



SESSION 28 | REVELATION 14:14-20 | THE HARVEST, PREVIEWED

REVIEW OF REVELATION 14:1-13

- These verses contained a preview of the last of the last days.
 - vv. 1-5 - the 144,000 in the Kingdom
 - vv. 6-7 - the proclamation of the everlasting Gospel
 - v. 8 - the proclamation of the fall of Babylon
 - vv. 9-11 - the proclamation of the doom of the followers of Antichrist
 - vv. 12-13 - the patience of the saints
- Verses 1-11 were a “flash forward” to the judgment of the earth, vv. 12-13 a parenthetical, and the judgment continues in vv. 14-20.

THE VICTORIOUS SON OF MAN | REVELATION 14:14

- The **Son of Man** - This is the last use of the phrase in the Bible. It is a Messianic term that denotes the earthly rights and reign of the Messiah. The first use of the term in the New Testament is Matthew 8:20, which contains a complete contrast.
- A **golden crown** - This is the *στέφανος* [*stephanos*] not *diadem*. That is, the victor's crown, not the crown of the reigning monarch. He will wear the *diadem* in Revelation 19.
- A **sharp sickle** - the word *δρέπανον* [*drepanon*] comes from *drepo*, which is the word “to pluck.” It is a tool used exclusively for harvesting.

THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH | REVELATION 14:15-16

- **Another angel** - This is the 4th of a series of seven angels.
 1. vv. 6-7, first angel
 2. v. 8, second angel
 3. vv. 9-13, third angel
 4. vv. 15-16, fourth angel

5. v. 17, fifth angel
6. vv. 18-20, sixth angel
7. Rev 15:1, seventh angel

- The instruction: **thrust in...and reap**
 - The final judgment is often referred to as a harvest time.
 - See Joel 3:13-14-15 for more insight.
- The instruction was given to **he that sat on the cloud**.
 - This is the Son of Man, who was the sower and now the reaper.
 - See John 5:27
- Since **the earth was reaped**, this must include both Jews and gentiles.

THE VINE INTO THE WINEPRESS OF WRATH | REVELATION 14:17-20

- The fifth angel (v. 17) works in conjunction with the sixth angel (v. 18). This fifth angel harvests the **vine of the earth** (v. 18).
 - There is no definitive interpretation of the **vine of the earth**.
 - The "vine of the earth" is compared to the "vine of God," thus the vine of Antichrist vs the vine of Christ.
- Verses 18-19 appear to be a foreshadow of the Battle of Armageddon, in which the nations of the earth are gathered together outside Jerusalem.
- The **winepress was trodden without the city** - This speaks of the protection and future use of the city of Jerusalem.