



Tithing

The Hebrew word translated as *tithe* literally means *tenth* and has nothing to do with giving anything. The Christian/Catholic church has hi-jacked this English word to coerce its followers to fill the coffers in fear of being cursed by God.

Strong's #4643: AHLB#2563 (a)

2563) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה AhSR) ac: ? co: **Ten** ab: ?

V) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-SR) — **Tithe:** To give a tenth. [df: עָרָה] [freq. 9] (vf: Paal, Hiphil, Piel) [kjv: tithe, tenth] {H6237}

N^m) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-SR) — **Ten:** [Hebrew and Aramaic; Also meaning sixty when written in the plural form - עָרָה or עָרָה in Aramaic] [df: עָרָה] [freq. 651] [kjv: twenty, twentieth] {H6235, H6236, H6240, H6242, H6243}

N^f) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-S-RH) — **Ten:** [freq. 181] [kjv: ten] {H6235, H6236}

a^m) תֵּעָרָה (מָעָרָה MAH-SR) — **Tenth:** [df: מָעָרָה] [freq. 32] [kjv: tithe, tenth, tithing] {H4643}

c^m) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-SWR) — **Ten:** [df: עָרָה] [freq. 16] [kjv: tenth, ten] {H6218}

j^m) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-S-RWN) — **Tenth:** [df: עָרָה] [freq. 28] [kjv: tenth] {H6241}

bf^m) תֵּעָרָה (עָרָה Ah-SY-RY) — **Tenth:** [df: עָרָה] [freq. 29] [kjv: tenth] {H6224}

The first mention of anyone giving a tenth part to a priest was Abram giving Melchizedek a tenth part of the spoils of war. This was not a tenth part of his yearly prosperity. It was a onetime event.

The second time the English word *tithe* is found is in Leviticus 27 and it simply says a tenth of all is holy or set apart to YHWH, no instruction as to what to do with it at all.

The third time is in Numbers 18 and the instruction was to bring a tenth of all they had to give it to the Levities BECAUSE the Levities did not receive any land for an inheritance. The Levites were set apart unto YHWH, they were the mediators between YHWH and Israel.

Finally, in Deuteronomy 12, 14 and 26 we find the Israelites were to eat a tithe/tenth in a place where YHWH chose for them to go and eat, they were NOT to eat it within their gates. This was also to be given to the poor to eat. All of this was to be done when they entered into the promised land.

Deut 26:12 When you have made an end of **tithes tenth** all the **tithes tenth** of your increase the third year, *[which is]* the year of **tithes tenth**, and **have given [it] unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled;**

Deut 26:13 Then you shall say before YHWH your Elohaym, I have brought away the hallowed things out of [mine] house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandments which you have commanded me: I have not transgressed your commandments, neither have I forgotten [them]:

Conclusion:

Never once was this *tithe*/tenth to be given to build a building or to pay a wage to a "hireling of God". The only time it was given to a man is when it was given to the Levites as their portion of the land of Israel.

The false church has hi-jacked this giving of a tenth for their own gainsaying lusts to feed off the masses of the rich and poor with the threat of being cursed by God for not giving them their hard-earned money.

Yes, we need to feed the poor, clothe the naked, BUT we are NOT required by YHWH to give our finances to build buildings and pay the hired *pastors*. When Paul was referencing the ox feeding as it was working, he was telling them if one is blessing you with the truth of YHWH you do not turn him away hungry, let him eat from your table. You cannot find one reference to any apostle even receiving a *salary* or taking money for living to spread or preach the gospel.

There may be an occasion for one to be supported to preach and evangelize but that will always be by providence of YHWH and never in the form of a *tithing* requirement of man.

Give, be charitable, that is what YHWH is looking for; a freewill giving from the heart in love and this giving is to the poor and needy and if so inclined to the evangelist, but it is ALWAYS a free-will offering and NEVER a *tithe* requirement.

Reference:

Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

Gen 14:17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that [were] with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which [is] the king's dale.

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he [was] the priest of the most high Elohaym.



Gen 14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed [*be*] Abram of the most high Elohaym, possessor of heaven and earth:

Gen 14:20 And blessed be the most high Elohaym, which has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him **tithes tenth** of all.

Lev 27:30 And all the **tithes tenth** of the land, [*whether*] of the seed of the land, [*or*] of the fruit of the tree, [*is*] YHWH'S: [*it is*] holy unto YHWH.

Lev 27:31 And if a man will at all redeem [*ought*] of his **tithes tenth**, he shall add thereto the fifth [*part*] thereof.

Lev 27:32 And concerning the **tithes tenth** of the herd, or of the flock, [*even*] of whatsoever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto YHWH.

