

**TYPICAL PICTURES OF
ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND**

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When Moses was given the law at Mt. Sinai, he received various laws and instructions that would not be applicable until 39 years later when Israel would enter the promised land. Today we would like to consider four of these typical pictures plus two others all of which have to do with the **anti-typical aspect of entering the promised land of the Kingdom in two distinct stages.**

Chart of the Ages showing the Harvest & Messianic Age

We recall on our Chart of the Ages Brother Russell referred to the Kingdom time as the Messianic Age. Why did he call it the Messianic Age?

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Beginning of Messianic age. (This chart was built in stages.)

Because the Messianic Age would begin with our Lord's Return as the glorified Messiah in 1874 to begin the process of setting up the spiritual phase of the Kingdom. The Harvest then began with our Lord's return and the resurrection of the sleeping saints and would continue to complete the Church and Great Company. Then would come the 2nd or Earthly phase of the Kingdom blessings under the Mediatorial reign of Jesus and the Church under the New Covenant.

Now as we go on we will find each of the typical pictures of entering the promised land bring out this same lesson of how the Kingdom is set up in two stages, first the spiritual, then the earthly.

Map Crossing Jordan Opposite Jericho

To set the stage we would like to read the scripture that tells us exactly when Israel entered the promised land.

They crossed Jordan just east of Jericho. Now notice the exact DAY when Israel entered the promised land.

(On map opposite of Jericho, on chart – 1 (10th in color)

Joshua 4:19

19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the **tenth day of the first month, (Nisan)** and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

Thus we see on our chart Israel entered the Promised Land on the 10th of Nisan.

Now we come to our first typical picture that would apply when Israel entered the promised land. It begins in Lev. 23:5 and continues to verse 14. Remember they entered on the 10th, and now we're told what follows 4 days later.

(On chart – 1 (14th in red)

Le 23:5-14

5 In the **fourteenth day** of the first month at even is the LORD'S **Passover.**

Thus they enter on the 10th and four days later is the Passover.

(On chart – 1 (15th in color)

Lev. 23:6,7

- 6 On the **fifteenth** day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.
- 7 In the first day ye shall have an **holy convocation**: ye shall do no servile work therein.

The 15th the day after the Passover we notice is a Sabbath day. Now notice what they were to do on the 16th, the next day after the Sabbath.

(On chart - 1 (16th in color)

Lev.23:10,11

- 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye be come into the land** which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the **priest**:
- 11 And he shall **wave the sheaf** before the LORD, **for you to be accepted**: on the **morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

Notice 3 things in this typical picture.

1. It does not to take place until “They come into the Land.”
2. Then they were to wave a sheaf of the first fruit of the harvest in order for Israel to be accepted. And when were they to wave the first fruit?
3. On the morrow after the Sabbath (that’s the 16th for the 15th was the sabbath

So first of all I think we’re all aware of one application of these verses referring to the first advent. How the Passover of the 14th was a picture of when our Lord died as the ransom. Then the high priest waving the sheaf of firstfruit on the 16th pictured how our Lord was raised from the tomb on the morning of the 16th becoming the first fruit of those who slept in death.

But now we’d like to consider another 2nd advent application tying in the aspect of entering the promised land. A beautiful picture unfolds to show it typifies entering the promised land of the Messianic Age in 1874.

We already established that they came into the land on the 10th day of Nisan.

(Don’t read)

Joshua 4:19

- 19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the **tenth day of the first month, (Nisan)** and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

Let’s recall other events that took place on the 10th of Nisan.

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Explain Chart:

Events on the 10th of Nisan

1. Israel entered the promise land. Josh. 4:19
Picturing the Messianic Age begins in 1874.
2. Passover Lamb taken into house. Ex.12:3
Pictures Lord returns to his spiritual house in 1874
3. Lord proclaimed King on 10th, 5 days before his crucifixion John 12:1,12,13
Pictures Lord's return with Kingly authority to begin setting up the spiritual phase of the kingdom.

Thus we see how Israel's entering "The promised Land," beautifully pictures the beginning of the Messianic Age.

But now notice what happens between the 10th and the 15th of Nisan after they enter the promised land. Recall they entered the on the 10th at Gilgal. Then we're told:

(On chart 1)

Joshua 5:10-12
10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover , unleavened cakes, and parched <i>corn</i> in the selfsame day.
12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Notice Israel enters the land on the 10th, but the manna continues to fall 6 days until the end of the 15th (which is the morrow after the Passover.) It fell for 40 years and stopped forever exactly at the end of the 15th of Nisan. Why did Manna continue for these exact 6 days after they enter the promised land?

