

WHITE HARVEST—THE REAPING OF THE WISE

Is there any correlation between Firstfruits of grain harvest, be it barley or wheat, and the saints?

If there is, what is the significance?

Who represents the firstfruits of barley harvest and the firstfruits of the wheat harvest?

Could it be a matter of life and death if you are NOT part of His Firstfruits?

At their most basic level, the firstfruits are;

- The early, abundant samples of a harvest.
- Whether the crop is of barley, wheat, olives, olive oil, grapes, wine, honey; each has an early, abundant sample (see Numbers 18:12; Deuteronomy 18:4).
- Represents the BEST part of the harvest.
- Does not indicate that the harvest is complete, rather that the harvest has started, with some portions reaching various stages of maturity and ripeness.

NT scriptures speak of firstfruits in the present tense, indicating a harvest already in process:

1 Corinthians 16:15

“I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.”

James 1:18 also confirms this present-tense usage.

“Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”

A ripe grain field looks like a sea of white. It stirs up imagery of a saints dressed in white garment— *The First* and *The Best* of the harvest are ready and gathered into God's Kingdom.

Harvest does not mean just a field. Harvest means harvest. It is a gathering in; a gathering together; a reaping. There are three applications of these harvests shown in the Scriptures (three that I see & maybe more):

1. Starting with Yeshua's ministry and our present day (See Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:35)
2. End-Time or End-of-the-Age (see Matthew 13:30; Matthew 13:38-39; Matthew 24:11).
3. Day of Lord (see Revelation 14:15-16)

Notice the emphasis on firstfruit harvests in *1 Corinthians 15:21-23*

“For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ [also firstfruits].”

First-fruits of Barley Harvest typified by 24 Elders (Matthew 27:52-53; John 20:17)

- Many saints are raised to life after Yeshua's resurrection
- Yeshua presents himself and the resurrected saints as His firstfruits offerings

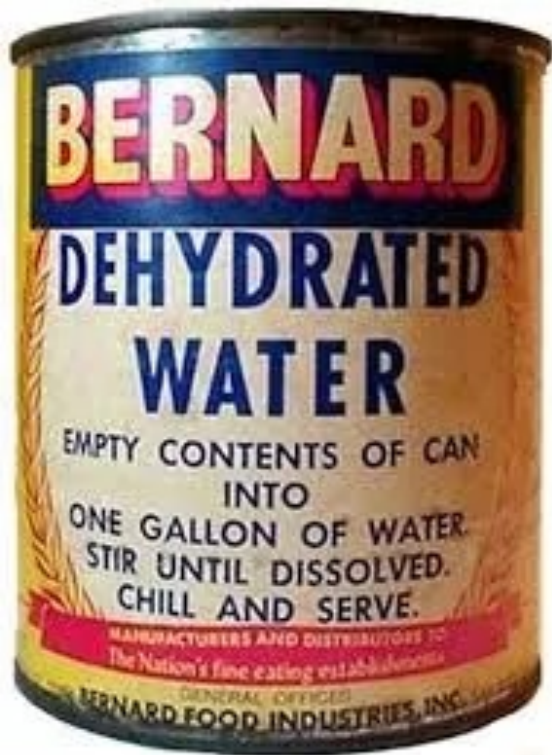
First-fruits of Wheat Harvest typified by Five Wise Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)

- Represents The Bride through its individual members (see Psalm 45:14).
- Illustrates a fact that, “Many are called, but few are chosen” (see Matthew 22:14; emphasis on firstfruits).
- Spotlights faith—Your faith must be your own through Yeshua Messiah; it cannot be shared, borrowed, leased, purchased (emphasis on type, see James 2:18).
- Underscores what desperate, spiritually unprepared individuals will do last minute/last hour—they will seek to purchase Holy Spirit from con-artists [see Acts 8:9-24; emphasis in substituting the Oil for the Holy Spirit).

Delaying preparation for *The Wedding Feast* is spiritual negligence. There are no shortcuts.

The oil we have is accumulated over a lifetime. And as Isaiah shows, this oil is "bought" simply through listening to God.

“Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance [oil represents abundance; a topic on its own]. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David.” (Isaiah 55:2-3)



Furthermore, *Jeremiah 3:15* provides relief from the snake oil charmers and con-artists, **“And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”**

Delaying full submission and obedience to Yehovah—Our Yeshua [Messiah] is to risk **eternal death**.

One-sided relationships with Our Creator will end with a closed door, followed by the most dreadful words, **"I do not know you"** (Matthew 25:12).

Our opportunity to be among the firstfruits of the Kingdom is decided during our lifetime.

Timing is everything and everything is timed!

Isaiah and Amos recognize man's tendency to procrastinate and admonish us with these warnings; **"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near"** (Isaiah 55:6).



"People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it." (Amos 8:12)