

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series

Study #64: The Three Harvests

Revelation 14:14 - 20

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Revelation 14:14 – 20 is an outline of an end time event the fifth vision that is the beginning of the second major line of prophecy (see chart).

After the third angels message in Revelation 14:6 – 13, what end time event did John see next in vision?

Revelation 14:14

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

What prophetic picture and end time event is Jesus depicting here after scene of the three angels message? Is this scene the second coming of Jesus or another end time event, something else?

What is Jesus sitting on in Revelation 14:14? White cloud

How will Jesus return to this earth a second time as promised?

Acts 1:9-11

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Jesus mode of transportation at His second coming will be clouds!

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Will Jesus touch this earth when He comes the second time? NO

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with **them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

When is another time that Jesus uses clouds as His mode of transportation before His second coming?

Daniel 7:9-10, 13

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 7:13 describes Jesus coming with clouds to the Father as He moves from the Holy to Most Holy Place in Heaven to begin the investigative phase of Judgment in 1844.

Review of order of events in which Jesus used clouds as His mode of transportation?

31 AD – Return to Heaven (Acts 1:9)

1844 – Holy to Most Holy Place – Investigative Judgment (Daniel 7:13)

Very Soon – Second coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:7)

What is Jesus wearing upon His head in Revelation 14:14? A golden crown. This crown reveals that Jesus is the king over His everlasting kingdom!

When and where does Jesus officially receive His kingdom?

Daniel 7:14

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Before the second coming of Jesus, He is our High Priest in the Most Holy Place during the investigative judgment. Once the investigative judgment is complete Jesus is officially given dominion over His everlasting kingdom in the Most Holy Place in Heaven. This is the “marriage ceremony” in Heaven in which Jesus marries His bride, His pure church. He takes off his high priestly robe and puts on his kingly garments and crown in preparation to return to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords to get His faithful bride of saints! Remember the second coming of Jesus is the consummation of His marriage.

What does Jesus have in His hand in Revelation 14:14 while He is sitting on the white cloud? A Sharp sickle

A sharp sickle is a hand tool that is used for reaping ripe fruit or grains during the harvest.

What does Jesus do with that sharp sickle?

Revelation 14:15, 16

15 And another angel came out of the temple, **crying with a loud voice** to him that sat on the cloud, **Thrust in thy sickle**, and **reap**: for **the time is come** for thee to reap; for the **harvest of the earth is ripe**.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

The sharp sickle is symbolic representation of His spiritual harvests of the earth.

When does the “harvest” of souls officially take place, before the second coming of Jesus or at the coming of Jesus?

“Harvest” = “the **process** or **period** of **gathering** in crops.” (Google Dictionary)

When does Jesus make His final decisions for all those who officially make up His everlasting kingdom or not?

Jesus makes His final decisions of the living who will officially make up His everlasting kingdom at the end of the investigative judgment. This is why the message of the first angels message is so urgent in Revelation 14:7, “The hour of His judgment is come.” We are living at the hour now. We are living in that hour or period in which the final harvest of the living will take place.

Each name comes up before the investigative judgment starting with the dead and ending with the last generation of the living. The final harvest of names who make of the kingdom of God or not takes place at the end of the investigative judgment.

"Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation and closes with the judgment of the living." **The Great Controversy p. 483**

The end of the investigative judgment ends with the living. Remember, when does the final harvest take place? At the END of the investigative judgment, the probation of the living is complete and this is the time the final harvest is gathered for good or bad.

What will Jesus say at the end of the investigative judgment and the process of the harvest period is complete?

Revelation 22:11

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

This is the completion of the investigative judgment. Those who names are in the lamb book of life and those who are lost forever are gathered. The ripe fruits of souls who make of the everlasting kingdom names are gathered in Heaven.

Jesus will not be making determination or decisions if a person is worthy of the everlasting kingdom or not at His second coming.

What will Jesus have with Him at His second coming after the harvest at the end of the investigative judgment is complete?

Revelation 22:12

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my **reward** is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

"Reward" (Greek) = **pay for service** (literally or figuratively), **good or bad**: - hire, reward, wages

Reward or pay for the faithful and the wicked will given at the second coming of Jesus. The faithful who have already been harvested for the kingdom of God will be given the reward of eternal life at the second coming of Jesus. The wicked will receive his payment of punishment for rejecting the true Jesus of the Bible.

