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English: "to-harvest"

The KJ translates this verb "to-reap" very consistently, but the noun Θερισμός (therismos), "harvest". In the Consistent Translation the verb and the noun are kept more closely related. The KJ translates the noun Θεριστές (theristees), "reapers" while the C.T. uses "harvesters".

MATTHEW 6 CT

26 YOU-look-upon, with-reference-to the flying-things of-the heaven, that they-are not sowing, nor are-they-harvesting, nor are-they-gathering-together into granaries, and YOUR Father namely-the heavenly is-nourishing them: are not YOU yourselves-differing more of-them?

LUKE 12 CT

24 You-take-note-of the ravens, because they-are not sowing nor are-they-harvesting, for-which is not storechamber nor granary, and the God is-nourishing them. For-how-much more YOU yourselves-are-differing of-the flying-ones.

MATTHEW 25 CT

24 But the-one having-taken-and-was-still-having the one talent having-come-near said, Lord, I-came-to-know you that you-are a hard MAN, harvesting where-in-which you-sowed not, and gathering-together whence you-scattered not abroad.

25 And having-feared having-gone-away I-hid your talent in the earth; note, you-are-having the-thing thine.

26 But his lord having-answered said to-him, Evil and troublesome slave, you-knew-absolutely that I-am-harvesting where-in-which I-sowed not, and I-am-gathering-together whence I-scattered not abroad;

27 Therefore it-was-being-essential for you to-cast my silver-coin to-the bankers, and having-come I myself-obtained-for-myself the-thing mine along-with interest.

I CORINTHIANS 9 CT

11 If we ourselves sowed to-YOU the spiritual-things, is-it a-great-thing if we ourselves shall-harvest YOUR fleshly-things?

II CORINTHIANS 9 CT

5 I therefore-considered it necessary to-entreat the brothers in-order-that they-might-go-before into YOU and they-might-render-thoroughly-fit-before YOUR blessing having-been-promised-before-and-still-promised, this to-be prepared thus as blessing and not as covetousness.

6 But this, the one sowing sparingly also will-harvest sparingly, and the one sowing on blessings will-harvest also on blessings.

7 Each one according-as he-has-selected-before-and-still-selects by-the heart, not out-of grief or out-of necessity; for the God is-cherishing an hilarious giver.

In Matt. 6:26 and in Luke 12:24 the verb is in a straightforward sense, easily understood.

In Matt. 25:24, 26 and Luke 19:21, 22 "harvesting" is used in the sense of: "gain" or "get." This is quite clear from the next verses; Matt. 25:27 and Luke 19:23

LUKE 19 CT

20 And a different-one came, saying, Lord, behold your mina, which I-was-having laying-away in a handkerchief.

21 For I-myself-was-fearing you, because you-are a strict MAN; you-are-lifting-up what-thing you-placed not and you-are-harvesting what-thing you-sowed not.

22 But he-is-saying to-him, I-shall-judge you out-of your mouth, evil slave: you-have-known-absolutely that I myself-am a strict MAN, lifting-up what-thing I-placed not and harvesting what-thing I-sowed not.

23 And because-of-what gave-you not my silver-coin upon the table, and I having-come I-practiced it together-with interest?

The word "harvest" is usually used in a figurative sense, clear from these passages. Here the subject is about sowing "spiritual-things" and in turn "harvesting" to the sower's physical needs; but not because of "covetousness".

This biblical giving is far different from tithing. A believer gives from "the heart". Tithing is an O.T. command for Israel.

GALATIANS 6 CT

6 But let the *one* being-instructed *in* the word be-participating with-the *one* instructing in all good *things*.

7 YOU-be not being-led-*astray*, God is not being-sneered-at. For which *thing* if a MAN might-be-sowing, *this thing* he-will also harvest;

8 Because the *one* sowing with-reference-to the flesh of-himself out-of the flesh he-will-harvest corruption, but the *one* sowing with-reference-to the Spirit out-of the Spirit he-will-harvest life eternal.

9 But let-us not be-being-weary doing the fine *thing*; for in its own season we-shall-harvest, *ones* not fainting.

10 So therefore as we-are-having a season, let-us-be-working the good *thing* to all, but especially to the *ones of-the-household* of-the trust.

JAMES 5 CT

1 Come now the rich, YOU-weep, be-howling-in-distress over YOUR miseries coming-on.

2 YOUR riches have-rotted-and-are-still-rotten and YOUR garments have-become-and-still-are moth-eaten.

3 YOUR gold and silver has-been-and-still-is-tarnished and their poison will-be with-reference-to a testimony to-YOU and it-will-eat YOUR flesh as fire. YOU-stored in last days.

4 Behold the hire of-the workers having-mowed YOUR cultivated-fields, the *hire* having-been-and-still-deprived from YOU is-crying, and the shouts of-the *ones* having-harvested have-come-in-and-still-come-in into the ears of-Jehovah of-hosts.

JOHN 4 CT

35 Are YOU yourselves not saying, It-is still four-months and the harvest is coming? Behold, I-am-saying to-YOU, YOU-elevate YOUR eyes and YOU-behold the cultivated-fields, because they-are white to harvest already.

36 And the *one* harvesting is-taking a reward, and he-is-gathering-together fruit with-reference-to life eternal, in-order-that even the *one* sowing and the *one* harvesting might-be-rejoicing together.