Manna is a picture of heavenly food which fed the Church throughout the Gospel Age.

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Thus, "Manna continued to fall 6 days after entering the promised land to the end of the 15th, then it ceased, to be a picture of how heavenly food to feed the Church would continue after the Messianic Age began in 1874, and it would last till the end of the harvest.

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It's a picture to us of how the Gospel Age and Messianic Age would overlap.

The Messianic Age began in 1874 pictured by entering the Promised land on the 10th. But the Manna continues to fall 6 days to the end of the 15th, to picture how the Gospel Age still continued. The Church is still on the scene and needs to be fed heavenly manna during this time of harvest.

Why was 6 days used to show the time of Gospel Age Harvest?

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Explain Chart:

6 days X 24 hours = 144

To Picture Church of 144,000 would be completed in this harvest time.

Now let's notice how after the manna ceases on the 15th, picturing the harvest is over, the type goes on to show how Christ's merit will then immediately be paid to God to seal the New Covenant. We come back to Lev 23:10,11 we read earlier.

(Don't read – shoot on chart 1)

Lev.23:10,11
10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye be come into the land** which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the **priest:**
11 And he shall **wave the sheaf before the LORD, for you to be accepted:** on the **morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

Recall how after they entered the promise land, the high priest was to wave the sheaf before the Lord, - **But When?** On the morrow after the Sabbath, that is, it would be the **16th. The day after the manna ceased to feed the Church.**

Beautifully picturing how our high priest Jesus upon completion of the spiritual classes, the Church and the Great Company, will present his merit to the father as a ransom for father Adam.

The purpose of the payment is then given, - **“In order for you (that is Israel picturing all mankind) to be accepted.”** The ransom payment must be made to remove the Adamic curse and allow the New Covenant to go into operation to bless Israel and all mankind. This is further confirmed in the next three verses.

(Read vs. 12 only)

Lev. 23:12,14
12 And ye shall offer that day when ye **wave the sheaf an he lamb** without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD....
14 And ye **shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.**

After the sheaf of the firstfruits (that is Christ's merit) is offered to God by the high priest, a lamb was offered as a **burnt offering** to show God accepted the ransom price.

But now notice verse 14. Read verse 14 from slide.

14 And ye **shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God**

The miraculous manna had stopped on the previous day the 15th, and now Israel is told they could not eat any of the new food of the promised land until first the offering of Christ's merit was given. Eating the new food of the land pictures the New Covenant nourishment mankind will get after the ransom price will have been paid.

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Thus we see how "The 16th pictures the New Covenant beginning after the manna ceases on the 15th, and the firstfruit sheaf (Christ's Merit) is presented to God on the 16th No new food of the land (New Covenant nourishment) could be eaten until the merit was given to God. Lev. 23 10-14"

Complete Chart 1 - See Handout with charts Side 1- Entering the promised land = Beginning of Messianic age.

Thus we have our first type of entering the promised land being in two stages. The Messianic Age begins with Christ's return to set up the spiritual phase of the kingdom, followed by the 2nd earthly phase of blessing after the Manna ceases and the Church is complete.

The 2nd type after entering the promised land has to do with the Jubilees.

It too pictures the Messianic Age being ushered in in two stages.

See Chart 2 on Side 1 showing Religious and Civil Years

Israel you recall had two different years. One was the religious year which began in the spring, and the 2nd year was the civil year which began in the fall. Thus the 1st day of the 7th month of the religious year, was actually New Years Day of the Civil year.

See Chart 3 on side 1 = Jubilee pictures Messianic Age Ushered in in 2 stages. Chart was built in stages

In the 50th Jubilee year we find the **first stage of Jubilee** actually began on the 1st day of the 7th month, which was actually New Years day of the civil year. The 2nd stage began 10 days later.

Let's begin by considering the first phase of Jubilee that took place on this New Years day which was a special high Sabbath called the feast of trumpets.

Lev. 23:24,25
24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a **sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.**
25 Ye shall do **no servile work therein:** but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

This was a special high Sabbath where trumpets were blown in the temple and special sin and burnt offerings were made to herald the fact that a New Year had begun. This took place every year. But in the 50th year of Jubilee it had an even greater significance.

