The Two Harvests

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

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