

The Angelic Reapers

Revelation 14:14-20

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I. Introduction

- A. God's special witnesses – vs. 1-5
- B. The angel who proclaims the Eternal Gospel – vs. 6, 7
- C. The angel who announces the doom of Babylon – v. 8
- D. The angel who announces judgments on the worshippers of the beast – vs. 9-11
- E. The commendation of the faithful – vs. 12, 13
- F. Harvest time! – vs. 14-20

II. Harvest Time – vs. 14-20

- A. The Son of Man and “another angel” (number 4) – vs. 14-16
 - 1. See: Revelation 1:13 and Daniel 7:13
 - 2. “A Son of Man” or “The Son of Man”?
 - a. “Son of Man” used 81 times in the gospels.
 - b. It was Jesus' favorite term to identify himself.
 - 3. A crown (one of a victor), or wreath, was on His head; type of crown awarded in war and athletics.
 - 4. A sharp sickle was in His hand (an instrument for judgment!)
 - 5. The pleas of an angel to the Son of Man – v. 15
 - a. Put in your sickle and reap
 - b. The harvest is ripe (dry or withered)
 - 6. Big question: Is this a harvest of the wicked or righteous?
- B. The Angel with a Sickle (number five) and the Angel of Fire (number six) – vs. 17-20
 - 1. Both angels come out of the temple, thus underlining the fact that they are God's messengers.
 - 2. “ripe” - different word than verse 15 meaning “fully ripe” (KJV); their iniquity is full.
 - 3. They are thrown into the “wine press of the wrath of God.” See: Matthew 25:31-46
 - 4. This event answers the prayers of the saints! See Revelation 6:9; 8:3-5.
 - 5. Armageddon
 - a. “Har” - mountains; “magedon” - slaughter – Revelation 16:16

- b. Location: 10 miles south of Nazareth; 15 miles inland from the Mediterranean Sea. See II Chronicles 35:22-24.
- c. Why: Joel 3:2; Revelation 16:19
- d. *Revelation: A Book of Promises* by Greg Laurie, pages 354-356

III. A Word to the Wise

- A. Judgment will come to all
 - 1. Hebrews 9:27
 - 2. Revelation 20:11-15: *Great White Throne Judgment*
 - 3. I Corinthians 3:10-15; II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10: *Judgment Seat of Christ*