

HARVEST TIME

TEXT:

Ruth 1:22: So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

INTRODUCTION

Always remember the Bible is a Spiritual Book, i.e. it says more than meets the eye on the surface.

HARVEST TIME has reference in the Bible to more than harvesting grains and crops and fruits.

Matthew 9:37-38:

³⁷ ***Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;***

³⁸ ***Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His Harvest.***

Matthew 13:27-30:

²⁷ ***So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?***

²⁸ ***He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?***

²⁹ ***But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.***

³⁰ ***Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.***



Matthew 13:36-43

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and His disciples came unto Him, saying, Declare unto us the Parable of the Tares of the field.

³⁷ He answered and said unto them, He Who soweth the good seed is the Son of Man;



³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the Angels.

⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

⁴¹ The Son of Man shall send forth His Angels, and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire:

there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

John 4:35-38:

³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

³⁶ And He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

³⁷ And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Joel 2:23-26:

²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the LORD your God, Who hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 3:13: Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

Jeremiah 5:24: Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in His season: He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.



Jeremiah 8:20: The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Jeremiah 51:33: For thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

Hosea 6:11: Also O Judah He hath set an HARVEST for thee, when I returned the captivity of My people.

Joshua 3:15: And as they that bare the Ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the Priests that bare the Ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

GOD's TIMETABLES

The first and memorable timetable is when Israel's SET TIME OF RELEASE FROM EGYPT was DATED.

Genesis 15:16:

But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

Exodus 12:40-41:

40 Now the sojourning of the Children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.



⁴¹ *And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.*

THE LORD JESUS' COMING WAS DATED FOR OUR REDEMPTION.

Galatians 4:4: *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

Hebrews 9:26: *For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the Sacrifice of Himself.*

Daniel 9:24: *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the Vision and Prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.*

Mark 1:15: *And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.*

THE TIME OF THE LORD JESUS' SECOND COMING IS ESTABLISHED and SET.

Acts 3:19-21:

¹⁹ *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the Presence of the Lord.*

²⁰ *And He [the Lord God] shall send Jesus Christ, Who before was preached unto you:*

²¹ *Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began.*

Matthew 24:36: [Jesus said] *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the Angels of Heaven, but My Father only.*

NOT ALL GRAINS RIPEN AT THE SAME TIME.

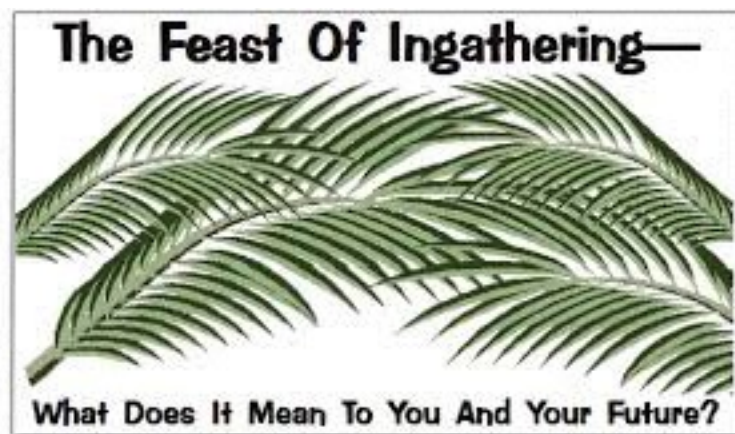
Exodus 9:31-32:

³¹ *And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled.*

³² *But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they were not grown up.*

Genesis 30:14: *And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.*

Exodus 34:22: *And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.*



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