It heralded the fact that a new era had begun, - the year of Jubilee.

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Thus the first stage of the New Year of Jubilee began on the first of Tishri which was New Years day. But let's note the distinction between this first stage of Jubilee and the 2nd stage that was 10 days later.

The sacrifices offered and the trumpets blown that heralded the fact that the New Year of Jubilee had begun were blown **ONLY IN THE TEMPLE**. Whereas on the 10th day the trumpets were blown throughout the entire land of Israel.

On the first of Tishri the trumpets were only blown in the temple to show that "Only the temple class (the church) is made aware that **WITH** the Lord's 2nd presence, the Messianic Age of Jubilee began, starting with the spiritual phase of the kingdom in 1874.

Only the Church was aware that the first proclamation of liberty to the captives in the tomb began in 1878 when the sleeping saints were raised.

Now let's consider the scriptures having to do with the 2nd stage of Jubilee, that typifies the Jubilee that begins when the Church is complete and the New Covenant is in operation.

Le 25:2,8-10

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye come into the land** which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD...

8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years...

LEV. 25:9,10

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the **tenth day of the seventh month**, in the **day of atonement** shall ye make the trumpet sound **throughout all your land**.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof**: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

We notice the 2ND stage of Jubilee when the trumpets would be blown not just in the Temple, **but throughout the land**, was to start on the exact same day AS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, the 10th day of the 7th month.

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1. Thus this anti-typical Jubilee in it's 2nd stage, begins when the Jubilee trumpet is blown throughout the **entire land**.

2. That is the time when **all mankind** will know that the time of Jubilee has come, because they will be experiencing the resurrection of the dead and the blessings of the earthly phase of the kingdom. Compared to now when only the Church class is aware that the spiritual phase of the Jubilee has begun with the resurrection of the sleeping saints.

3. Secondly we note that the Jubilee proclaimed to all mankind, begins on the same day as the Day of Atonement,

4. Implying that it would "Begin when the blood of the bullock and the Lord's goat was applied on the mercy seat on the day of atonement."

Because the year of Jubilee starts on the same day as the day of Atonement.

This would be after the Church and Great Company classes would be complete. The blood of Atonement being applied would permit the

5. "New Covenant to go into operation"

6. "The Mediatorial reign of Jesus and the Church will begin."

All mankind will be made aware Jubilee of kingdom blessings has started.

7. When "Liberty to the captives in the tomb will begin in the earthly phase of the kingdom. "

Notice another distinction McClintock and Strong bring out between the Feast of Trumpets on New Years Day and the Day of Jubilee 10 days later.

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From the 1st to the 10th day of Tishri slaves did not have to labor, but were not yet given their freedom until the 10th day of Jubilee.

Picturing from 1874 till the New Covenant there would be a gradual removal of heavy labor, but freedom from the curse will not be lifted until the blood is applied and the New Covenant begins.

Overall Chart 3 on side 1 = Jubilee pictures Messianic Age Ushered in in 2 stages.
Chart was built in stages

Thus we have the 2nd overall type of the Jubilees that shows the kingdom set up in two stages, - first the spiritual (when only the Church knows Jubilee has started with the raising of the sleeping saints,) then the earthly, when all mankind know Jubilee has begun.

An incidental point, you may wonder why God chose to have this type of the Jubilee, to be on the 1st day of the 7th month and the 10th day? Why not the 5th or 6th months, or 4th or 5th day for Jubilee?

We realize the number 7 pictures spiritual completeness or perfection, and the number 10 pictures earthly perfection or completeness.

Thus we believe the 1st day of the 7th month was chosen, for the trumpets to be blown only in the temple, to show us the first stage of Jubilee was for the purpose of completing and perfecting the spiritual phase of the Kingdom. The number 7 being spiritual perfection.

Whereas the 10th day was chosen for the 2nd stage of Jubilee when the trumpets were blown throughout the land, to show that the earthly phase of the Kingdom will bring perfection to all mankind. The number 10 depicting earthly perfection.

The next typical picture of the Kingdom being set up in two stages was when:

See Chart on side 1 = Moses sent to Mt. Of God to Obtain the Law Covenant –
Built in stages

Moses as Mediator was sent by God to the top of Mount Sinai (called the Mount of God) to receive the Law Covenant.

