

## **The Harvest Is Not What You Think**

Many paradigm shifts are needed in the Body of Christ in order for us to understand the age in which we live. One of those shifts is the understanding (picture, image) of the harvest. We discussed the definition of paradigms and paradigm shifts in a previous post, so hopefully these words are understood.

For decades now revivals and end-time harvest of millions of souls being saved has been discussed and preached. Now, many are proclaiming the end-time harvest as over one billion souls. But is that really what the harvest is? I say NO. Let's do an examination of what scripture says about the harvest. The current paradigm picture of an end-time harvest comes partly from Revelations chapter 14.

***I looked and behold—I saw a white cloud, and sitting upon it was one like the Son of Man, wearing a golden crown and holding a sharp sickle. Another angel came out of the temple, shouting out to the one sitting upon the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, for the time of reaping the harvest has come and the harvest of the earth is ripe!” So the one sitting upon the white cloud gave his sickle a mighty swing over the earth and reaped its harvest.***

***Revelation 14:14-16 (TPT)***

We see the sickle, but we have missed the crown. Both are relevant in this scripture. We see the harvest of the earth as people, but this scripture doesn't say that is the harvest. Hold on to that thought for now.



But, wait, there are two harvests! What? Read the next few verses.

***Then another angel came out of the heavenly temple, and he too had a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar of incense—the angel with authority over fire. He shouted out with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Take now your sharp sickle and harvest the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.” So the angel gave his sickle a mighty swing over the earth and gathered the grapes from the vine of the earth and threw them into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden outside the city until blood poured out of the winepress as high as the horse’s bridle for a distance of one thousand six hundred stadia.***

***Revelation 14:17-20 (TPT)***

Interesting! Very Interesting! Before we decipher these scriptures let's look at what Jesus had to say about the harvest? His first words on the topic came in the form of a parable.

***Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "***

***Matthew 13:24-30 (NKJV)***



Then He explained it to His disciples (His students).

***Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! "******Matthew 13:36-43 (NKJV)***

Again, this scripture does not say that people are the harvest. It says they are the seed. A seed is something that in itself has the ability to produce. We are planted in the earth to produce. It is the produce that is harvested. The harvest is the end of the age when the separation takes place. It is the end of the age when the produce of the seed is examined. It represents far more than people getting saved.

Consider this. God created a field, and He called it the Earth. The Son of Man (Jesus) then planted good seed in the field (the earth) and those good seeds are the children of the Kingdom, the Ekklesia, the mature saints who have learned how to legislate Kingdom business for the King. They know how to reproduce the life that is

in them for good. The King is Jesus, the one who wears the crown and holds the sickle in Revelation, chapter 14.



Jesus further explains that the tares (fake wheat) that were found in the field (in the earth) were children of the devil. The devil formed his own kingdom, his own cultural centers, his own form of ruling and he has children who operate from the rules and regulations of the devil's counterfeit kingdom, Babylon right alongside the true children of God and God's Kingdom.

The harvest is the end of the age when the tares are separated from the wheat. The harvest is the end of the age when the children of the false kingdom are separated from among the children of God. The fake is revealed. Sometimes it is hard to distinguish the fake from the real.

The harvest is when the children of God are told to flee from Babylon before she falls. She is going to fall. The harvest is when the tares, the wood, hay, and stubble and all works of the flesh and the devil are burned with fire. Both the Matthew passage and the Revelation passage talk about fire. The harvest separates the kingdom of Babylon from the Kingdom of God.

The King is preparing for His return to earth as King. The nations will be his. But, first there has to be a separation. That separation and the two harvests is going to cause a great wailing and gnashing of teeth. I believe that not only refers to the true children of Satan, those who worship him, but it includes those who claim their works are for the Kingdom of God, but are really works from the kingdom of self. They are wood, hay and stubble.

There is going to be great sorrow for those who suddenly realize they have spent their entire lives building something that was for themselves and not for God. They are going to cry when they realize it has all been wood, hay, and stubble and is all gone in a moment when the fire of God hits it.



Oh, Lord, I pray. Visit your people and let the blinders be removed. Let them see clearly what You are building. Let them determine in their hearts to no longer build on a foundation they are creating. Let Your paradigm shift come in glory to renew our minds to Truth and the foundation of Jesus, our King. Let us determine to build on nothing else.

Paul in one of his letters to the saints in Corinth says there will be those who are saved, yet as through fire. He is talking about the harvest and the effect of the fire of God.

***For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.***  
***I Corinthians 3:9-15 (NKJV)***

There is a lot here to digest. Let our eyes be open to see the truth of what the harvest really is. This #short is only the beginning of the revelation of the harvest. Please stay tuned for more!

