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Introduction

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Welcome to our Bible study lessons, lessons which ONLY address timely revelations, present sealing truth, "meat in due season" for God's Church today, the Seventh-day Adventist. These Bible study lessons have two-fold purpose: (1) to announce the soon coming judgement of the living which God's people are soon to meet (2) to call them to a decided action to separate themselves from all worldlings and worldliness and anchor themselves on the Solid Rock by obedience to all truth known to this denomination, if we are to escape the soon coming ruin. Please, make use of our PDF files for the respective subjects for visual aid. May you be blessed as you listen and study prayerfully.

The Harvest of Matt. 13

When is the seed sowing season?
What is the field?
Who are the reapers?
What and when is the harvest?

Text for Meditation

"While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth....

"When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for His appearing. "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years." Malachi 3:4. Then the church which our Lord at His coming is to receive to Himself will be a "glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Ephesians 5:27." Great Controversy, p. 425.2

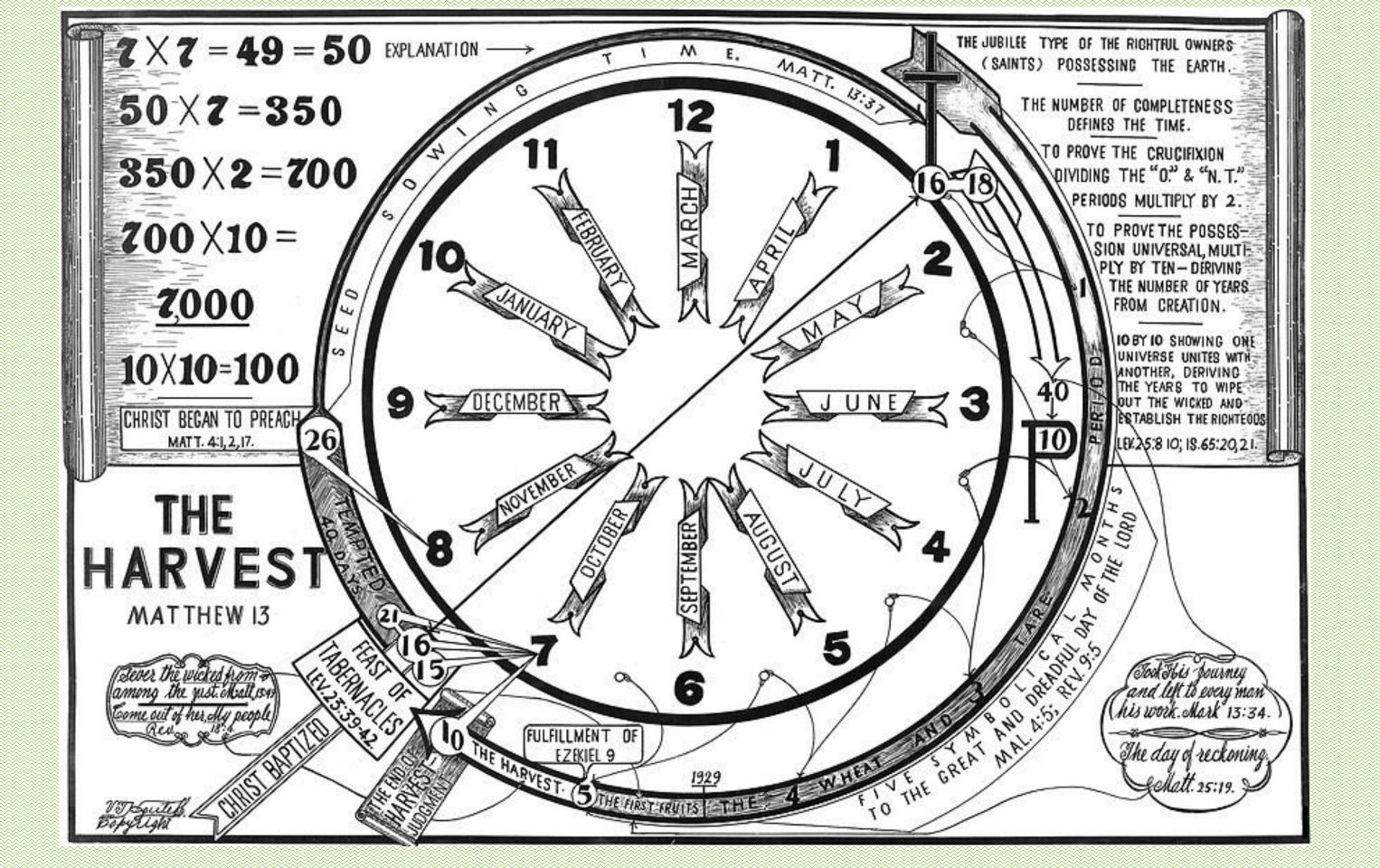
The parable

"24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?" Matt.

