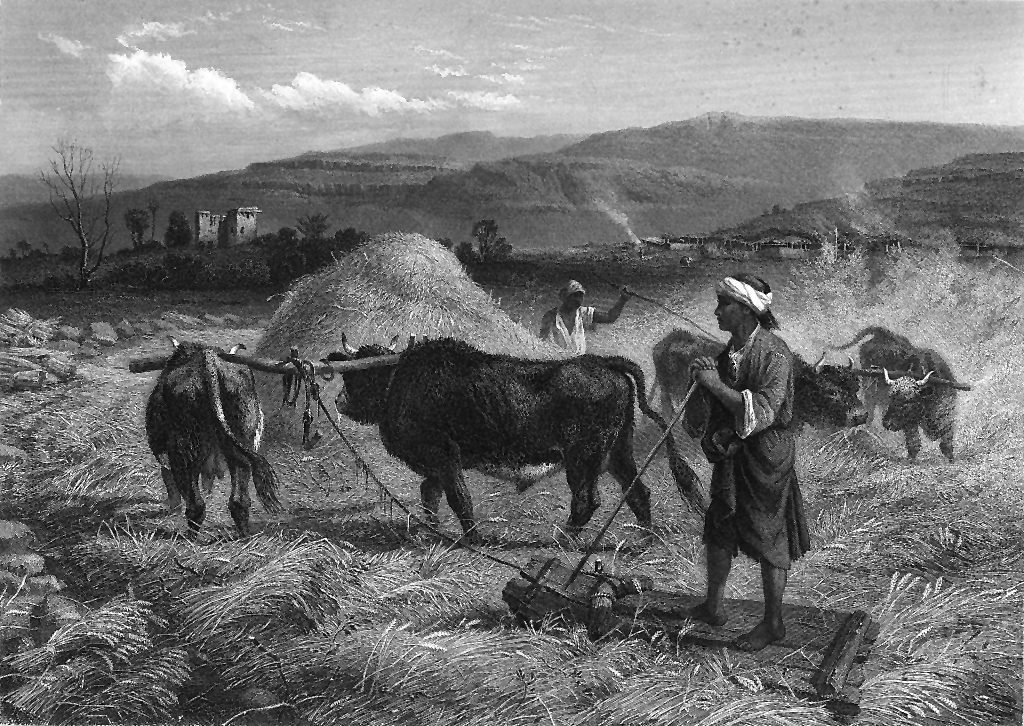
“sharp threshing floor” Is 41:11, 15,16

* Heavy plank of wood, studded with sharp stones or iron points (teeth)
* As sledge was dragged across the harvested grain on the threshing floor, the kernels were separated from the chaff
* This might have indirect reference to Israel’s foes; or symbolize the ‘overwhelming difficulties’ that seem to face Israel
* The Latin name for a threshing sledge of this type was “tribulum,” and its use was termed “tribulation” the root of our English term.
* God’s promise to His people that they wil triumph their enemies will be carried away by the wind like chaff, and be liberated from exile and captivity
* Fan: separation of good and evil
  + Winnowing was carried out by means of what is described as a ‘fan’
  + Matt 3:12: ‘whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor”
  + The instrument was a winnowing shovel or a fork
  + Go high up on a threshing floor with the mix of chaff and wheat
  + Toss it high in the air and let the wind carry away the chaff
  + Burn up the chaff
  + Wheat falls to the ground to be garnered into the barns
* Pneuma: Spirit wind, movement is what blows away the chaff in consciousness
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