Num 18:24 But the **tithes tenth** of the children of Israel, which they offer [*as*] an heave offering unto YHWH, **I have given to the Levites to inherit**: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

Num 18:25 And YHWH spoke unto Moses, saying,

Num 18:26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When you take of the children of Israel the **tithes tenth** which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up an **heave offering** of it for YHWH, [*even*] a **tenth [part]** of the **tithes tenth**. **Notice here the SAME Hebrew word translated two different ways.**

Num 18:28 Thus you also shall offer an **heave offering** unto YHWH of all your **tithes tenth**, which you receive of the children of Israel; and you shall give thereof YHWH'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.

Deut 12:5 **But unto the place which YHWH your Elohaym shall choose** out of all your tribes to put his name there, [*even*] unto his habitation shall you seek, and here you shall come:

Deut 12:6 And **here you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:**

Deut 12:7 And there you shall eat before YHWH your Elohaym, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand unto, you and your households, wherein YHWH your Elohaym has blessed you.

Deut 12:8 You shall not do after all [*the things*] that we do here this day, every man whatsoever [*is*] right in his own eyes.

Deut 12:9 For you are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which YHWH your Elohaym gives you.

Deut 12:10 But *[when]* you go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which YHWH your Elohaym gives you to inherit, and *[when]* he gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety;

Deut 12:11 Then there shall be a place which YHWH your Elohaym shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; **here shall you bring all that I command you**; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your **tithes**, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow unto YHWH:

Deut 12:17 You may not eat within your gates the **tithe tenth** of your corn, or of your wine, or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herds or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, or heave offering of your hand:

Deut 14:22 You shall truly **tithe** all the increase of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.

Deut 14:23 And **you shall eat before YHWH your Elohaym, in the place which he shall choose** to place his name there, the **tithe** of your corn, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks; that you may learn to fear YHWH your Elohaym always.

Deut 14:24 And if the way be too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it; *[or]* if the place be too far from you, which YHWH your Elohaym shall choose to set his name there, when YHWH your Elohaym has blessed you:

Deut 14:25 Then shall you turn *[it]* into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go unto the place which YHWH your Elohaym shall choose:

Deut 14:26 And you shall bestow that money for whatsoever your soul lusts after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever your soul desires: and you shall eat there before YHWH your Elohaym, and you shall rejoice, you, and your household,

Deut 14:27 And the Levite that *[is]* within your gates; you shall not forsake him; for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

Deut 14:28 At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the **tithe tenth** of your increase the same year, and shall lay *[it]* up within your gates:

Deut 14:29 And the Levite, (because he has no part nor inheritance with you,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *[are]* within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that YHWH your Elohaym may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deut 26:1 And it shall be, when you *[are]* come in unto the land which YHWH your Elohaym gives you *[for]* an inheritance, and possess it, and dwell therein;

Deut 26:2 That you shall take of **the first of all the fruit of the earth**, which you shall bring of your land that YHWH your Elohaym gives you, and shall put *[it]* in a basket, and



shall go unto the place which YHWH your Elohaym shall choose to place his name there.

Deut 26:11 And you shall rejoice in every good [thing] which YHWH your Elohaym has given unto you, and unto your house, you, and the Levite, and the stranger that [is] among you.

Deut 26:12 When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, [which is] the year of tithing, and have given [it] unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled;

Deut 26:13 Then you shall say before YHWH your Elohaym, I have brought away the hallowed things out of [mine] house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandments which you have commanded me: I have not transgressed your commandments, neither have I forgotten [them]:

Deut 26:14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away [ought] thereof for [any] unclean [use], nor given [ought] thereof for the dead: [but] I have hearkened to the voice of YHWH my Elohaym, [and] have done according to all that you have commanded me.

Heb 7:5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

Heb 7:6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

ἀποδεκατεύω, **Luke 18:12**, for ἀποδεκατόω which see; (cf. WHs Appendix, p. 171).

STRONGS NT 586: ἀποδεκατόω ἀποδεκατόω, ἀποδεκατῶ, infinitive present ἀποδεκατοῖν, **Hebrews 7:5** T Tr WH (cf. Delitzsch at the passage; Buttman, 44 (38); (Tdf.s note at the passage; WH. Introductory § 410)); (δεκατόω which see); a Biblical and ecclesiastical word; the Sept. for טעש; to tithe i. e.

1. with the accusative of the thing, to give, pay, a tenth of anything: **Matthew 23:23**; **Luke 11:42**; **Luke 18:12** where T WH, after manuscripts א* B only, have adopted ἀποδεκατεύω, for which the simple δεκατεύω is more common in Greek writings; (**Genesis 28:22**; **Deuteronomy 14:21** (22)).

2. τινα, to exact, receive, a tenth from anyone: **Hebrews 7:5**; (**1 Samuel 8:15, 17**). (B. D. under the word .)