

I. Jesus is pictured here as reaping a harvest of souls for salvation, and dealing out judgment on those whose wickedness has become ripe for destruction.

- A. Humanity pretends that it is a righteous race, but deep-down people know that judgment is coming and that we are deserving of it, because of our rebellious nature and deeds.

II. The Reaping of Jesus Christ (Rev 14:14-15:8).

A. The Reaping of the Righteous (**Rev 14:14-16**).

1. Jesus comes as the “son of man” to reap a harvest of souls for salvation. The angels will gather His people to Him, and separate them from the wicked.

B. The Reaping of the Wicked (**Rev 14:17-20**).

1. An angel helps Jesus gather rebellious people for the Battle of Armageddon, where He will stomp them out in the winepress of His wrath (**Rev 19:11-16, 19-21**).

C. The Reaping of the Earth (**Rev 15:1-8**).

1. The angels prepare for the final confrontation, by bringing out the seven bowl judgments. These plagues bring to completion the wrath of God in its entirety.

III Conclusion: Jesus is pictured as gathering His followers for salvation, treading down the wicked in judgment, and preparing for the final showdown of God against His enemies.

Questions About: The Reaping of Jesus Christ

1. Have you ever wanted justice? Do you want God to take vengeance on evil people? Where does our desire for fairness come from? How do we reflect God's justice as His image bearers?
2. How did Isaiah, Joel, and John portray Jesus as a warrior? (**Isa 63:1-3; Joel 3:12; Rev 14:14-20**) Does it surprise you that the Bible pictures Jesus this way? Why or why not?
3. What is the significance of "son of man"? (**Rev 14:14-16**) Who is the "son of man" and what does He do? (**Dan 7:13-14; Matt 26:63-68**) How does He come to reap? (**Matt 13:24-30**)
4. What happens in the second harvest? (**Rev 14:17-20**) Where does the winepress judgment occur? (**Rev 16:12-16; 19:11-15, 19-21**) Who gathers people for God's wrath? (**vv. 18-19**)
5. How is Jesus' justice like a winepress of judgment? (**Rev 14:17-20**) How far does the carnage of this battle range? (**v. 20**) Where else is this described? (**Joel 3:12-16; Isa 63:1-3**)
6. How do the angels prepare for the final judgment of God? (**Rev 15:1-8**) How do these plagues bring to an end the wrath of God? (**v. 1**) Who stands victoriously with Jesus in heaven? (**v. 2**)
7. What is the song that the redeemed sing in heaven? (**Rev 15:3-4**) What is the "song of Moses" and the "song of the lamb"? (**Ex 15:1-21; Rev 5:9-14**) What happens at the end of this chapter?
8. Do you know that you will reap what you sow? (**Gal 6:7-8**) What are you sowing? Are you sowing kindness? Love? Compassion? Are you spending your money on helping others?

Prayer

1. Will you pray that God would help you to sow what is eternal rather than temporal?
2. Will you ask God to show mercy to the wicked before He comes for them in judgment?