

A Quick Thought:

What Season was the Wheat Harvested?

Thus hath the Sovereign YHVH showed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said YHVH unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Sovereign YHVH: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.

Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

*That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? **Amos 8:1-6** [This summer fruit is apparently grapes, maybe olives, but there is wheat is on the scene. Let's keep looking...]*

But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

*And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives. **Judges 15:1-5** [Some might say that the wheat was destroyed which also burnt up the not yet ripe vineyards and olives. This is not the context of the passage, but for the sake of discussion, let's say that this is a possibility and continue studying...]*

*Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the **summer** threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. **Daniel 2:35** [Chaff comes from the threshing of wheat. Notice that the season is not in the spring, making the verses above lean in one direction.]*

And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled.

*But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they were not grown up. **Exodus 9:25, 31-32** [The wheat was not destroyed because it had just been sown. It takes 4 months for Spring wheat to mature making a summer crop, on or about the end of the fourth month.]*

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in YHVH your Elohim: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

*And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **Joel 2:23-24** [The threshing floors are full of wheat AND the vats are overflowing with wine and oil at the same time that the wheat is on the ground. Grapes and olives are as summer harvest, not spring.]*

*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 YHVH, them have I given thee. **Numbers 18:12** [First fruits are only offered at pilgrimage feasts. Olive oil and new wine are summer crops, so is this first fruits of the wheat. There is no spring harvest of wheat in Scripture.]*

Early Sivan (June) is still the spring of the year. In Scripture, the wheat harvest is in the summer meaning Feast of Weeks occurs in the summer. The cloud is moving. We need either to follow or be left in the wilderness.