

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first...Esau. Afterward his brother... with his hand gripping Esau's heel...named Jacob.

Genesis 25:24, 25ac, 26ab

Birth of Esau and Jacob

Manuscript of Augustine's "City of God"
Francois Maitre
Museum Meermanno
Westreenianum
The Hague, Netherlands



Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

Genesis 25:30a, 31



Esau, Jacob, and the Bowl of Pottage -- Jan Victor, Palace on the Water, Warsaw, Poland

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

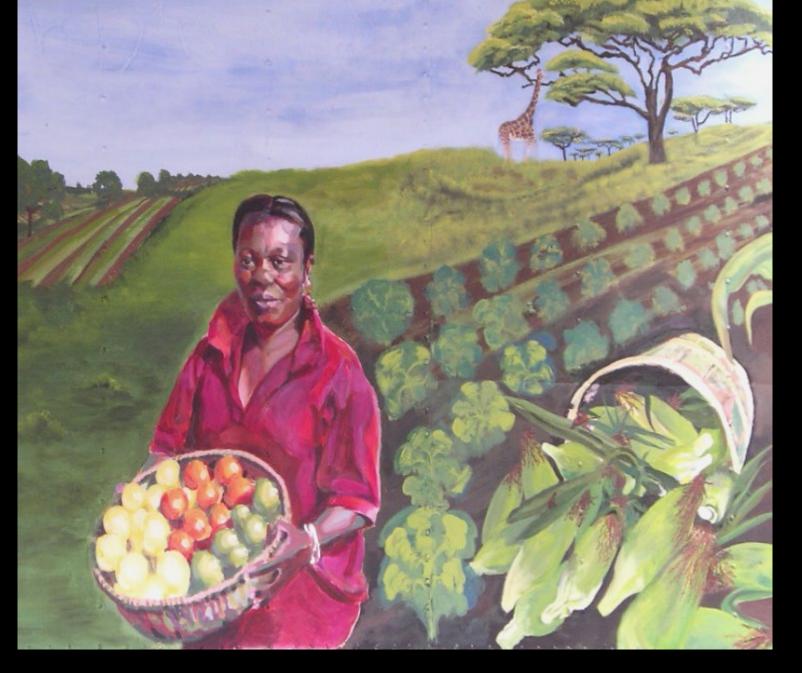
Psalm 119:105-112



Luminarias Along the Path -- Danae Hurst, Albuquerque, NM

For as the rain and the snow ... have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower ... so shall my word be.

Isaiah 55:10, 11a



Seaona Ban Ngufor, New Entry Sustainable Farm, Dracut, MA

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it ... you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

Psalm 65:9



Farm Mural, adjacent to Federal Land Bank Bldg, Columbia, SC

... to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6b



Peruvian Street Art

Lima, Peru

And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.



Sally Sows

Street mural, Brooklyn, NY

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.



Sower at Sunset -- Vincent van Gogh, Kroller-Muller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.



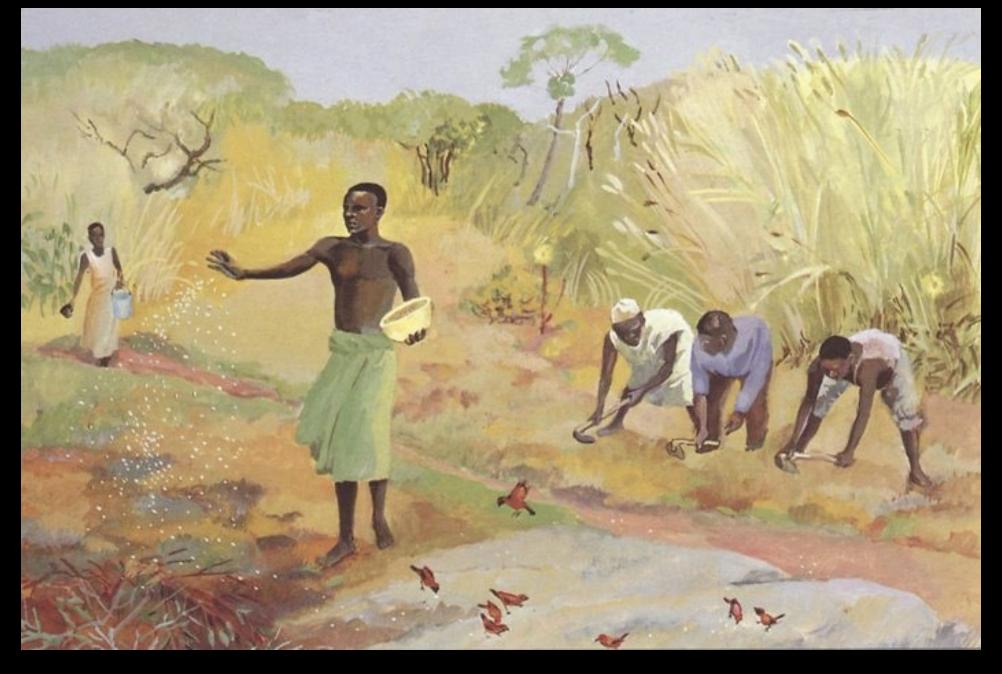
Sowing Seed -- Unidentified church sculpture

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.



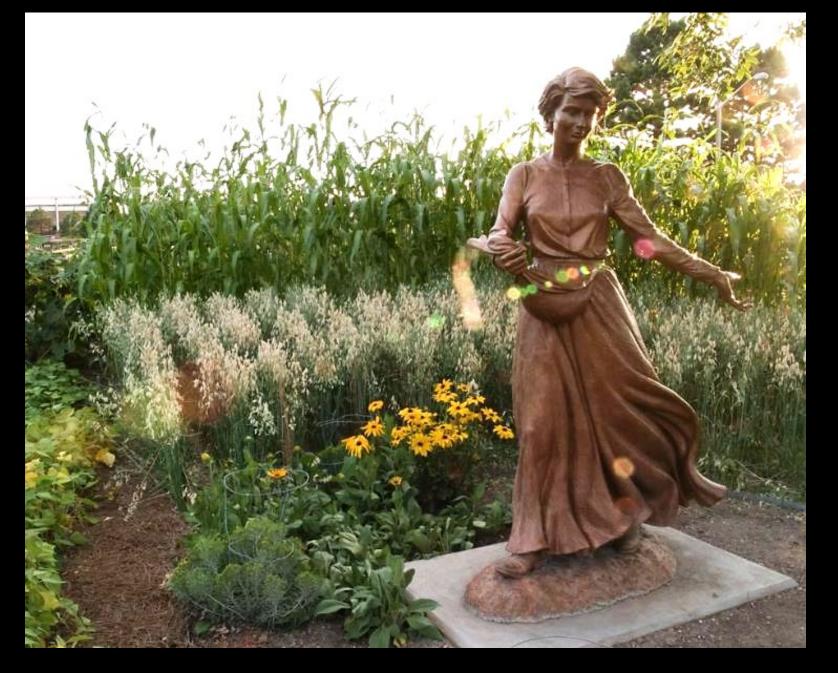
The Sower

Jean-Francois Millet Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.



Parable of the Sower -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.



Seed and the Sower -- Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, Cheyenne, WY

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields ...



The Reaper -- William Morris & Co., Marden, UK

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