

Two Harvests

Revelation 14:14-20

Matthew 13:24-40



Revelation 14 in Review

Marked by God and the Lamb as one of His	Takes the mark of the Dragon and the Beast
Redeemed from the Earth	Dwells on the Earth
Blameless	Guilty
Fears God	There is no fear of God
Worships God alone	Worships the Beast
Saved from the wrath of God	Experiences the undiluted wrath of God's anger
Rests from their Labor	No Rest
Blessed	Tormented

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.



**Does this
passage describe
two harvests or
one harvest?**



Two Harvests

Son of man w/ sickle	An angel w/ sickle
Another Angel	Another angel w/ authority over fire
Son of man harvests	Angel harvests
Earth is fully ripe	Grapes are fully ripe
	Thrown in the Great Winepress of the Wrath of God

Revelation 14:14



- 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.

**The son of man
on the cloud
with a golden
crown on his
head and a
sharp sickle is
the Son of
God—Jesus.**



Revelation 1:7, 13



- Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.
- and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

Daniel 7:13

- “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one **like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.



Revelation 14:14



- 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,**

The 'golden crown' on his head confirms that this is Jesus.

**and a sharp
sickle in his
hand.**



Revelation 14:15



- 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,

Notice the Son of Man is reaping.

Revelation 14:15

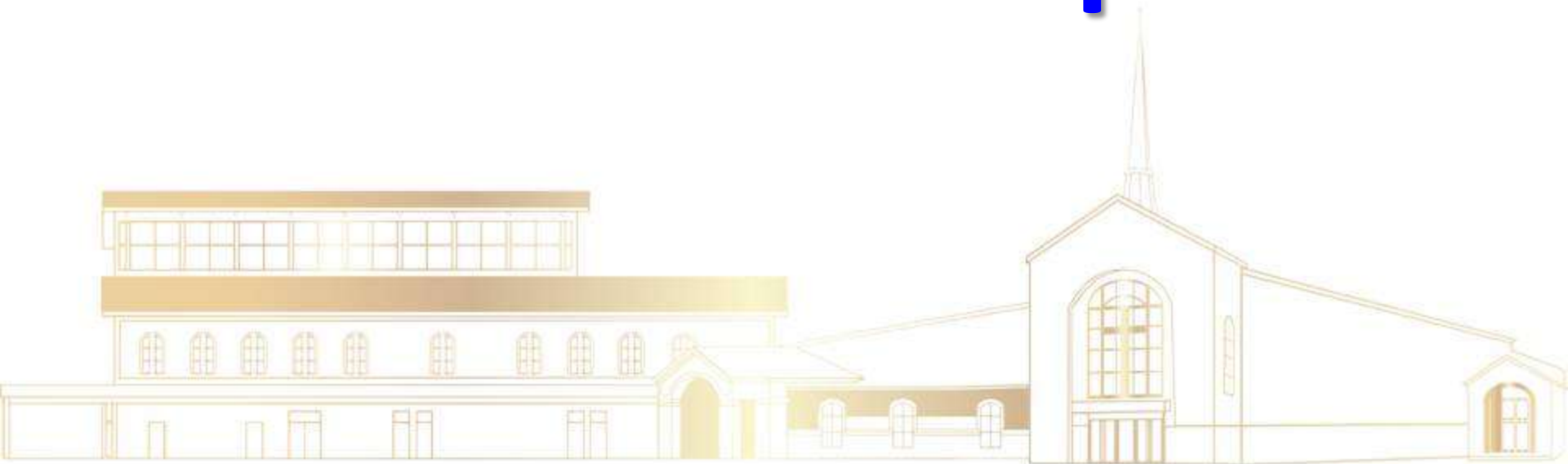


- And another angel came **Out of the temple,**

Who would be in the temple giving orders?

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**God the Father would
be in the Temple.**



Revelation 14:15



- “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.”

God chooses when life on this earth as we know it will come to an end.



Fully ripe is the end of the growing season. At the end of the season, it is time to harvest.

The issue is: what harvest will you be part of?

The Son of Man harvests first followed by an angel harvesting the grapes.



Revelation 14:16



- So he [Jesus] who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Who is being reaped in v. 16?

Some interpreters see this as a harvest of the earth's elect, but the context of judgment both before and after the passage of the chapter suggest otherwise. The action appears to come at the end of the tribulation, and that part of earth's population surviving the rigors of the tribulation period and continuing to follow the beast are now to be reaped and cast into judgment.

The New American Commentary

This is completely wrong.



Look Back @

Revelation 14:4 & 12



Revelation 14:4



- It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,

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**Notice the redeemed
are called 'firstfruits'
and they are being
harvested.**



Revelation 14:12



- Here is a call for **the endurance of the saints**, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

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**Jesus clearly and definitively
taught that there will be
saved people, God's elect,
alive and going through the
great tribulation.**



Turn to

Matthew 24:21ff



Matthew 24:21

- For then there **will be great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.



Matthew 24:22

- And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. **But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**



Matthew 24:24

- For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, **even the elect.**



Matthew 24:31

- And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, **and they will gather his elect from the four winds,** from one end of heaven to the other.



Look Back @

Revelation 14:17 & 18



Revelation 14:17



- Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

Revelation 14:18



- 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.”

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**Since these folks are going
to burn in a lake of fire, we
are not surprised this
angel as authority over
fire.**



Revelation 14:18



- 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.”

This is what we have at this point:

- 1. The Son of Man harvests the earth for it is fully ripe.**
- 2. A second angel harvests the grapes for they are fully ripe.**



Lots of imagery or figurative language here:

- Sickle
- Harvest
- Reap
- Fully Ripe
- Grapes
- Winepress



Let's talk about preaching.

