

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – REAPING: THE EARTH’S HARVEST; THE GRAPES OF WRATH -- 14:14-20

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THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS!

V. 14 THE IDENTITY OF THE ONE WHO SAT ON THE WHITE CLOUD

Rev 14:14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud,

and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man,

having on His head a golden crown,

and in His hand a sharp sickle.

V 14 THE IDENTITY OF THE ONE WHO SAT ON THE WHITE CLOUD

V. 14 “a white cloud” - His moral PURITY - cf. Rev. 17:1, 15 - where the woman sits compared to where He sits! cf. Daniel 7:13; Rev. 1:7; “white” - Rev. 7:14; 19:8

V. 14 “like “a” (Greek) son of man” - His human PERSONALITY, which distinguishes him from all angels - cf. John 5:27; Rev. 1:13

V. 14 “having on his head a golden crown” - His great POWER - Rev. 19:12, 16 (diadems) someone who is ruling, a conquering King!

V. 14 “and in his hand a sharp sickle” - His awesome PURPOSE - cf. Matt. 13:37-43 The whole purpose of His second coming is seen here! The first thing we saw in His hand was the opening of the seals; here we see His righteous judgment! He will judge the whole world

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Revelation 14:14-20 - Third vision of ch. 14 – a panoramic picture of the Great Tribulation - cf. vv. 1, 6 “I looked and behold”

Here we see where the statement “in heaven, Christians will be sitting on a white cloud”... comes from.

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Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

*Rev 14:16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
Rev 14:17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."*

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V 15. "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." - The REASON for this instruction - Cf. Rev. 6:17; 10:6 (the time for judgment has come!); Heb. 9:27

V 15. "ripe" (to dry up or wither from waiting so long – a testimony of the patience of God!)
- The Condition of the harvest - It's overdue! God's patience, His longsuffering has let sin go on! He is very patient! So gracious! So loving! Matt. 21:19-20; Mark 3:1-3; Rom. 1:32; 2:5; James 5:3-4
- The Connection with Bible prophecy - Joel 3:12-17 – A powerful text!!!
- The RELATIONSHIP of the two harvests - grain and grapes - cf. Matt. 25:31-46 (vv. 31-34, 41, 46)

V 18. "another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire" - - The ROLE of the angel who came out of the altar - Cf. Rev. 8:3-5; 6:10 (answer to the prayer of the saints) cf. Matt. 3:11-12 - "baptize ... with fire (judgment)" - The same One who baptizes us the Holy Spirit is also the one who judges all things!

APPLICATION

The Judge is coming!

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Are you presuming in anyway, the patience of God?

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Rev 14:19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

VS. 19-20 THE IMPACT OF THIS JUDGMENT

V. 19 “So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.” - The PLACE where the grapes are thrown - Cf. Rev. 19:15(the Lord Jesus is pictured here!); Isaiah 63:1-6 (“I have trodden the winepress alone.”); Psalm 98:1, 9; Joel 2:30-32 (Acts 2:21, 38)

V. 20 “ the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.” - The PICTURE which the winepress presents
- 1600 furlongs = about 200 miles (1 furlong = 600 feet)

Viewpoints:

1. Distance around Jerusalem that will be affected
2. North to South - all the land of Israel; the whole land of Israel is the winepress - (Dan to Beersheba)
3. Distance from Bozrah (southern end of the Dead Sea) to Armageddon (Hill of Meggedo) – exactly 182 miles – 1600 furlongs!

Where ever this is—it is a tremendous amount of blood!

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p>1. In verse 14, who is being described as “the one who sat on the white cloud”?</p> <p>2. When Jesus returns at His second coming, where does the Bible teach he will touch down? (Hint Is. 63)</p>
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