

## The 3 Harvests

In the bible, God teaches the Israelites about the 7 important elements for harvesting, with 3 main harvest periods of the year, the Barley, the Wheat, and the Grapes. These 3 harvests are all connected to the 3 main feasts of the Jewish people. They are, Passover, Pentecost, and the feast of Tabernacles.

Deuteronomy 8:8

*A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive and honey.*

In Israel, the barley harvest normally starts around March and April. This is when the Passover, unleavened bread, and first fruits festivals are held. The next main harvest is the harvesting of wheat. This occurs around the time of May through to June, when the Pentecost feast is held. The third is the harvesting of the grapes, which can go from July, right through to September or October. During this time the feast of Trumpets, the day of Atonement, and feast of Tabernacles which goes for 7 days.

You might be asking, why is all of this so important? Well, to understand the harvest periods and the feasts, is to understand what events will take place at what times on God's calendar.

Jesus was our Passover lamb, sacrificed and died for our sins, and rose again the third day, which was also the day of first fruits. When they harvest a field in Israel they go out and take the barley which is ripe, and leave the rest until it is time to come back for them. When Jesus was raised from the dead, he was the first fruits resurrected and ascended to heaven with the others who were resurrected.

1 Corinthians 15:20

*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.*

Matthew 27:52-53

*And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

All this occurred during the barley harvest. Now, when the farmers are preparing the barley they winnow it, which means they use a threshing stone in the day, then go out at night and use a big pitch fork, and throw it in the air a little so the chaff is blown away, and the barley falls to the ground.

This is very symbolic of the first fruits resurrected and the rapture, because they are more sensitive to the work performed during the process of creating the barley. Just as the Holy Spirit blows in and out of our lives to get rid of the junk, (chaff) we will be made pure by Jesus Christ.

The wheat harvest is a different process than the barley because it required them in the old days to use a big board with stones on it called a Tribulum that is pulled along by a horse or a donkey. This is one place where we get the word tribulation. Now, the wheat has a very hard shell and needs a bit more force in the harvest process. This is why they used a tribulum board on the wheat grains. You could not use this board on the barley, it would destroy it.

If you haven't already noticed where the tribulum board is used, I'll point it out for you here. The board is used on the grain that needs more work performed on it, much like people who will be left behind at the rapture, they will need to do more work in order to be closer to Christ. They will need to go under the tribulum (tribulation) board to get rid of the hard outer shell that is keeping them from Jesus Christ and the kingdom of heaven.

The last is the grape harvest which is mentioned in the book of Revelation when the wrath of God Almighty is poured out onto the earth.

Revelation 19:15

*He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Some of the old style techniques they used to use was a big bowl, full with the grape of the harvest and they would press them with their feet until it become fluid, like wine. This is for the people who are going against God and will not repent of their evil ways. The last 3 and half years of the tribulation is the time period when God's wrath is poured out on the earth.

Revelation 16:1

*And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*

This will be a time like no other in the history of the world. The last harvest, the grape harvest is symbolic of the wrath of God because it is the last main harvest, and one that needs to be trodden in order to be changed.

Jesus spoke of this harvest in the book of Mathew when he gives the parable of the sower in the field.

Matthew 13:37-41

*He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; that harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tare are gathered and burned in fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 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.*

At the end of the tribulation, there will be a gathering together of the Jewish elect from the four winds, which is the four corners of a harvest field, that God will take into the millennial kingdom with him to set up his rule and reign for 1000 years. The other gathering is the wicked people to be burned with fire because of their wicked ways against God.

In the book of Leviticus, God explains that they should leave the four corners of a field for the poor and do not harvest them.

Leviticus 23:22

*And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any of thy gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.*

This is connected to the verse in Matthew that people say is the post-trib rapture. God is gathering them at the end because they are the poor in spirit, the poor in mind, and they will be gathered together at the end because God is going to these Jewish elect through to the millennial kingdom. This is NOT for all believers or all Jewish people but just the gleanings of the field, the four corners.

Matthew 24:31

*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.*

There is also a flip side to this verse. It says, "From one end of heaven to the other." Now, it could also mean that he is gathering us together from HEAVEN, because we are already raptured up there, to go back with him at the end of the tribulation.

Either way you look at it, it is not a post-trib rapture at the end, because the whole bible does not teach that, but rather a pre-trib rapture when you look into all the feasts and harvests and the word of God.