13:24-27

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"28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Matt. 13: 28-30



Meaning of the symbols used

"36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;" Matt. 13:36-37.

The Seed sower

""He that soweth the good seed," says Christ, "is the Son of man," and the enemy that sowed the tares "is the devil." Matt. 13:37, 39.

"The Son of man," He who "soweth the good seed," is of course none other than Christ. But as He could not be called the "Son of man" before being born of a woman, He accordingly could not have sowed "the good seed" of the spiritual harvest until after His birth in Bethlehem, Judea.

"...His ministry -- His sowing of "the good seed," the truth -- began right after His baptism (Matt. 4:17),...." Tract No. 3, p. 56

The field

"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one];" Matt. 13:38

"The field," Christ said, "is the world." But we must understand this as signifying the church of Christ in the world. The parable is a description of that which pertains to the kingdom of God, His work of salvation of men; and this work is accomplished through the church. True, the Holy Spirit has gone out into all the world; everywhere it is moving upon the hearts of men; but it is in the church that we are to grow and ripen for the garner of God."

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 70.2

The Harvest

"39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." Matt. 13:39, 40

"41 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; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matt. 13:41- 43.

Harvest before the close of probation

"As the word "until" means "up to," the tares are therefore to be gathered out, not before or after the harvest, but at the beginning of it. And "the time of harvest" being "the end of probationary time" (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 72), then the harvesting itself necessarily precedes the close of probation -- the fruitless winter season. Consequently, the tares are separated from among the wheat before, not after, the end of probationary time." Tract No. 3, p. 66.1

Tares, mere professors

"The wheat, "the children of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38), are gathered into the barn, the kingdom; the tares, "the children of the wicked one" (verse 38) -- mere professors, those who are not doers of the Word, and who were granted membership "while men slept" - "are gathered and burned in the fire" (Matt. 13:40), after the wheat is bound into sheaves." **Tract No. 3, p. 66.1**

Who are the reapers?

""The reapers are the angels" who "shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just." Matt. 13:39, 49. These angels are not those who shall "come" with Christ at His second coming, but rather those whom He "shall send forth." They are like the three angels of Revelation 14:6-11. Indeed, the third angel "is to select the wheat from the tares and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner." -- Early Writings, p. 118. Therefore the angels, the reapers, whom Christ sends forth, include both him who does the sealing, or binding, and those who follow on to do the destroying (Ezek. 9:2, 5 6), first in the church, then in the world." Tract No. 3, p. 66.3

Destroying of the sinners in Zion

"16 For by fire and by His sword, will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord. " Isa. 66:16, 17.

Sent to ALL nations after the judgement

"19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, [to] Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, [to] Tubal, and Javan, [to] the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren [for] an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD." Isaiah 66:19, 20