See Chart on side 1 = Moses sent to Mt. Of God to Obtain the Law Covenant –
Built in stages

Picturing Christ as Mediator sent by God in 1874 to begin the Harvest process of setting up the spiritual phase of the kingdom, so the New Covenant could be sealed and put into operation.

See Chart on side 1 = Moses sent to Mt. Of God to Obtain the Law Covenant –
Built in stages

Then we recall “When Moses finally comes down from the mount with the two tables of the law, his face was aglow, and he needed a veil over his face to hide the glow when he talked to the people. Picturing the Mediator class was complete and glorified.”

Even as we read in:

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Moses coming down from the mount to communicate to Israel the Law Covenant, was a type of the greater law giver and Mediator of the New Covenant, who at his second advent shall come forth to rule and bless the world...Moses face was **caused to shine** so that the people could not look at him and he must thereafter wear a veil, as a type of the **spiritual glory of Christ**.

Note the wording God used when he made the covenant with Moses.

Ex. 34:27
27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words **I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel**.

See Chart on side 1 = Moses sent to Mt. Of God to Obtain the Law Covenant –
Built in stages

God making a covenant with Moses and Israel, - Pictures what Bro. Russell has brought out in several places. That God will actually make the New Covenant with The Christ as Mediator who will be acting on behalf of Israel.

After God made the covenant with Moses and he comes down from the mount notice what Moses says in:

Deut. 10:10,11

- 10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.
- 11 And the LORD said unto me, **Arise, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land**, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

So after the Covenant is made, Moses comes down from the mount,

See Chart on side 1 = Moses sent to Mt. Of God to Obtain the Law Covenant –
Built in stages

And the “People are told to enter the promised land.
Picturing “Mankind entering the Earthly Phase of the Kingdom.”

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Built in stages

Thus the time from Moses being sent to the Mount of God and coming down with the Covenant, is a picture of the Harvest, the spiritual phase of the Kingdom being set up. Followed then be the earthly phase of the New Covenant blessings.

As we considered this typical picture we wondered if the time Moses spent in the mount might be a prophetic time element. The first time Moses was on the mount is in Ex. 24:18

Ex 24:18

And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses **was in the mount forty days and forty nights.**

Then we recall our previous scripture:

Deut. 10:10

10 And I **stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights.**

Deut. 10:10 “And I stayed in the mount according to the first time 40 days and 40 nights.

We realize Moses went up to the mount two times, and each time he stayed 40 days and 40 nights. We wonder why did God put it that way? He could have just said he went up to the mount and stayed for 40 days.

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Built in stages

Could it be that it was expressed this way to indicate the time from when our Lord was sent to earth in 1874, to the making of the New Covenant would be four divisions of 40 years each? 40 days plus 40 nights, then repeated 40 days plus 40 nights?

We don't know for sure, but it's not an unreasonable possibility. For we realize the number 40 is used quite frequently in scriptures to depict a period of trial, probation, or chastisement.

Rained 40 days and 40 nights in the flood of Noah

Spies sent for 40 days

Israel tried in the wilderness 40 years

Jesus tempted for 40 days in the wilderness

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If the Lord meant that these 4 time periods of 40 years each were to be prophetic then we would have these 4 time periods multiplied by 40, equaling 160 years. 160 years from 1874 would thus be the year 2034.

As we continue we will see 4 other typical pictures that in a similar way could possibly indicate this same time element, for they all involve 4 time divisions from the Lord's return, to the New Covenant, or the number 40.

The next typical picture of entering the promised land is given to us in:

Lev. 19:23-25

- 23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have **planted all manner of trees for food**, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: **three years** shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: **it shall not be eaten of.**
- 24 But in the **fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal.**
- 25 And in the **fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof**, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: *I am* the LORD your God.

When you enter the promised land (that is the Messianic Age,) and plant trees for food.

What a beautiful type to picture the sleeping saints as trees of life, planted or raised from the tomb of death in 1878. Let's recall the New Jerusalem picture in:

Rev. 22:1,2

- 1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there the tree(s) of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month:* and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

The picture is the New Jerusalem. The river of water of life will have trees of life on each side picturing the Church class who will bear 12 manner of fruit every month for the nourishment of the nations. Notice again in our scripture **when the trees are planted.**

(Read 1st line only)

Lev. 19:23-25

- 23 And **when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food**, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: **three years** shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.
- 24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal.
- 25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

When ye come into the promised land and plant all manner of trees for food.

