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Dear Kelvin,

Herewith the comments from Dr Tim Meadowcroft, one of our Old Testament lecturers about the storehouse.

I am sure you will be encouraged by them.

Blessings

Brian

I think the exegetical distinction they make is substantially a valid one, and their application of it is one extremely creative way to go. The Deuteronomy material is the key to understanding the 'storehouse' intent.

There is a hermeneutical tension in all such OT provisions that they do not quite address. In the OT this is a provision for the whole community and would have had a substantial bureaucracy to make it work. Yet they want to apply it particularly to the church as distinct from society. They do note, however, that the storehouse provision is partly fulfilled by modern social welfare provisions.

Notwithstanding that ultimately unresolvable tension, their biblical rationale is a good one.

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