The escaped ones

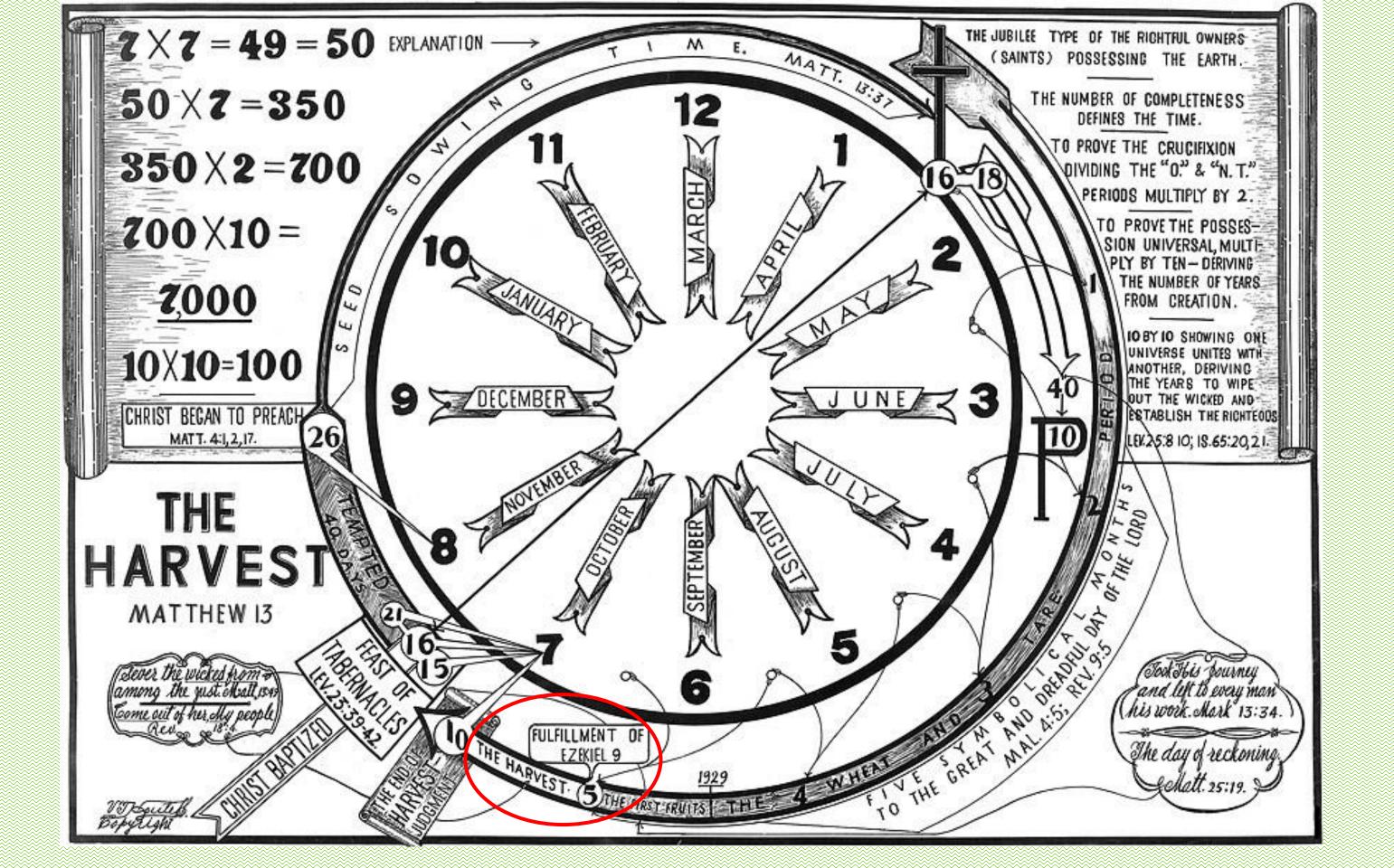
"With these solemn words the Lord warns that the slaughter (the antitypical Passover -- Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 505, 211; Testimonies, Vol. 1, pp. 190, 198) is to take place among those who are of the household of God, the church, for the escaped ones are sent to the Gentiles who as yet have not heard of God's fame and His glory. Obviously the angels who execute this slaughter are to take away from the church the unrighteous -- those who are figuratively depicted in one instance as bad "fish" and in another instance as "guests" not having "the wedding garment" on." The White-House Recruiter, p. 24

The first fruits of the harvest

"Here, let every serious-minded reader pause to ponder what Inspiration says: Isa. 66:19 and 20 explain that those who escape the slaughter of Isa. 66:15 and 16, are to be sent as missionaries to the Gentiles, who as yet know not God. Hence these escaped (remaining) ones are God's remnant, His first fruits of the harvest, His guileless servants, the 144,000 -- the elect. And only they, none others, the Scriptures declare, shall bring all their brethren from all nations, in a clean vessel, into the purified house of the Lord -- His White House." The White-House Recruiter, p. 24

Mighty ministry

"What is more, no right-thinking mind can even begin to conceive of the possibility that with any less holy and formidable an agency than such a mighty ministry -- one escaped from sin, sinners, and judgment -- can and will the Lord ever "finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness" (Rom. 9:28), thereby saving His people from the terrible tempest that is now about to break upon the earth and last it length and breadth." The White-House Recruiter, p. 25



Summary

- Christ started seed sowing after His baptism.
- The field is in two phases the church, then the world.
- The harvest is the judgment of the living NOT 2nd advent of Christ and the 144000 are the first fruits of that harvest.
- Angels are the reapers NOT finite men.

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