Comparing Our Walk with Yahusha with the Stages of a Wheat Plant

The Scriptures mention wheat numerous times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Wheat is used as an offering to Yahuah, many Non-believers tried to harm the wheat crop, and Believers used wheat as a way to sustain their bodies. Below are just a few of those scriptures taken from the King James Version of the Bible:

- Num 18:12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.
- Num 18:13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat *of* it.
- Jer 12:12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
- Jer 12:13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- Jer 12:14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
- Jer 12:15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
- Jer 31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.
- Mat 13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- Mat 13:26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- Mat 13:27 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?
- Mat 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- Mat 13:29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- Mat 13:30 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.
- Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- Joh 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
- Joh 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

I believe our walk with Yahusha does not happen overnight, we must study His Word in order to grow in our understanding, just as a wheat plant must also go through six stages of growth before it reaches full maturity.

First, there is a **seedling stage**. After the initial seed is planted in the soil, it germinates and the first true leaves emerge. A seed was planted deep inside of us and as we began to see the truth and gain understanding of His Word our "leaves" began to grow as well.

Mat 13:31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Mat 13:32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Mar 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

- Mar 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.
- Mar 4:16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
- Mar 4:17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
- Mar 4:18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
- Mar 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Mar 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Second is the **tillering stage**. When speaking of wheat plants, tillers are new shoots sent up from the roots. Each tiller can grow its own stalk and seed head. The number of tillers each wheat plant develops determines the yield potential of the plant. We are told to go out and spread the good news and make disciples, right?

Mar 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Therefore, we determine how many "seeds" we plant by our words and actions each and every day. Are we reaching our potential yield?

The third stage in wheat development is the **jointing stage**. This stage begins when the stalk begins to form its second node. A node is the hard joint from which the plant telescopes upwards. It is also during this stage that the smaller, less formed tillers die off. It is extremely important that all the wheat reaches this stage at the same time!

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Those less "formed," or less informed in the Word die off? Also, the timing of our growth has to be reached at the same time...the time of His coming.

- Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
- Mat 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.
- Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
- Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
- Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- Joh 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.
- Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Fourth, there is the **booting stage**. In this stage the head of wheat develops and becomes visible beneath the sheath. The heads, or the awns, begin to emerge. We, too, need to become visible and "show" people with our actions what Yahuah expects His people (or bride) to be like, not what the world thinks we should look, or act, like.

Luk 11:33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

Luk 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of darkness.

Luk 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

Luk 11:36 If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Jer 2:26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

Jer 2:27 Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jer 2:28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

Jer 2:29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

Jer 2:30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

Jer 2:31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

Jer 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

The next stage, stage 5, is called the **heading and flowering stage**. This stage begins when the awns, or heads, form. Flowering begins in this stage and pollination and fertilization occurs now. Again, it is also important that all plants flower at the same time.

Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

- Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
- Mat 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one;*
- Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- Mat 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
- Mat 13:41 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;
- Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- Mat 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Yahuah's people have been "planted" in this world. However, this world has become corrupted and many have fallen away from following His Word. We live in this world and we must be "lights," or examples to others. We lead by example in the hopes that others will follow and ask questions and have open ears, and hearts, to hear the true Word. We all have many misconceptions to overcome and right rulings to learn.

- Joh 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- Joh 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
- Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

The sixth and final stage is called the **maturity stage**. This stage immediately follows fertilization and consists of several short stages: milk, dough, and ripening. The milk stage is the first part of maturing when the kernel forms. In the dough stage the kernel is fully developed, but it is still moist. When it reaches the ripening stage the kernel loses its moisture and is ready to be harvested.

- Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.
- Isa 28:10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Remember, learning the Scriptures is a journey. If you have an open heart and are hungry for the Word, it will be shown to you in various stages.

Mat 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Mat 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

May your walk, or journey, on Yahuah's narrow path be blessed!

<u>Mat</u> 7:14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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