Revelation 14:14, 15 is not a symbolic picture of the Second Coming, but it is a picture of Jesus in the final spiritual harvest of the living.

Whose names will be harvested first at the end of the investigative judgment? Remember, who is the main subject at the beginning of the fifth vision in Revelation 14?

Revelation 14:1, 4 - 5

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Remember, the 144,000 is a literal number which symbolically represents the worldwide discipleship of Jesus giving the three angels' message of Revelation 14 at the end of time and during the mark of the beast crisis.

First Harvest: The 144,000 are the firstfruits of the final harvest of the living

144,000 are the first of the living at the end of time who receive the seal of the living God in their forehead.

Revelation 7:3-4

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

In Revelation 14:4, 144,000 are “redeemed from among men, firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”

Firstfruits are the first gathering of crops at the beginning of the harvest. In the final harvest of the living in heaven of at the end of the investigative judgment of the “gathering” of names of the faithful the 144,000 are known has the firstfruits of the living.

To understand the concept of “firstfruits” we must go to the symbolic and prophetic lessons learned from the feast days that were a part of the earthly sanctuary service.

The sanctuary and the feast days were all shadows that prophetically pointed to the reality of Jesus’ earthly and Heaven ministry.

There were seven feasts (in order) that were associated with the earthly sanctuary.

1) Passover 2) Feast of unleavened bread 3) Feast of first fruits 4) Pentecost [feast of weeks] 5) Feast of Trumpets 6) Day of Atonement 7) Feast of Tabernacles (Ingathering)

There were three major harvests that took place each year:

- 1) Barley harvest – Spring
- 2) Wheat harvest – Summer
- 3) Grape (and other fruit) harvest – Fall

Notice that the grape harvest is the last harvest of the year.

Three of the feast days were in connection to the three major harvests:

1) **Feast of firstfruits** or Wave Sheaf commemorated the **first crops** of the **barley grain** from the spring harvest. It took place two days after Passover (Lev. 23:10-14) 1st Month (Abib), 16th day (2nd day of the feast of Unleavened Bread). The priest would take a handful of ripened grain into the sanctuary and wave it before the Lord. The first handful of grain was a pledge showing thanks and praise for the coming bountiful harvest. Showed joy and thanksgiving over the bountiful harvest. This handful of ripened grain was known as the “first fruits” of the harvest.

Prophetically fulfilled: Sunday after Passover, the day of the Offering of Firstfruits, Christ rose from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20 - “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”

And as the priest waved a handful of grain before the Lord, not just one kernel, so there were others resurrected as part of firstfruits (See Matt. 27:52,53). Jesus was the first of the first fruits and the other first fruits were the faithful others who He resurrected. **These represented the first fruits of the general harvest that were resurrected from the dead.**

2) **Pentecost = “fiftieth day” (Feast of Weeks)** (Lev. 23:15-22; Deut. 16:10-12) 50 days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread (seventh Sabbaths.) The end of spring barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest. Pentecost was a time to show joy and thanksgiving over the bountiful harvest. God also wanted them to remember that they were once slaves in Egypt.

Prophetically fulfilled: The Comforter, the Holy Spirit fulfilled Christ's promise to the disciples and those in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. In fulfillment of this feast, the preaching of the disciples on the day of Pentecost resulted in a great harvest – 3,000 souls in one day, which were the fruits of Christ's ministry.

Pentecost focused on the general harvest of souls that took place after the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and at the time of the 12 apostles. This is the former rain of the Holy Spirit pour out on the New Testament church.

3) Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering (Last of the seven feasts) - (Lev. 23:33-36; Num. 29:12-38) 15th Day of the 7th Month. Took place 5 days after the Day of Atonement. Feast of Tabernacles was in connection with the beginning of the grape harvest that made wine (unfermented grape juice) at the winepresses. The feast of tabernacles commemorated God's protection and guidance in the desert on their way to Canaan from Egypt. It was a celebration of both their acceptance with God and the bounties of the harvest.