See Chart on side 2 of handout
Type of Lev. 19:23-25 (Built up in stages)

1. Picturing 1874 When the spiritual phase of the Kingdom begins.
2. The Promised Land of the Messianic Age was entered by our returned Lord.
3. In 1878 he plants trees of life (so to speak) when the sleeping saints are resurrected, who then bring forth 12 manner of fruit each month. Rev. 22:1,2

But recall our scripture said,

(Don't read)

Lev. 19:23-25

- 23 And when ye shall **come into the land**, and shall have **planted all manner of trees for food**, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: **three years** shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: **it shall not be eaten of.**
- 24 But in the **fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal.**
- 25 And in the **fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof**, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.

After you planted the trees for three years the fruit cannot be eaten. Then in the 4th year all the fruit shall be devoted to praise the Lord. Then only in the 5th year the fruit can finally be eaten.

What is pictured? These 4 years when the fruit cannot be eaten we believe is picturing:

See Chart on side 2 of handout
Type of Lev. 19:23-25 (Built up in stages)

The Harvest Time, when no fruitage of the resurrected saints can be eaten (picturing giving Life and nourishment to mankind in the earthly phase of the kingdom,) for 4 symbolic years.

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Type of Lev. 19:23-25 (Built up in stages)

For three years it cannot be eaten. Then in the 4th year all the fruit was to be devoted to praise Jehovah. Picturing the Church and the great Company are completed during this 4th year, and presented to God to forever praise his glory. The marriage takes place, and the blood of the Lord's Goat is presented to Jehovah on the mercy seat, making it possible to seal the New Covenant and have it go into operation.

Then finally that which the whole creation has been groaning and trailing pain for, can now begin. The blessings of the earthly phase of the kingdom can now begin. The fruit from the trees of life planted at our Lord's return can finally be eaten in the 5th year to give life and nourishment for all mankind.

We note how this typical picture just like that of Moses in the mount divides the time from our Lord's return to the New Covenant into 4 divisions and during the last of which the spiritual classes fruitage is devoted or given to Jehovah.

See Chart on side 2 of handout
Type of Lev. 19:23-25 (Built up in stages)

In this type the 4 divisions are referred to as each being one year or a total of 4 years. We know a prophetic year is 360 days long. So if we multiply 360 days x 4 years = we get 1440 days. Thus it shows us the trees picture the Church of 144,000 who will be completed in this time of harvest being depicted.

These 4 time divisions in addition to thus showing us they picture the church we believe may be divided into 4 divisions to indicate the actual time element as well.

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Type of Lev. 19:23-25 (Built up in stages)

For perhaps as in the case of Moses, when the time in the mount was divided into 4 time divisions of 40 years each, these 4 time divisions during which fruit could not be eaten are depicting the same 4 periods of 40 year trials that will end the age.

If so, the 4 periods x 40 years, equals 160 years. Thus again possibly indicating the time from our Lord's return in 1874 to the New Covenant would be 160 years or the year 2034.

And from this type it would show the Church would be completed sometime during the last 40 years when all the fruitage would be given to Jehovah.

The next 3 typical pictures similarly divide the Harvest into 4 divisions. All are based on the reality that the actual harvest in Israel from the time of harvesting the wheat to the final harvest of the treading of the grapes (of wrath) as it were, was 4 months.

The wheat harvest started with the day of Pentecost, as we read in:

Ex 34:22

And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the **first fruits of wheat harvest**, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Thus we see that **Pentecost**, which was the feast of weeks, was celebrated as **the start of the wheat harvest**, and the feast to celebrate the ingathering of all the fruitage of the year was on the 15th of Tishri. We can see this plotted on our chart.

See Chart on Side 2 of Handout (Built in Stages)
4 Month Literal Harvest From Start of Wheat Harvest to Treading of Grapes

The counting of 50 days to Pentecost started on the 16th of Nisan and would take us to about 6 days into the 3rd month. The Harvesting of the treading of grapes was finished four months later in the beginning of the 7th month Tishri.

The encyclopedia:

Aid to Bible Understanding -Page 717
"The Harvest had generally been completed by the month Tishri."

tells us on page 717 that "The Harvest had generally been completed by the month Tishri."

See Chart on Side 2 of Handout (Built in Stages)
4 Month Literal Harvest From Start of Wheat Harvest to Treading of Grapes

Thus we have another indicator that shows us the Gospel Age harvest is divided into 4 segments. It starts with the literal harvesting of the wheat, and lasts to the treading of grapes, which would correspond with (treading the grapes of wrath) as it were, which was actually 4 literal months. As in our previous pictures these 4 divisions of the harvest may each be 40 year trial periods. If so it would point to 160 years or 2034.

