



REVELATION

Revelation 14:14-20 | David Chadwick | June 30, 2024

Title: The Harvest Is Ready

Context:

- This is at the end of the Great Tribulation
- It's Jesus's Second Coming

The differences in Jesus's first and second comings:

(First / Second)

- As a servant / Sovereign king
- Obeying / Commanding
- Alone / With all his holy angels
- Humility / Majesty
- Seeking / Saving
- Friend / Judge
- Sower / Reaper
- Grace / Wrath
- Lamb / Lion

The division of these verses:

The grain harvest Revelation 14:14-16

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." **16** So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

- John saw another vision: "Wow!"
- A white cloud (often seen with Jesus)

- Jesus as the son of man (**Daniel 7; Luke 19:10**)
- Seated on the cloud (not in the clouds like **1 Thessalonians 4:17** and the rapture)

1 Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

- Like a son of man (Islam and orthodox Jewish expectations of coming “Messiah”)
- The golden crown (stephanos, not diadem)
- A razor sharp sickle in his hand (how sickles were used in Jesus’s day)
- Another angel steps out from the temple, from God’s presence? With words from God to Jesus to begin the harvest?

Matthew 24:36

36 *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*

- The harvest on earth is “fully ripe” which means overly ripe / worthless – God had waited a long time

2 Peter 3:9

9 *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

- The time for the grain harvest is now: **Matthew 13**

Matthew 13:30

30 *Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”*

Matthew 13:39

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

- Eternal judgment for wheat and tares: one to eternal life, the other eternal death/fire

The grape harvest Revelation 14:17-20

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." **19** So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

- Another angel from the temple in heaven with a sharp sickle
- And yet another angel came out from under the altar
- This angel has authority over the fire - back to **Revelation 8:3-5**

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, **4** and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. **5** Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

- The angel of fire says to the other angel with the sickle: "Do the grape harvest"
- Explanation of the grape harvest in this day, juice splashing up to waist
- These grapes are lush/ready for judgment
- They are thrown into God's winepress under Jesus's feet
- The first line of the Battle Hymn of the Republic:

*Mine eyes have seen the coming of the glory of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored*

*He has loosed the faithful lightning of his terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on*

- This winepress is the **Battle of Armageddon** (see **chapter 19**)
- It takes place outside Jerusalem
- All the nations of the earth gather against Israel fulfilling a prophecy from Joel

Joel 3:12-13

12 *Let the nations stir themselves up
and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
for there I will sit to judge
all the surrounding nations.*

13 *Put in the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Go in, tread,
for the winepress is full.
The vats overflow,
for their evil is great.*

- It seems hopeless for Israel
- Blood as high as a horse's bridle splattering in the battle
- 1,600 stadia equals 180 miles, the distance from the north to the south in Israel
- Jerusalem is surrounded and protected
- Jesus intervenes for his people!

Final thoughts:

1. God hates sin

Hebrews 10:31

31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

2. The harvest now

Romans 9:3

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Matthew 9:35-38

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

3. Believe the gospel. Receive Jesus and be saved
4. And be baptized