

Pay for Pew - Scripture Texts

A reference document providing Old and New Testament passages.

Old Testament Data

Hebrew word typically translated as "Tithe"

Hebrew Word	מַעֲשֵׂר ma'āsêr , mah-as-ayr'; or מַעֲסָר ma'āsar; and (in plural) feminine מַעֲסָרוֹת ma'asrâh;
Strong's Dictionary Number	H6240
Strong's Definition	a tenth; especially a tithe: - tenth (part), tithe(-ing).

Old Testament Passages

Genesis 14:20 - and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Leviticus 27:30 - "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:31 - If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it.

Leviticus 27:32 - And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the LORD.

Numbers 18:21 - "To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting,

Numbers 18:24 - For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel."

Numbers 18:26 - "Moreover, you shall speak and say to the Levites, "When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to the LORD, a tithe of the tithe.

Numbers 18:28 - So you shall also present a contribution to the LORD from all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel. And from it you shall give the LORD's contribution to Aaron the priest.

Deuteronomy 12:6 - and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

Deuteronomy 12:11 - then to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the LORD.

Deuteronomy 12:17 - You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the contribution that you present,

Deuteronomy 14:23 - And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:28 - "At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns.

Deuteronomy 26:12 - "When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled,

2 Chronicles 31:5 - As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

2 Chronicles 31:6 - And the people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the dedicated things that had been dedicated to the LORD their God, and laid them in heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:12 - And they faithfully brought in the contributions, the tithes, and the dedicated things. The chief officer in charge of them was Conaniah the Levite, with Shimei his brother as second,

Nehemiah 10:37 - and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor.

Nehemiah 10:38 - And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse.

Nehemiah 12:44 - On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered.

Nehemiah 13:5 - prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.

Nehemiah 13:12 - Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

Ezekiel 45:11 - The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, the bath containing one tenth of a homer, and the ephah one tenth of a homer; the homer shall be the standard measure.

Ezekiel 45:14 - and as the fixed portion of oil, measured in baths, one tenth of a bath from each cor (the cor, like the homer, contains ten baths).

Amos 4:4 - "Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days;

Malachi 3:8 - Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

Malachi 3:10 - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

New Testament Data

Greek word typically translated as "Tithe"

Greek Word

ἀποδεκατόω apodekatōō, ap-od-ek-at-o'-o; from G575 and G1183;

Strong's Dictionary Number

G586

Strong's Definition

to tithe (as debtor or creditor): - (give, pay, take) tithe.

New Testament Passages

Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Luke 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Luke 18:12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

Hebrews 7:5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.

Hebrews 7:6 But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

Hebrews 7:9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,

Additional passages that may be referred to in our study. These passage do not refer to tithing.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

Deuteronomy 26:1 When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it,

Deuteronomy 26:2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

Deuteronomy 26:3 And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'

Deuteronomy 26:4 Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 26:5 And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

Deuteronomy 26:6 And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.

Deuteronomy 26:7 Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

Deuteronomy 26:8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

Deuteronomy 26:9 And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 26:10 And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 26:11 And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

2 Chronicles 31:5 As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

2 Chronicles 31:6 And the people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the dedicated things that had been dedicated to the LORD their God, and laid them in heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:7 In the third month they began to pile up the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

2 Chronicles 31:8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

2 Chronicles 31:9 And Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:10 Azariah the chief priest, who was of the house of Zadok, answered him, "Since they began to bring the contributions into the house of the LORD, we have eaten and had enough and have plenty left, for the LORD has blessed his people, so that we have this large amount left."

2 Chronicles 31:11 Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them.

Psalms 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

Proverbs 3:10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Haggai 1:2 Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.

Haggai 1:3 Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,

Haggai 1:4 Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

Haggai 1:5 Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

Haggai 1:9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.

Haggai 1:10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

Haggai 1:11 And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors."

Haggai 2:15 Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the LORD,

Haggai 2:16 how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty.

Haggai 2:17 I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the LORD.

Haggai 2:18 Consider from this day onward, from the twenty fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider:

Haggai 2:19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you."

Malachi 3:7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

Malachi 3:8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

Malachi 3:9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Malachi 3:11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 6:19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

Matthew 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 10:10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

Mark 7:6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mark 7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

Mark 7:8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

Mark 7:9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

Mark 7:10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

Mark 7:11 But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)

Mark 7:12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,

Mark 7:13 thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Mark 12:38 And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces

Mark 12:39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,

Mark 12:40 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Mark 12:41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

Mark 12:42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

Mark 12:43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

Mark 12:44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 13:1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"

Mark 13:2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Mark 13:3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Mark 13:4 Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?

Luke 16:10 One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

Luke 16:12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

Acts 2:43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Acts 2:44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 2:45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold

Acts 4:35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4:36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus,

Acts 4:37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 6:1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

Acts 6:3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Acts 6:4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Acts 6:6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 11:27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Acts 11:28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).

Acts 11:29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

Acts 11:30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 18:3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.

Acts 20:33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

Acts 20:34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.

Acts 20:35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 24:17 Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings.

Acts 28:30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,

Romans 15:23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,

Romans 15:24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

Romans 15:25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

Romans 15:26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

2 Corinthians 8:1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

2 Corinthians 8:2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2 Corinthians 8:3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,

2 Corinthians 8:4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints

2 Corinthians 8:5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

2 Corinthians 8:6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

2 Corinthians 8:7 But as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you - see that you excel in this act of grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:10 And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.

2 Corinthians 8:11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness

2 Corinthians 8:14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

2 Corinthians 8:15 As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you.

2 Corinthians 8:17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord.

2 Corinthians 8:18 With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel.

2 Corinthians 8:19 And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will.

2 Corinthians 8:20 We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us,

2 Corinthians 8:21 for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

2 Corinthians 8:22 And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you.

2 Corinthians 8:23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

2 Corinthians 8:24 So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

2 Corinthians 9:1 Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints,

2 Corinthians 9:2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.

2 Corinthians 9:3 But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be.

2 Corinthians 9:4 Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated - to say nothing of you

2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.