Bearing in mind that the literal harvest from wheat to treading of grapes was 4 months let's consider:

Joel 2:23 (Rotherham)
Ye sons of Zion, then, exult and be glad in Yahweh your God, for he hath given you the seed-rain, in right manner,—Yea he hath caused to descend for you a **down-pour**, of **seed-rain** and of the **harvest-rain** in the **first month**;

This scripture is addressed to true spiritual Zion the Church. They are told to rejoice for God would bring them a downpour of seed rain (that is an abundance of truth,) at the beginning of the Gospel Age, and another downpour of rain or truth at it's ending in the harvest.

But note specifically **when** in the harvest this rain would come. **IN THE FIRST MONTH!** Oh how beautifully this was fulfilled when:

See Chart on Side 2 of Handout
4 Month Harvest (Built in Stages)

In the first 40 year division of the harvest from 1874 to 1914 there truly was a great downpour of truth from our returned Lord through the Harvest Messenger on all of Christendom.

Now notice the next scripture in Amos 4:6,7 which refers to the last three months of harvest. Amos in this chapter is a prophecy against nominal Christendom

Amos 4:6,7
6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet **three months to the harvest**: and **I caused it to rain upon one city**, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not **withered**.

The phrase "I have given you cleanness of teeth," is an idiom meaning that Christendom would have a lack of food in certain areas, hence their teeth would be clean. Notice when and where the lack of food or truth would occur. The rain would be withheld when there would be **three months to complete the harvest**. It would rain on some parts and not on others, that would then be dried up.

See Chart on Side 2 of Handout
4 Month Harvest (Built in Stages)

Unlike the first month of harvest when there was a downpour of truth on all of Christendom for that's where all of God's people were and needed to be called out.

But the rain in the last 3 months of harvest was withheld except for selected areas (which would seem to picture the truth that would come upon or be appreciated only by those the Lord was calling.) All the other areas of Christendom would ultimately be dried up or destroyed.

Again it would indicate a harvest of 4 divisions, which if we use the same division of 40 we would have $4 \times 40 = 160$ pointing to 1874 to 2034.

To set the stage for our final picture we want to note that In the scriptures fish are a picture of mankind. Remember when Jesus was calling his disciples who were natural fisherman, he said come and I will make you fishers of men. First for one here and one there in the Gospel Age, and then ultimately all mankind in the kingdom.

Fish also symbolize mankind in the beautiful picture of Eze. 47.

Map of river from Temple to Dead Sea.

In that picture you recall how the River Jordan which means Judged down, flows into the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the face of the earth in which nothing can live. Picturing how mankind under the Adamic curse were judged down and gradually end up in the tomb of death, the dead sea.

But then in Eze. 47 a miracle occurs. A river of water of life flows out of the Temple in Jerusalem and with trees of life growing on each side, it flows into the dead sea. And what happens? Everything the river touches comes back to life! We continue the picture in verse 7.

Eze. 47:7-9 NIV

- 7 I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river.
8 He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region...where it enters the Sea. When it empties into the Sea, **the water there becomes fresh.**
9 **Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish,** because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; **so where the river flows everything will live.**

So here we see fish will come alive in the dead sea, picturing mankind who will be raised from the tomb and given life in the earthly phase of the kingdom.

Bearing this in mind let's go on to our final typical picture. The incident is after Jesus resurrection when the disciples were discouraged after not seeing Jesus for some time and they decided to go fishing. They fished all night and caught nothing. Then Jesus disguised as a stranger on the shore called out for them to throw the net on the other side. And you recall what happened they come to shore with the net so full they could hardly pull it in. Let's continue the story in John 21:9-11.

John 21:9-11 (Diaglott)

- 9 When therefore they went out to the land, they see a fire of coals lying, and **a fish lying on it**, and bread.
10 Jesus says to them, Bring of the fishes which you now just caught.
11 Simon Peter, went on board and drew the net to the land, full of great fishes, **a hundred and fifty three;** and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Have you ever given thought as why it specifically says 153 fish were caught with another fish Jesus was cooking on the fire, making a total of 154 fish? The fact that the exact number of fish is thus mentioned indicates they surely must have a symbolic meaning.