37 For in this the word is the *one* authentic, that the *one* sowing is another, and the *one* harvesting another.

38 I myself-dispatched YOU to-be-harvesting which YOU yourselves-have not tired-from-labor-and-still-are-not-tired-from-labor; others have-tired-and-still-are-tired-from-labor, and YOU yourselves-have-gone-in-and-are-still-in into their labor.

↷ The physical "harvest" is turned to the figurative use referring to a "harvest of persons". (vs. 35, 36) See Gal. 6:8 above. These 3 passages all point to a "harvest" ready then, and constantly ready.

↷ This passage continues to use "harvest" in the same figurative sense of "gain" or "get". Sowing to the flesh "harvests" corruption. Sowing with reference-to the Spirit gains as the harvest "life eternal".

↷ Remember James writes to Jews, the 12 tribes, see James 1:1 and the James Commentary, by R.H. Mount. This passage is in reference to the miseries coming on the Jews in To AD, and possibly those of the diaspora. (Note: there are no "lost tribes.") The (ones) "having-harvested" is a general reference to hired servants.

Deuteronomy 24 ASV

14 *Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy sojourners that are in thy land within thy gates: 15 'in his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto Jehovah, and it be sin unto thee.

MATTHEW 9 CT

36 But having-seen the crowds, he-was-moved-with-compassion concerning them, because they-were *ones*-having-been-faint and having-been-thrown-away as-if sheep not having shepherd.

37 Then he-is-saying to his disciples, On-the-one-hand the harvest is much, on-the-other-hand the workmen are few; 38 YOU-petition therefore the Lord of-the harvest, in-which-case he-might-cast-out workmen into his harvest.

LUKE 10 CT

1 But after these-things the Lord displayed seventy different-*ones* also, and he-dispatched them at-the-rate-of two before his person, into every city and place, the-place-where he himself was-being-about to-be-coming.

2 Therefore he-was-saying to them, On-the-one-hand the harvest is much, on-the-other-hand the workers are few. Therefore YOU-petition the Lord of-the harvest, in-which-case he-might-be-casting-out workers into his harvest.

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MATTHEW 13 CT

28 But the *one* was-stating to-them, *An enemy MAN* did this. But the slaves said to-him, Are-you-willing therefore, having-gone-away we-might-gather them up?

29 But the *one* was-stating, Nay; lest-at-any-time gathering-up the tares, YOU-might-root-out at-the-same-time with-them the wheat.

30 YOU-let-be both to-be-growing-together as-far-as the harvest; and in the season of-the harvest I-will-say to-the harvesters, YOU-gather-up first the tares, and YOU-bind them into bundles toward the to-burn them up; but the wheat YOU-gather-together into my granary.

MATTHEW 13 CT

37 But the-*one* having-answered said to-them, The-*one* sowing the fine seed is the son of-the-MAN;

38 But the field is the world; but the fine seed, these are the sons of-the kingdom; but the tares are the sons of-the evil-*one*;

39 But the enemy, namely-the *one* having-sown them is the slanderer; but the harvest is complete-finish of-the age, but the harvesters are angels.

40 As-altogether therefore the tares is-being-gathered-up and is-being-burned-up in-fire, thus it-will-be in the complete-finish of-this age.

41 The son of-the MAN will-dispatch his angels, and they-will-gather-up out-of his kingdom all the entrapments and the-*ones* doing the lawlessness,

42 And they-will-cast them into the furnace of-the fire: there, will-be the weeping and the gnashing of-the teeth.

43 Then the just-*ones* will-shine-out as the sun in the kingdom of-their Father. The *one* having ears to-be-hearing let-him-be-hearing.

MARK 4 CT

26 And he-was-saying, Thus is the kingdom of-the God, as if a MAN might-cast the sowing upon the earth,

27 And he-might-be-sleeping and he-might-be-rising night and day, and the sowing might-be-sprouting and it-might-be-lengthening as he himself-is not knowing-absolutely;

28 For automatically the earth is-bringing-forth-fruit, first grass, afterward ear, afterward full wheat in the ear.

29 But at-the-time-that the fruit might-give-over immediately he-is-dispatching the sickle, because the harvest has stood-and-is-standing-alongside.

REVELATION 14 CT

14 And I-saw, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud *one* sitting like son of-MAN, having on his head a crown made-of-gold and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came-out, out-of the sanctuary, crying in a great voice to-the *one* sitting on the cloud: You-send your sickle and you-harvest, because the hour came to-harvest, because the harvest of-the earth was-dried-up.

16 And the *one* sitting on the cloud cast his sickle on the earth, and the earth was-harvested.

➡ In this parable of the tares and the wheat both "harvest" and "harvesters" are used figuratively but their meanings are explained. The "harvest" is "complete-finish of-the age", vs. 39. Do not confuse this harvest with the ever present harvest of page 2. The word "harvesters" is only used in Matt. 13:30,39 and they are "angels."

The angels first harvest the tares (vs.30) and then "gather-together the wheat." "The wheat" is always Israel. (see σίτος, sitos in this dictionary.) Since the tares were sown amid "the wheat" I understand the tares to be a certain part of the Jews turned by Satan away from God's word. Perhaps some Gentiles, pseudo-Jews, are also included. (See Rev.2:9 and Rev.3:9, Apologetics 24)

➡ Mark 4:26-29 indicates the harvest is not immediately. (See Luke 19:11 and Apologetics 29.)

➡ The tares are harvested Matt. 13:30 above. In Rev.14:15 I believe the Lord completes the harvest of his own.

See Rev.14:12-13 and then "the vine of the earth" is picked and God's anger is poured out on the Gentiles outside the city. (See Rev.14:17-20).