

# Wheat & Tares

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## PREFACE

### REFERENCES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

- **American Standard Version** (ASV or AV) is a version of the Bible that was released in 1901. It soon came to have other names, such as the American Revised Version, the American Standard Revision, the American Standard Revised Bible, and the American Standard Edition. By the time its copyright was renewed in 1929, it had come to be known by its present name, the American Standard Version.
- **Diaglott** is a two-language polyglot translation, of the New Testament by Benjamin Wilson, first published in 1864. It is an interlinear translation with the original Greek text and a word-for-word English translation in the left column, and a full English translation in the right column.
- **King James Version** (KJV) references are used throughout this publication unless otherwise noted.
- **Revised Version** (RV) (or English Revised Version) of the Bible is a late 19th-century British revision of the King James Version of 1611. It was the first and remains the only officially authorized and recognized revision of the King James Bible.
- **Wuest:** Kenneth Samuel Wuest (1893–1962) was a noted New Testament Greek (Κοινή) scholar of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century...produced his own English translation of the New Testament (the Wuest Expanded Translation – abbreviated WET) based on Nestle's critical text.

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*"He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The **GOOD SEED** are the **CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM** (children of God); but the **TARES** are the **CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE**. The enemy that sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world (or consummation of the age)."*  
[Mat.13:37-39]

This parable contains basic principles which govern the interpretation of the other parables. Read Matthew 13:24-30. Observe the following 7 positive facts:

1. Two distinct groups of people of opposite characters are figured: ☩ **Children of God** and • **children of the wicked one**. In the Greek, the word for **children** is **sons** in both cases.
2. God is the Father of the first group. Satan is the father of the second. Jesus said to the rebellious Jews, *"Ye are of your father the devil"* [Joh.8:44]. Ephesians 2:2-3 makes a distinction between *"sons of disobedience"* and *"children of wrath."* There is no salvation for the *"sons of disobedience."* They crossed the dead line. *"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil."* Cain, the first son *"of the devil,"* *"was of that wicked one and slew his brother"* [1Jo.3:10, 12].
3. Wheat is wheat and never turns into tares. Tares are tares and never become wheat. Ask any farmer. So God's children never become children of the devil. All men are **children of wrath** by nature, being members of the old creation, which is condemned; but all who believe are released from wrath and *"shall not come into condemnation (judgment)"* [Joh.5:24]. The cross of Christ stands forever between the wheat and the tares, the righteous and the unrighteous.
4. The field is the world. Both wheat and tares are planted and grow in the world. They are together in the world, but not in Christ. They do not have fellowship with one another. They do not worship together in reality. *"Sinners"* shall not stand *"in the congregation of the righteous"* [Psa.1:5]. Hence, to root them up means to take them out of the world, but not out of their respective companies. No one can root believers out of God's Kingdom, or care. *"They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand"* [Joh.10:28].
5. The Son of Man sows the wheat and looks after it. He was first in the field. Jesus said, pointing to Himself, *"On this Rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"* [Mat.16:18]. Satan sows the tares and cultivates them. He does not deal in wheat, though the **tares** (Greek: **DARNEL**, meaning *"false grain"*) resemble the wheat in the first stages.
6. The destinies of the wheat and tares are separate and distinct. *"A furnace of fire"* is the destiny of the tares, into which the wheat, no part of it, will ever be cast. *"My barn,"* God's garner, granary, or storehouse [Mat.3:12, Luk.3:17] is the destiny of the wheat, His children. No tares will ever be found there.
7. The reapers are the angels. They will do no plucking up until the harvest at the *"consummation of the age"* [Mat.13:39]. They will make no mistakes. They will know the difference between Satan's followers, between real possessors and mere professors. The angels will gather the tares and cast them into the furnace. *"Then shall the righteous (the wheat) shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father"* [Mat.13:43].

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