

The Oil and the Wine

(Revelation 6:6)

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- ⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of **wheat** for a penny, and three measures of **barley** for a penny; and see thou hurt not the **oil** and the **wine**.

• Rev.6:6

- ¹⁵And **wine** that maketh glad the heart of man, and **oil** to make his face to shine, and **bread** which strengtheneth man's heart.

Psalms 104:15

⁵Thou preparest a table (of bread) before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with **oil; my (wine)**cup** runneth over.**



Barley crop

Barley facts: 1/3 price of wheat

- The Hebrew Bible records barley as one of the most abundant and important crops of ancient Israel. It is one of the seven species of plants with which the Promised Land is blessed (Deuteronomy 8:8).⁹ In fact, it was so common that its price was approximately half that of wheat (2 Kings 7:1, 16, 18; cf. Revelation 6:6). Ancient Israel, like its neighbors, planted, harvested and consumed mass quantities of barley. Barley is one of the more popular grains for making beer in the ancient world, was (and is) the main ingredient.



Durum Wheat most commonly grown in Israel

- **Grains and bread facts:**

- Grain products comprised the majority of the food consumed by the ancient Israelites. The staple food was bread, and it was such a vital part of each meal that the Hebrew word for bread, *lehem*, also referred to food in general. Biblical Hebrew has at least a dozen words for bread.
- Bread was eaten at just about every meal, and is estimated to have provided from 50 to 70 percent of an ordinary person's daily calories. The bread eaten until the end of the Israelite monarchy was mainly made from barley flour; during the Second Temple period, bread from wheat flour become predominant.
- Porridge and gruel were made from ground grain, water, salt and butter. This mixture also formed the basis for cakes, to which oil and fruits were sometimes added before baking.
- The Israelites cultivated both wheat and barley. Their importance as food is also seen in the celebration of the barley harvest at the festival of Shavuot(Pentecost) and of the wheat harvest at the festival of Sukkot(Tabernacles).

The Black Horse: Famine (3rd Seal)

- **Leviticus 26:26** And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.
- **Lamentations 4:4-5, 8** ⁴The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.
- ⁵They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
- ⁸Their visage is **black**er than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.
- **Lamentations 5:10** Our skin was **black** like an oven because of the terrible famine.

Hurt not the oil and the wine

- Revelation 7:3 Saying, **Hurt not** the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
- Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Do not hurt the oil and the wine.
First: The Wine



Wine facts:



The Mediterranean climate and soil of the mountainous areas of the area are well suited to viticulture.

After the grape harvest in mid-summer, most grapes were taken to wine presses to extract their juice for winemaking. Once fermented, wine was transferred to wineskins or large amphorae for storage. Israelite amphorae were typically tall with large handles and little decoration, and the handles were often inscribed with the name of the city in which the wine had been produced, the winemaker's stamp and sometimes the year and the vintage. Amphorae made long term storage possible, especially in caves or cool cellars. Glass bottles were introduced only in the 1st century CE by the Romans.

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The Wine, and the verse that brings it all together

- Isaiah 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, **Destroy it not**; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my **servants'** sakes, that I may not destroy them all.
- Also: Isaiah 27:2-3 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

The Wine: The Remnant of Israel

- 2 Kings 19:30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
- Isaiah 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:
- Isaiah 10:3-4 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return:

The Remnant is sealed and departs Judaea

- **Psalm 124:7** Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
- **Matthew 24:16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
- **Revelation 12:14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Now: The Oil From the Olive Tree



Olive and Olive oil facts:

Ancient olive trees in Gethsamane



Olive oil was used for not only as food and for cooking, but also for lighting, sacrificial offerings, ointment, and anointment for priestly or royal office.

Olives were harvested in the late summer and were processed for oil by crushing the olives, pressing the mash and separating the oil from the flesh. In the early Iron Age period, this was done by treading the olives in basins cut into rock, or with a mortar or stone on a flat slab.

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The Oil:

- **Revelation 11:3-5** And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days(forty-two months), clothed in sackcloth.
- ⁴These are the two **olive trees**, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
- ⁵And if any man will **hurt** them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will **hurt** them, he must in this manner be killed.
- **Read more in Zechariah 4.**
- **Also: Deuteronomy 19:15** One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

The Vision of Zechariah (4:14)
The two anointed ones: Sons of Fresh Oil



The Oil: The Two Witnesses

- **Moses:**
- **Revelation 11:6b**
- These have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.
- **Elijah:**
- **Revelation 11:6a**
- These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:
- **The Transfiguration:**
- **Mark 9:2-4**
- And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.
- ³And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.
- ⁴And there appeared unto them : and they were talking with Jesus. **Elias(Elijah) with Moses**

Facts about the Two Witnesses

- God promised to Send Elijah
- Israel was reminded to keep the Law of Moses
- The two represents the Law and the Prophets
- The Law and Prophets serve as Two Witnesses
- Both prophets were received by the Lord: Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind, and no one has ever found the grave of Moses as it is said that the Lord buried him.
- Both men appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration.
- Both prophets were identified by the apostles.

Do My Prophets no harm(hurt)

- **Psalms 105:15** Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
- **Matthew 23:31** Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.
- **Matthew 23:37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

The Two Witnesses are put to hurt

- **Revelation 11:7-8** ⁷And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
- ⁸And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
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- **Luke 11:50-51** ⁵⁰That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;
- ⁵¹From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation