



2026 Focus: Rooted, Ready, Resilient

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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“Revelation Winepress”

Revelation Chapter 14: 17-20

Revelation 14:17–20 teaches that God will ultimately and decisively address evil, and that believers can live with confidence, hope, and faithfulness, knowing that justice is coming and that God is in control.

This passage describes **a harvest**—but not the harvest of the righteous. 17-18 It is the **harvest of judgment**. John sees a picture of **God finally dealing with evil, injustice, and rebellion** – **Matthew 13:41-42, Matthew 25:31-46**

- An angel with a sharp sickle- **(v.17)**
- Another angel coming from the altar with authority to command judgment
- The “grapes” of the earth are being gathered
- The winepress of God’s wrath being trampled
- Blood flowing as a symbol of complete judgment

The grapes represent: (v.18-19)

- People who have rejected God
- Systems that oppose God
- Evil that has ripened over time
- Injustice that has reached its full measure

Just like fruit ripens on a vine, **evil has a season where it matures**.
When it reaches its fullness, God steps in.

The Winepress Represents (v.20)

In ancient times, grapes were crushed in a winepress.

John uses this image to show: **Isaiah 63:1-4**

- God’s judgment is thorough
- God’s judgment is righteous
- God’s judgment is unavoidable for those who refuse Him

This is not about God being cruel. It's about God being **just**.

💡 So What Does This Mean for Believers Today?

1. God sees injustice—and He will deal with it

Nothing evil gets the last word.

- Corruption
- Oppression
- Violence
- Abuse
- Systems that harm people

Revelation 14 reminds us: **God will not let evil stand forever.**

2. God's timing is perfect

The grapes were harvested only when they were "fully ripe." Meaning:

- God is patient
- God gives people time to repent
- God waits until the right moment
- God's judgment is never rushed or random

This encourages believers to trust God's timing even when evil seems to prosper.

3. Judgment is real—but so is mercy

Revelation 14 is not meant to scare believers. It is meant to remind us:

- God is holy
- God is just
- God is patient
- God is merciful

The same God who judges is the God who saves.

4. Believers don't fear this judgment

This passage is **not** about the faithful.

It is about those who reject God and align themselves with evil.

For believers, this passage is a reminder:

- You are covered
- You are sealed
- You are protected
- You belong to the Lamb

This is not your harvest.

Your harvest is the **harvest of the righteous**, earlier in the chapter.

