silver has had value from Genesis and will continue to do so at least until the return of Christ. The bible does say that they (the unbelievers) will cast their gold and silver idols into the streets just before the return of Christ. However, that does not mean that silver will be worthless during the millennium. It means that they realize that their cast idols will not save them from the "Wrath of the Lamb." If they have take the "mark of the Beast" then they are doomed to be cast into the lake of Fire. Silver may very well be used as money after the return of Christ for 1000 years. After that, in eternity I expect that we will no longer need money as God will provide all we need.

Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

More Silver Verses

(Job 28:1 NCV) "There are mines where people dig silver and places where gold is made pure.

(Job 28:15 NCV) Wisdom cannot be bought with gold, and its cost cannot be weighed in silver.

(Job 42:11 NCV) Job's brothers and sisters came to his house, along with everyone who had known him before, and they all ate with him there. They comforted him and made him feel better about the trouble the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring.

(Psa 12:6 NCV) The Lord's words are pure, like silver purified by fire, like silver purified seven times over.

(Psa 66:10 NCV) God, you have tested us; you have purified us like silver.

(Psa 119:72 NCV) Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

(Prov 2:4 NCV) Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure.

(Prov 3:14 NCV) Wisdom is worth more than silver; it brings more profit than gold.

(Prov 8:10 NCV) Choose my teachings instead of silver, and knowledge rather than the finest gold.

(Prov 8:19 NCV) What I give is better than the finest gold, better than the purest silver.

(Prov 10:20 NCV) The words of a good person are like pure silver, but an evil person's thoughts are worth very little.

(Prov 16:16 NCV) It is better to get wisdom than gold, and to choose understanding rather than silver!

(Prov 17:3 NCV) A hot furnace tests silver and gold, but the LORD tests hearts.

(Prov 22:1 NCV) Being respected is more important than having great riches. To be well thought of is better than silver or gold.

(Prov 25:4 NCV) Remove the scum from the silver, so the silver can be used by the silversmith.

(Prov 25:11 NCV) The right word spoken at the right time is as beautiful as gold apples in a silver bowl.

(Prov 27:21 NCV) A hot furnace tests silver and gold, and people are tested by the praise they receive.

(Eccl 12:6 NCV) Soon your life will snap like a silver chain or break like a golden bowl. You will be like a broken pitcher at a spring, or a broken wheel at a well.

(Isa 1:22 NCV) Jerusalem, you have become like the scum left when silver is purified; you are like wine mixed with water.

(Isa 48:10 NCV) I have made you pure, but not by fire, as silver is made pure. I have purified you by giving you troubles.

(Isa 60:17 NCV) I will bring you gold in place of bronze, silver in place of iron, bronze in place of wood, iron in place of rocks. I will change your punishment into peace, and you will be ruled by what is right.

(Jer 6:30 NCV) My people will be called rejected silver, because the LORD has rejected them."

(Ezek 7:19 NCV) The people will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like trash. Their silver and gold will not save them from the Lord's anger. It will not satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs, because it caused them to fall into sin.

(Ezek 16:13 NCV) So you wore gold and silver. Your clothes were made of fine linen, silk, and beautiful needlework. You ate fine flour, honey, and olive oil. You were very beautiful and became a queen.

(Ezek 22:18 NCV) "Human, the people of Israel have become useless like scum to me. They are like the copper, tin, iron, and lead left in the furnace when silver is purified.

(Ezek 22:20 NCV) People put silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin together inside a furnace to melt them down in a blazing fire. In the same way I will gather you in my hot anger and put you together in Jerusalem and melt you down.

(Ezek 22:22 NCV) As silver is melted in a furnace, you will be melted inside the city. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out my anger on you."

(Dan 11:38 NCV) The king of the North will worship power and strength, which his ancestors did not worship. He will honor the god of power with gold and silver, expensive jewels and gifts.

(Dan 11:43 NCV) The king will get treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt. The Libyan and Nubian people will obey him.

(Hosea 2:8 NCV) But she does not know that I was the one who gave her grain, new wine, and oil. I gave her much silver and gold, but she used it for Baal.

(Hosea 3:2 NCV) So I bought her for six ounces of silver and ten bushels of barley.

(Ezek 38:13 NCV) Sheba, Dedan, and the traders of Tarshish, with all its villages, will say to you, "Did you come to capture treasure? Did you bring

your troops together to take loot? Did you bring them to carry away silver and gold and to take away farm animals and property?"

(Hosea 8:4 NCV) They chose their own kings without asking my permission. They chose their own leaders, people I did not know. They made their silver and gold into idols, and for all this they will be destroyed.

(Hosea 9:6 NCV) Even if the people are not destroyed, Egypt will capture them; Memphis will bury them. Weeds will grow over their silver treasures, and thorns will drive them out of their tents.

(Amos 2:6 NCV) This is what the LORD says: "For the many crimes of Israel, I will punish them. For silver, they sell people who have done nothing wrong; they sell the poor to buy a pair of sandals.

(Amos 8:6 NCV) We will buy poor people for silver, and needy people for the price of a pair of sandals. We will even sell the wheat that was swept up from the floor."

(Zep 1:11 NCV) Cry, you people living in the market area, because all the merchants will be dead; all the silver traders will be gone.

(Zep 1:18 NCV) On the day that God will show his anger, neither their silver nor gold will save them. The Lord's anger will be like a fire that will burn up the whole world; suddenly he will bring an end, yes, an end to everyone on earth."

(Hag 2:8 NCV) 'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says the LORD All-Powerful.

(Zec 11:12 NCV) Then I said, "If you want to pay me, pay me. If not, then don't." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

(Zec 11:13 NCV) The LORD said to me, "Throw the money to the potter." That is how little they thought I was worth. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the LORD.

(Zec 13:9 NCV) The third that is left I will test with fire, purifying them like silver, testing them like gold. Then they will call on me, and I will answer them. I will say, 'You are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

(Zec 14:14 NCV) The people of Judah will fight in Jerusalem. And the wealth of the nations around them will be collected--much gold, silver, and clothes.

(Mal 3:3 NCV) Like someone who heats and purifies silver, he will purify the Levites and make them pure like gold and silver. Then they will bring offerings to the LORD in the right way.

(Mat 26:15 NCV) He said, "What will you pay me for giving Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty silver coins.

(Mat 27:3 NCV) Judas, the one who had given Jesus to his enemies, saw that they had decided to kill Jesus. Then he was very sorry for what he had done. So he took the thirty silver coins back to the priests and the leaders,

(Mat 27:6 NCV) The leading priests picked up the silver coins in the Temple and said, "Our law does not allow us to keep this money with the Temple money, because it has paid for a man's death."

(Mat 27:9 NCV) So what Jeremiah the prophet had said came true: "They took thirty silver coins. That is how little the Israelites thought he was worth.

(Mat 27:10 NCV) They used those thirty silver coins to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

(Luke 15:8 NCV) "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but loses one. She will light a lamp, sweep the house, and look carefully for the coin until she finds it.

(Acts 17:29 NCV) Since we are God's children, you must not think that God is like something that people imagine or make from gold, silver, or rock.

(Acts 19:19 NCV) Some of them who had used magic brought their magic books and burned them before everyone. Those books were worth about fifty thousand silver coins.