

The Harvest

April 21, 2024

Vision One: The Beast from the sea (13:1-10)

Vision Two: The Beast from the earth (13:11-17)

Vision Three: The Lamb and His Army (14:1-5)

Vision Four: Three Angels with Warnings (14:6-13)

Vision Five: A White Cloud and the Final Harvest (14:14-20)

Vision Six: Seven Angels with plagues (15:1, 5-8)

Vision Seven: Sea of glass (15:2-4)

Revelation 14:14-20

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." 16 So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." 19 So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Dispensational Premillennialism May Have Influenced you if...

- You believe in a preliminary coming of Jesus to rapture the

church before His actual Final return.

- You believe that God has a distinct plan apart from the church for the historic, physical nation Israel
- You believe in a literal 1,000-year millennium on this earth that follows God's judgment of the nations in which literal Israel will have the place of honor, the Temple rebuilt, and sacrifices reinstated during this time period.

The orthodox Christian belief has always been that Christ will return once to judge the living and the dead.

We are waiting for a single, personal, public return of Christ (14:14)

(See also Daniel 7:13-14, Joel 3:12-14, Acts 1:10-11, Acts 10:42, Matthew 3:12, 1 Thes 4:16-17)

One like the Son of Man on a white cloud = Jesus return/Divine presence and authority

Temple = Presence of God

Golden Crown = Symbolizes victory

Sickle = Harvesting in one swoop

The Harvesting (vs. 15-20)

There will be a harvesting of the elect (14:15-16)

Matthew 3:12

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

And so, we see the harvesting of the wicked (14:17-20)

The grape harvest of the earth = The judgment of those who opposed God and did not worshipped Him

See Joel 3:12-13 and Isaiah 63 for even more graphic descriptions of

this stomping

Blood flowing as high as horses bridle and to 1600 statia = The judgement is comprehensive and complete