I believe it could be showing us the time element when we can expect mankind pictured by the fish will come back to life.

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John 21:9-11

153 Fish In Net Plus 1 on shore = 154 Total Fish

154 x 40 year trial periods = 6160 Years

Based on our 2nd Volume Chronology

From the fall of Adam in 4127 BC to 2034 AD = 6160 Years

Perhaps it was the Lord's way of telling his disciples symbolically, that was not the time for them to think in terms of going into the large scale fishing business that would involve all mankind in the Kingdom, bringing all of them to a knowledge of God. That time would not come until mankind had undergone 6160 years of trial.

After the 6160 years of trial the New Covenant would be in operation, then they would then have the privilege of giving life to all the millions pictured in the dead sea.

Until then, we can envision the Lord telling them I want you to resume the work for which I called you, the fishing for one here and one there who will become members of the body of Christ.

In conclusion brethren we trust we have presented several lines of reasoning that shows the Messianic Age Kingdom is set up in **two stages**. That it began at our Lord's return in 1874 when he returned to start setting up the spiritual phase of the kingdom in 1878 and the removal of this present evil order of society.

The second stage, the earthly phase of the kingdom, would not begin until the Church and Great Company classes would be complete and the New Covenant would begin.

In addition we considered various types that indicated the harvest time would be divided into 4 divisions. That these 4 divisions may be 40 years each seems a reasonable possibility, but in no way would we want to be dogmatic about it.

But in any case, may we not think that we still have quite a few years to make our calling and election sure. For **if these time elements are correct** they indicate when the **New Covenant would begin**, not when the Church would be complete.

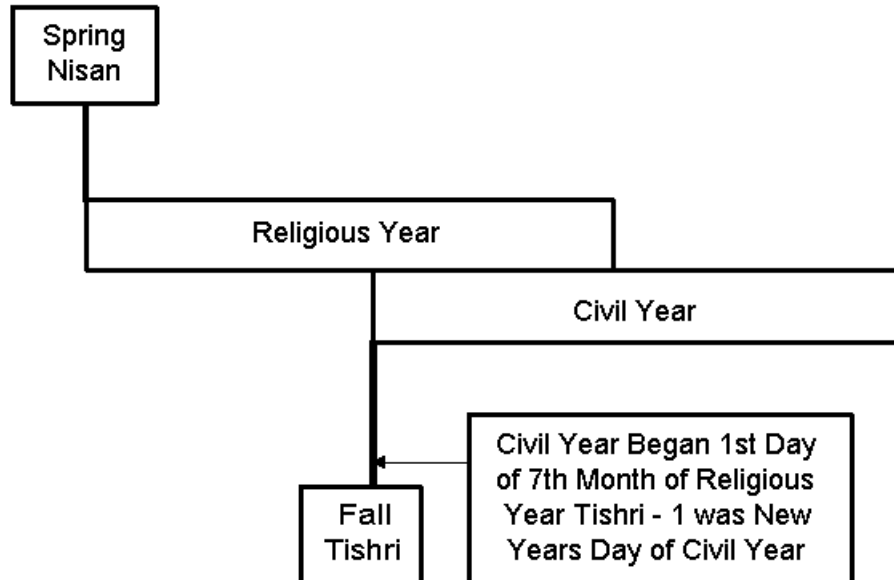
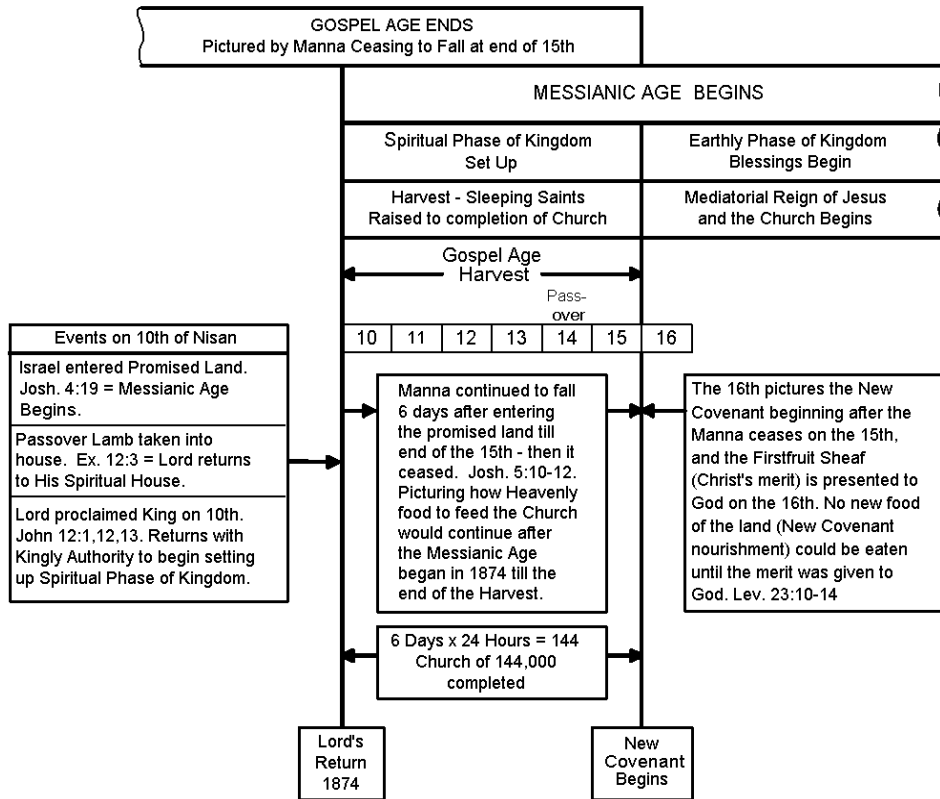
The Church class could be completed many years before that. For we realize that other events would need to take place after the Church is complete. The Great Company would need to go through their trying experiences to finish their course, the tare class and the nominal Churches would still have to go thru their destructive phases, the final phases of Armagedon and Jacob's Trouble, would also all follow the Churches completion.

