now receives orders to complete, as the Reaper, the  
work which He began as the Sower.  
 What is the HARVEST?  
 Some would make it an act of wrath on the wicked:  
as Hengstenberg, Darby, etc. But no!  
 1. Harvest is a good thing, the subject of the first  
promise on the renewed earth. Gen. viii. 22.  
 2. Wheat or corn, the result of harvest, is good. Its  
colour is good: the fields “are white already to harvest”  
(John iv. 35).  
 3. This harvest includes the remnants of the churches,  
and Jewish disciples. The previous verse spoke of the  
slain for Christ; but there are those not slain. Their  
case is now considered, and their destiny fulfilled.  
Harvest is the result of seed sown. Now the seed  
sown by the Great Sower is the Word of God. The  
result is “children of the kingdom.”  
 The Gospels give one testimony concerning the meaning  
of harvest; showing that it relates to the saving  
effects of the Gospel on the elect.  
 (1) Matt. iii. 12.  
 (2) “The harvest (as a period) is *the end of the age*”  
(αιων). “*The reapers are angels*.” “*The Son of Man  
shall send His angels.*” “Then the righteous shall shine  
forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Matt.  
xiii. 37-43).  
 (3) He teaches us that the crop as a whole would go  
through several stages. “But when the fruit is brought  
forth, *immediately He sendeth the sickle, because the harvest  
is come*” (Mark iv. 26-29). (*Greek*.)  
 “But,” it may be said, “you have omitted to notice  
the ‘chaff’ and the ‘tares,’ which form no  
inconspicuous portion of some of the passages  
quoted.”  
 The answer is obvious. The case of the tares is  
considered, and met in THE VINTAGE. The evil ones