



REVELATION (PART 24) | REVELATION 14:14-20
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Revelation 14:14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."
16 So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

John's vision echoes the vision of Daniel in the Old Testament who, in the midst of his own Babylon, spoke with confidence about the coming of the Son of Man.

***Daniel 7:13-14** "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

On the Last Day, the Lord Jesus Christ—the Son of Man—will return to earth in great power and glory. He will bring about the "harvest" of resurrection, giving new life to the same bodies that have died and been buried.

***1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

Revelation 14:17 Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. **18** Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." **19** The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. **20** They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Those who trust in Christ will rise with glorified bodies and enter into everlasting life in heaven with the Lord.

***John 5:28-29** "A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."*

***Philippians 3:21** Christ will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.*

Those who reject Christ will rise to eternal death, that is, to shame and torment, forever removed from the presence of the Lord. This is "the great winepress of God's wrath" (Rev. 14:19).

***Matthew 10:28** "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."*