



2025 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word

James 1:22

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Reaping the Earth's Harvest

Revelation Chapter 14: 14-16

In the Old Testament, harvest and vintage preceded the Feast of the Tabernacles—that great annual feast of joy and jubilation. It is the same here. The golden age is to come soon, the long-awaited Millennial Reign of Christ. But first, the ripened harvest must be reaped, and the reddened vintage must be trod. Both are scenes of judgment.

The Lord's great parable of the wheat and the tares casts light upon this harvest—[Matthew 13:24-30](#). The good seed and the bad are exposed by their fruits, and the time has come to separate the one from the other forever. The process of the harvest is in [Matthew 13:30](#). The tares are to be bundled for the fire, and the wheat is to be gathered into the barn of the Millennial earth.

Verse 14. This verse show us the reaper of the harvest. This is none other than the Lord Himself. He was the sower in [Matthew 13:3-9](#), now He is the reaper. Son of man—the imagery of the Lord on the cloud is from [Daniel 7:13-14](#) and emphasizes magnificent majesty. The Golden Crown is the victor's crown, a laurel wreath, worn by those who celebrated victory in war or athletic competition. Christ now wears this particular crown. In this case, made of gold, as a triumphant conqueror coming out of heaven to prevail over His enemies. The sickle is a harvesting tool with a razor-sharp, curved steel or iron blade and a wooden handle, commonly used by ancient farmers to cut grain. It represents swift and devastating judgment.

Verse 15. The grain in this case is the ungodly people of the earth—ready to be gathered and judged. This is an image of judgement. Christ is separating the faithful from the unfaithful, like a farmer harvesting his crops. This is a time for joy for Christians who have been martyred and persecuted. They will receive their long-awaited reward. Christians should not fear the last judgement – [John 5:24](#).

Verse 16. This verse shows how rapid the harvest takes place. A few swift strokes of the sickle and it is all over. The Lord makes no mistakes when harvest time comes. He swiftly separates the false from the true. The burning comes later. His angels, the Lord said, shall cast them into a furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth—[Matthew 13:41-42](#).

Reaping the Grapes of Wrath Verses 17-20

The harvest has to do with Christendom or what is left of it. The sphere of the harvest is religious. The vintage has to do with the world, and the mention of it makes clear that the time of God's vengeance has come. The harvest depicts the final separation of the false from the true; the vintage describes the final defeat and subduing of the foes of the earth. The vintage pictures the Lord stepping down into the arena of Armageddon to trample down the Beast and all those gathered to his standards in this final conflict of the age.

Verses 17-20. Isaiah foresaw and wrote [Isaiah 63:1-3](#). Joel saw it also—[Joel 3:13-14](#). The grapes are ripe at last. The time has come. The judgment symbolized here is also terrible. God will determine that this bloodbath will occur outside Jerusalem, as if God wants to protect the city from the carnage all around. The severity of the slaughter is indicated in the imagery of the blood of those killed in the Battle of Armageddon, splattering as high as about four feet—the bridles of horses—[Ezekiel 39:8-16](#).