Soon to be prophetically fulfilled: "The Feast of Tabernacles was not only commemorative but typical. It not only pointed back to the wilderness sojourn, but, as the feast of harvest, **it celebrated the ingathering of the fruits of the earth, and pointed forward to the great day of final ingathering**, when the Lord of the harvest shall send forth His reapers to gather the tares together in bundles for the fire, and to gather the wheat into His garner. At that time the wicked will all be destroyed. They will become "as though they had not been." Obadiah 16. And every voice in the whole universe will unite in joyful praise to God. Says the revelator, "Every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." Revelation 5:13." - Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 541

The 144,000 are the firstfruits of the final Ingathering or harvest of the feast of Tabernacles. The latter rain of the Holy Spirit will be poured out!

The seeds of the Loud Cry message that the 144,000 sow during the mark of the beast crisis will have results and other faithful who take their stand on the Lord side names will gathered in the harvest.

Since 1844 the message of the first angel's message has been going forth with power. Revelation 14:7, the first angel's message depicts the beginning of the first angel's message. The "hour of his judgment is come."

Going back to Revelation 14:15 notice that it says the "another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice... the time is come for thee to reap".

The loud cry message during the mark of the beast crisis will repeat the first and second angel's message but with more urgency, because the end of the judgment is almost complete and the final harvest is ready and ripe!

The loud cry message not only tells others that we are living in judgment hour, worship the true Jesus of the Bible, get out of Babylon and the harvest is ripe and ready to be picked!

The loud cry is the urgent message of the beginning and ending of the investigative judgment of the living. **The mark of the beast crisis, the enforcement of Sunday laws, is proof that the investigation of the living is taking place.**

What is the second harvest after the first fruits, 144,000?

What second harvest does Revelation 14:15,16 depict? Think about it, after the first fruits, 144,000, there is a general harvest of those who were converted to God's truth during the mark of the beast crisis as a result of the urgent messages of the loud cry.

The repeat of the second angel's message will be heard by the 144,000:

Revelation 18:1-2, 4

1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

After John sees the 144,000, what number does he see as a result of the Loud Cry ministry of the 144,000?**Revelation 7:9-10**

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Second harvest = Loud Cry Harvest

The **second harvest** is the general harvest of the faithful living as a result of the Loud Cry ministry of the 144,000

What is the third harvest of the living at the end of time?**Revelation 14:17-19**

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great **winepress** of the **wrath of God**.

The third harvest is cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Remember, what does the third angel's message say concerning the wrath of God?**Revelation 14:9-11**

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the **wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

What is the wrath of God?**Revelation 15:1**

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the **wrath of God**.

Revelation 16:1-2

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the **wrath of God** upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the **mark of the beast**, and upon them which **worshipped his image**.

Third Harvest: Those who are gathered in the third harvest are those who rejected the loud cry messages. They reject the three angels message and the last urgent cry. They reject the true Jesus of the Bible. They reject the ten commandments and the everlasting covenant. They embrace the traditions and commandments of men. As a result worship the beast and his image and have the mark of the beast. They all will be pressed with the winepress of the seven last plagues!

Winepress = wrath of God.

Grapes harvest complete and pressed

Grapes are the last harvest of the three harvests depicted in the feast days. Before the Feast of Tabernacles the grapes were to be harvested and pressed into grape juice wine BEFORE the feast.

Remember the wicked who reject the message of truth will be gone under the wine press before the coming of Jesus.

What type of grapes are pressed for the living who reject the three angel's message at the end of time?

Deuteronomy 32:32-33

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Where is the winepress and what was the final result?

Revelation 14:20

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

All those who are part of the third harvest are in Babylon that is totally destroyed in the end. Notice that the winepress is outside the city. All those who are in Babylon will be outside the Heavenly city.

Revelation 22:14-15

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For **without** are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Going back to Revelation 14:20 how much blood came out of the winepress?

The blood that was pressed was as high as a horse bridle (six to eight feet high), by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs (200 miles). Each person has at least 1 gallon of blood. So imagine 1 gallon of blood multiplied by over 6 billion people. This shows a picture of the amount of devastation and death that will take place during the seven last plagues.

How does Joel describe the harvest of those who received the mark of the beast?

Joel 3:13-16

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Three harvest depicted in Revelation 14:14 – 20

- 1) 144,000 first fruits
- 2) Loud Cry Harvest
- 3) Those with the mark of the beast

The Loud Cry message to the world during the mark of the beast crisis is God's last warning. For those who accept it, their names will be harvested in the lambs book of life. For those who reject it, their names will be harvested to receive the seven last plagues, the great winepress, and later receive hell fire.

This ends the fifth vision of Revelation.