

## The Two Harvests 4338

### I. Rain And Harvest

- A. Early and latter rain for threefold harvest (Deut. 11:13–14)
  - 1. Grain
  - 2. New wine/grape
  - 3. Oil

The *rain* (Holy Spirit) is given for the purpose of the *harvest*
- B. Appointed weeks of harvest (Jer. 5:23–24 [Prov. 10:5])
- C. Latter rain a picture of the outpoured Holy Spirit (Joel 2:23–24 [compare Joel 2:28])
  - 1. Again, the threefold harvest
  - 2. On *all* flesh
- D. Harvest is the end (consummation) of the age (Matt. 13:39)
- E. Three successive events (James 5:7–8)
  - 1. Latter rain
  - 2. Then the harvest
  - 3. Then the coming of the Lord

### II. The Vision Of The Harvest

- A. Now—not after four months (John 4:35)
- B. Harvest plentiful—but laborers few (Matt. 9:37–38)
- C. Rejected by God, cast into outer darkness (Matt. 25)—three categories of people *all rejected* because of what they *did not do*:
  - 1. The foolish virgins, who *did not* bring extra oil
  - 2. The unfaithful servant, who *did not* use his talent
  - 3. The “goat” nations, who *did not* show mercy to the brothers of Jesus
- D. Sons who sleep in harvest (Prov. 10:5)

### III. Two Successive Harvests

- A. Harvest of grain = Mercy, salvation (Rev. 14:14–16)
- B. Harvest of grapes = Wrath, judgment (Rev. 14:17–20)
- C. Do you believe in the judgment of God?

### IV. The Four Horsemen

- A. White horse = Victorious Christ through the Gospel (Rev. 6:1–2 [compare Ps. 45:2–5])
- B. Three successive forms of judgment (Rev. 6:3–8)
  - 1. Red horse = bloodshed
  - 2. Black horse = scarcity and famine
  - 3. Pale horse = widespread death
- C. Each time, the order for the judgment to come issues from heaven
- D. The white horse must keep ahead