Advancing the Kingdom

5) The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl of Great Price

'And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God' (Genesis 41:32)

'There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God' (Romans 3:11)

'Seek it more than hidden treasure' (Job 3:21)

'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be <u>a special treasure</u> to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine'

(Exodus 19:5)

'For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for <u>His special treasure</u>' (Psalm 135:4)

'For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, <u>a special</u> <u>treasure</u> above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth' (Deut. 14:2)

'When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance' (Deut. 32:8-9)

'He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye' (Deut. 32:10) 'Christ... loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish'

(Eph. 5:25-27)