Thus we may not have much time left to make our calling and election sure. So let's press on brethren, with every fiber of our being to complete our vows of consecration. May we ever remember, - "He that saveth his life will lose it. But he that looseth his life for my sake shall truly find it."

May we not be discouraged that the 2nd phase of the Kingdom is taking so long. As Habakkuk 2:3 tells us, "Though it seem to tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry." May we always remember, our consecration is unto sacrificial death not to any time element or date.

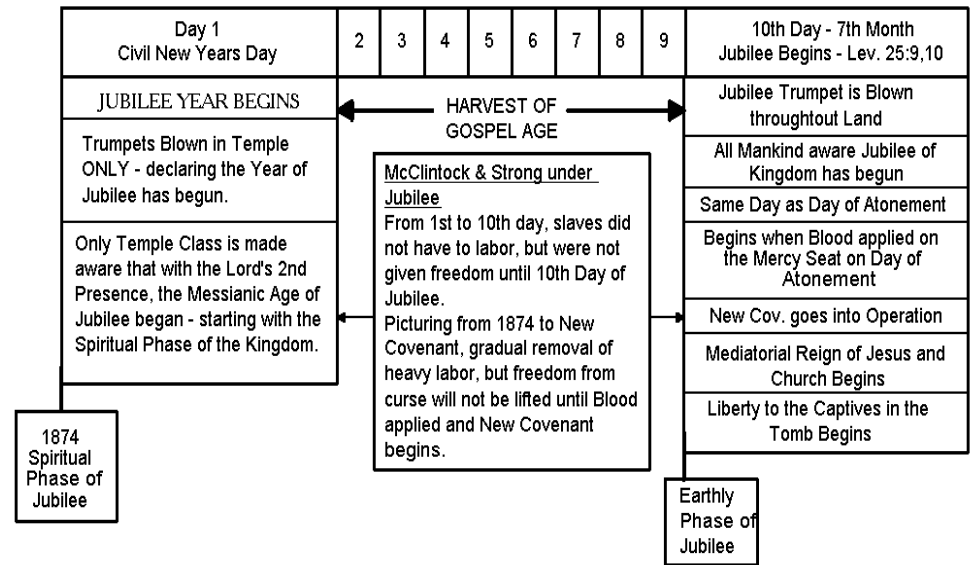
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ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND = BEGINNING OF MESSIANIC AGE



JUBILEE PICTURES MESSIANIC AGE USHERED IN IN TWO STAGES

New Year's Day Lev. 23:24,25; Num. 29:1-6
Atonement/Jubilee Day Lev. 23:27-32; 25:8-19
7th Month of Religious Year - Tishri



MOSES SENT TO MT. OF GOD TO OBTAIN THE LAW COVENANT

