

Two Harvests

Two Options

Revelation 14: 14 - 20

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. The abbreviation "NIV84" stands for the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION of the Holy Bible published in 1984. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1201.

Two Harvests:

1. The _____.

Revelation 14:14, NIV84 - ¹⁴ *I looked, and there before me was a white cloud [Clouds are significant throughout Scripture because they represent the visible presence of God; cf., Ex. 19:16; 34:5; 40:34, Num. 9:17; 1 Kings 8:10; Matt. 17:5, and Acts 1.9], and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" ["The Son of Man" was a title given to Jesus when He came to earth the first time, it is used 84 times in the NT Gospels; It identifies Jesus with mankind—it is His human title. John is seeing Jesus Christ who gave His life for mankind] with a crown of gold [a gold crown could only be worn by a King] on his head and a sharp sickle [a symbol of judgment] in his hand.*

- His Person - "son of man" (v. 14a)
- His Position - "crown of gold" (v. 14b)
- His Power - "a sharp sickle in his hand" (v. 14c)

Revelation 14:14, The Message - ¹⁴ *I looked up, I caught my breath!—a white cloud and one like the Son of Man sitting on it. He wore a gold crown and held a sharp sickle.*

Revelation 14:14, The Living Bible - ¹⁴ *Then the scene changed, and I saw a white cloud and someone sitting on it who looked like Jesus, who was called "The Son of Man," with a crown of solid gold upon his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.*

2. The _____.

Revelation 14:15–18, NIV84 - ¹⁵ *Then another angel [lit., messenger] 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 [lit., "overripe", meaning "to be dry and withered"]." ¹⁶ So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. 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."*

- The Saved – The Grain Harvest (vv. 15-16)
- His Unsaved – The Grape Harvest (vv. 17-19)

2 Peter 1:10, HCSB - ¹⁰ *Therefore, brothers, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble.*

3. The _____.

Revelation 14:19–20, The Holman Christian Standard Bible - ¹⁹ *So the angel swung his sickle toward earth and gathered the grapes from earth's vineyard, and he threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. ²⁰ Then the press was trampled [Lit., "Crushed with the feet"] outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses' bridles for about 180 miles.*

- The Place of His Judgment – Armageddon (cf., Rev. 16:16)
- The Pain of His Judgment – "Trampled" (v. 20a)
- The Permanence of Judgment – "Blood flowed" (cf., Rev. 19)

Two Options:

And now, I begin to understand that I have two options: I will either drown in the horrific bloodbath of Armageddon, or I will bathe in the gracious Blood of the Lamb. Truly, the greatest bloodshed in all of history took place not in a world war, but when Jesus died on the Cross in order to wash us in His blood.

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Answers to "Two Harvests" Sermon

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1. Judge

2. Judged

3. Judgment