

## Reaping and Harvesting

### **Matthew 24:37-39**

37 **But as the days of Noe were,** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 **For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**

39 **And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

### **Luke 17:25-30**

25 **But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.**

26 **And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**

27 **They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

28 **Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;**

29 **But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.**

30 **Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.**

In our last lesson entitled, "Statements Jesus made in the Gospels Concerning the End of Days and the Rapture of the Church" we learned from the parable of the tares found in Matthew chapter 13 that Jesus said the interpretation of the parable was 1) He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man 2) The field is the world 3) But the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil 4) The harvest is the end of the world 5) The reapers are the angels. We also learned from John 6:40 "**And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**" **And finally We also learned that the Day of the Lord followed the tribulation of those days as seen in Matthew 24:29-31 and Acts 2:19-21 of which conclusively reveals to us that the Day of the Lord begins after the tribulation of those days! Pay special attention to the following passages of scriptures which all speak of these signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars!**

### **Matthew 24:29-31**

29 **Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**

30 **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 **And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

### **Mark 13:24-27**

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

**26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.**

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

#### **Luke 21:25-28**

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

**26 Men's hearts failing them for fear,** and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

**27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

#### **Revelation 6:12-14**

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

In each one of these accounts given to us by Jesus we see the signs we are looking for are "in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars" "And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken." "and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." The sea and the waves roaring because "the powers of heaven shall be shaken"

Remember all of these passages of scripture are referring to the Day of the Lord of which we established was "**Immediately after the tribulation of those days**".

#### **2 Peter 3:9-12**

**9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things **shall be dissolved**, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**Isaiah 34:2-4**

**2** For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

**3** Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

**4** And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

**Hebrews 1:10-12**

**10** And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

**11** They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

**12** And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and **they shall be changed**: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Do you see that this is all the same time? Look at it again in a slightly different way.

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**14** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

**Luke 21:26**

**26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

**Matthew 24:30**

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**Isaiah 24:19**

19 The earth is utterly **broken down**, the earth is **clean dissolved**, the earth is **moved exceedingly**.

**Isaiah 24:20**

20 The earth **shall reel to and fro like a drunkard**, and **shall be removed like a cottage**; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; **and it shall fall, and not rise again.**

**Isaiah 34:2**

2 For the **indignation of the LORD is upon all nations**, and **his fury upon all their armies**: he hath **utterly destroyed them**, he hath **delivered them to the slaughter**.

**Isaiah 34:3**

3 Their **slain** also shall be **cast out**, and **their stink shall come up out of their carcasses**, and **the mountains shall be melted with their blood**.

**2 Peter 3:10**

10 But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**; in the which the **heavens shall pass away with a great noise**, and the **elements shall melt with fervent heat**, the **earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up**.

**Revelation 6:13**

13 And the **stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

**Isaiah 24:21**

21 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that the **LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth**.

**Isaiah 24:22**

22 And they shall be **gathered together**, as prisoners are gathered **in the pit**, and shall be **shut up in the prison**, and after many days shall they be visited.

**Isaiah 24:23**

23 Then the **moon shall be confounded**, and the **sun ashamed**, **when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.**

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14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

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#### **Revelation 6:15**

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

#### **Revelation 11:18-19**

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

#### **2 Thessalonians 1:6-12**

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.  
53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.  
54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

Have you ever stopped here at verse 54 and asked yourself where is it written that "Death is swallowed up in victory"? What the Apostle Paul has just revealed to us here is that when the catching away of the Saints takes place, what we term the rapture, that the saying that was written concerning death being swallowed up in victory will have taken place.

## Isaiah 25:6-9

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.  
7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.  
8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.  
9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

So what else did we discover when the saying "**Death is swallowed up in victory**" takes place?

1) The Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; 2) and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. 3) And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**That's some BIG clues given to us here.** Remember what we learned from the parable of the tares found in Matthew chapter 13 that Jesus said the interpretation of the parable was 1) He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man 2) The field is the world 3) But the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil 4) The harvest is the end of the world 5) The reapers are the angels. We also learned from John 6:40 "**And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**" **And finally We also learned that the Day of the Lord followed the tribulation of those days as seen in Matthew 24:29-31 and Acts 2:19-21 of which conclusively reveals to us that the Day of the Lord begins after the tribulation of those days!** Pay special attention to the following passages of scriptures which all speak of these signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars!

Now remember what the Apostle Paul has said concerning the rapture of the Church "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the

twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."**

Does this not agree with what Jesus revealed to us? It does. "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

What about "the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth"?

### **Revelation 21:1-5**

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

Another clue is given in this passage of scripture where we learn that a great voice out of heaven says, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

Here we see another possible clue where we see God wiping away all tears from their eyes. We also learn that there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. For the former things are passed away. However, to begin to grasp the full impact of this connection being made is to realize the new heaven and the new earth and the new Jerusalem takes place in the beginning of the millennial reign of Christ and not after, which is not really hard to show.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

### **Ezekiel 37:22-23, 27**

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king to them all**: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

This king over them being Jesus Christ.

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: **but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.**

Here we see another clue, God will save them out of all their dwellingplaces and says, so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. This fulfilling another one of our three clues above concerning the passage of scriptures in Isaiah where he said “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Here we see the same wording as we saw above in Revelation where the Lord said, “**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**” Where He followed it up with the next verse saying, “**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**” **Yet the Apostle Paul linked the rapture of the Church with these events!**

“And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And **he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**” (Isaiah 25:6-9)

### **Joel 3:9-16**

**9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:**

**10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.**

**11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.**

**12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.**

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

**14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.**

**15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.**



16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; **and the heavens and the earth shall shake:** but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Again we see the same signs taking place in the sun, the moon, and the stars while we are also seeing the harvesting take place. Remember what Jesus said? 1) He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man 2) The field is the world 3) But the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil 4) The harvest is the end of the world 5) The reapers are the angels. We also learned from John 6:40 "**And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**" **And finally We also learned that the Day of the Lord followed the tribulation of those days as seen in Matthew 24:29-31 and Acts 2:19-21 of which conclusively reveals to us that the Day of the Lord begins after the tribulation of those days! Pay special attention to the following passages of scriptures which all speak of these signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars!**

And what do we see taking place here in Joel? "Put ye in the sickle, **for the harvest is ripe:** come, get you down; for **the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for **the day of the LORD is near** in the valley of decision. **The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.** **The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake:** but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." We also see here the shaking of the heavens and the earth just as was written in the other passages of scriptures we reviewed concerning the Day of the Lord.

#### **Revelation 14:14-20**

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, **which had power over fire;** and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth;** for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and **gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, **and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.**

Just as was said in Joel "**Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.**" And we see here the outcome "**And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and**

six hundred furlongs." That is the equivalent of blood rising to the horse bridles about 4.5 feet deep and flowing for 180 miles!! This is not symbolic!! **This is the day of the Lord in the battle of Armageddon!!**

#### **Revelation 10:7**

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, **as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

#### **Revelation 11:15-19**

**15 And the seventh angel sounded;** and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, **and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.**

**19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven,** and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.