

*“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. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice, ‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe!’” – Revelation 14:14-15*

**Overview:**

We tend to think of the harvest of God in terms of Jesus' words to His disciples in Matthew 9:37-38 that **“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”** but there is another harvest coming, a harvest of evil. Here in Rev 14:14-20, John views this harvest from the perspective of Heaven. We also must understand that both the harvest of good and of evil is done by the same Harvester, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David. - Rev 5:5

The first harvest, “harvest of the earth” - Rev 14:15 is a judgment against the counterfeit system that exalts the antichrist and Satan instead of our Lord Jesus Christ. The second harvest, “clusters of the vine of the earth” - Rev 14:18 is a judgment against the dragon, the antichrist and the false prophet. When John writes in Rev 14:15, “for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” and in Rev 14:14, “for her grapes are fully ripe.” don't get the picture of nice ripe grapes for eating. The picture is of a dry, withered and over-ripe harvest field.

**References:**

**Rev 14:14** – Then I looked and behold – used 28 times in Revelation, 12 times advancing the visions that John sees. - Rev 4:1,2; 5:6; 5:11; 6:2,5; 7:9; 12:3; 14:1,14; 15:5; 19:11

**Rev 14:14** – On the cloud sat One like the Son of Man – Called the “sign of the Son of Man” – Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:9-10; Rev 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

**Rev 14:14** – The crown – a victor's crown – Jesus is our victorious Lord – Rev 5:8-10

**Rev 14:15** – Crying with a loud voice – Matthew 9:27 – Time has come for You to reap – Matthew 24:36

**Rev 14:16** – In a farming context, the farmer deals with every aspect of the field – Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

**Rev 14:17** – He also having a sharp (*oxus*) – 7 times sharp and 1 time swift – Romans 3:15

**Rev 14:18** – Another angel came out from under the altar ... he cried with a loud cry – Rev 6:9-12

**Rev 14:19** – Gathered the vine of the earth – Rev 16:12-15

**Rev 14:19** – Threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God – Rev 16:16

**Rev 14:20** – And the winepress was trampled – The One who tramples is our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Judge – John 5:22, 27; Isaiah 63:1-6 – The response of the kings of the earth – Psalm 2:1-9

**Rev 14:20** – Outside the city – Joel 3:9-17; Isaiah 2:4

Application for us:

\* Work in this harvest to reduce the next – 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Peter 3:9

\* If you do not know Him: consider your place in the Harvest. There is yet another time before the King for all men (Valley of decision) – Rev 20:11-15

**Questions:**

\* When you think of a picture of harvest as used in the bible, what image comes to mind? New believers coming to Jesus or Jesus harvesting evil?

\* Which of the two applications above best fits your relationship with Jesus today? If you would like to know Jesus Christ as your savior, please contact us. ([www.calvaryfrederick.com](http://www.calvaryfrederick.com))

**Additional Study:**

**Rev 14:14**

\* Crown – a (*stephanos*) crown given to the the victor

\* Sharp (*oxus*) sickle (*drepanon*) – a long 2-edged or single edged (inside) curved knife for cutting grain

**Rev 14:15**

\* Thrust in your sickle and reap (*pempson to drepanon*), begin to harvest

\* Earth is ripe (*exeranthe*) (*xeraino*) – dry, withered, over-ripe -- long due for judgment

**Rev 14:17**

\* Having a sharp (*oxus*) sickle (*drepanon*)

**Rev 14:18**

\* And another (*allos*) – another of the same kind angel

\* And he cried (*phoneo*) – summoned

\* The 5th angel in view saying (*pempson to sou drepanon*) – Begin to harvest

\* Her grapes are fully ripe (*akmazo*)

Warren Wiersbe – “*The name Armageddon comes from two Hebrew words, har Megiddo, the hill of Megiddo. The word Megiddo means 'place of troops' or 'place of slaughter.'*”