When a teacher is exegeting a passage of Scripture it is his/her responsibility to explain to the listener why we are leaving the main passage of Scripture to aid in the interpretation of the text.

We don't randomly pick other passages to help interpret the text.



Our passage in Revelation talks about:

- **Son of Man**
- **Harvest**
- **Angels**
- **Reaping**

So I ask: Is there another text in the Bible that speaks of these things that can help me understand Rev 14?



Turn to

Matthew 13:24ff



**24 He put another parable before them, saying,
“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but
while his men were sleeping, his enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat and went
away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore
grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the
servants of the master of the house came and
said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed
in your field? How then does it have weeds?’**



28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, '**Then do you want us to go and gather them?**' **29** But he said, '**No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.**' **30** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "**Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.**" ' "



**At this point, you may
be saying, “I am not sure
I see the connection and
the help this passage
provides in
understanding the text.”**



Now Look @ Matthew 13:36ff



Matthew 13:36

- Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “**Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.**”



Matthew 13:37

- He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.



Matthew 13:38

- The field is the world, and the good seed is the **sons of the kingdom.**
- The weeds are the sons of **the evil one,**



Which one are you?

**Are you a son of the
kingdom of God?**

**Are you a son of the evil
one?**

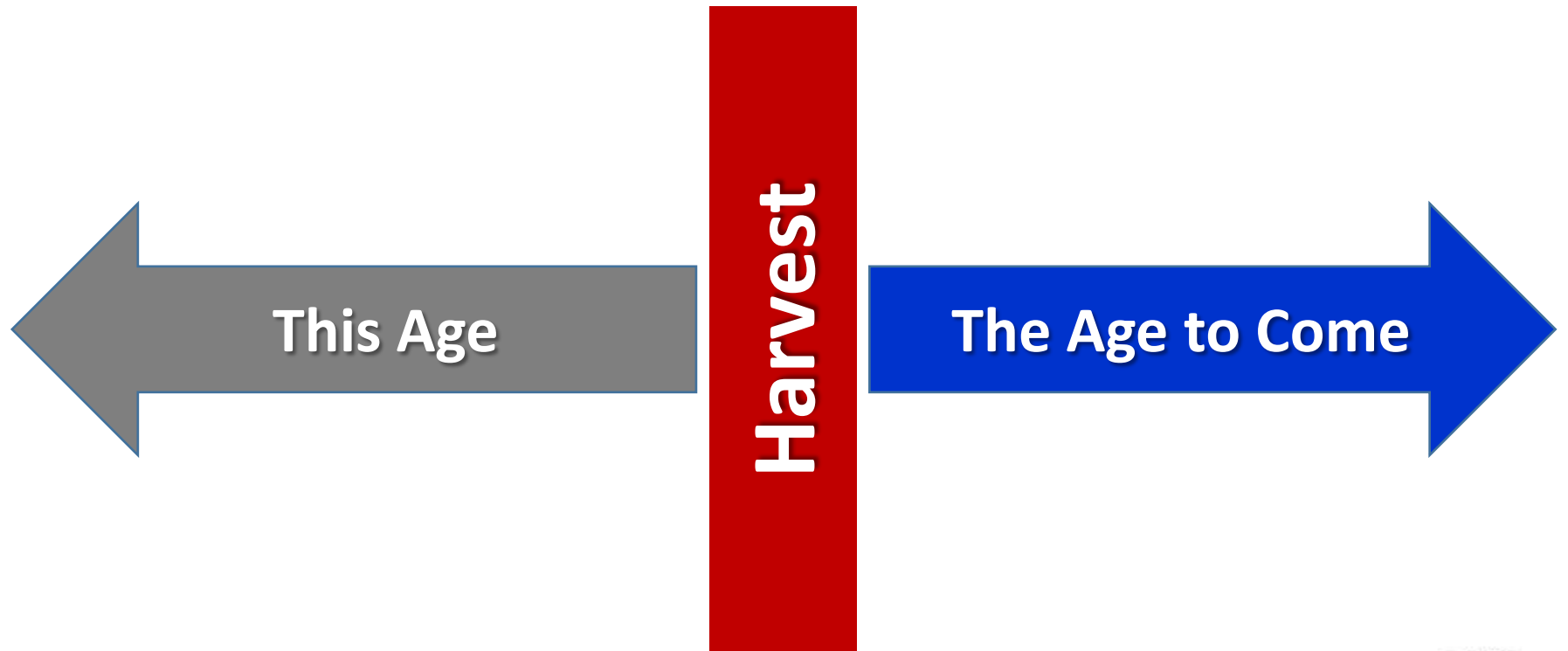


Matthew 13:39

- and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.
- The harvest is the end of the age,
and the reapers are angels.



The Bible Speaks of this age and the age to come.



The harvest is the end of the age.

This means we are in Revelation 14 and we are at the end of the age.

But we have been at the end of the age in Revelation 3x already.

Revelation is NOT chronological in the order in which it presents prophecy; John repeatedly circles back and tells the story again.



Revelation 6:12-15



- **When he opened the sixth seal,** I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ **The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up,** and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Hebrews 1:10-12

- And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹ **they will perish**, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
¹² **like a robe you will roll them up**,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”



Revelation 7:15–17



- “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 11:15



- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

Revelation 14:15



- 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.”

Matthew 13:40

- Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, **so will it be at the end of the age.**



Matthew 13:41

- The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, **and throw them into the fiery furnace.** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



Parable Explained

Son of man

Devil

Sons of kingdom

Sons of evil one

Good seed

Weeds

**Gathered and store in
master's barn**

Burned w/ fire

**Fiery furnace w/
weeping and gnashing
of teeth**

Matthew 13

Revelation 14

Son of Man (v. 37)

Son of man (v. 14)

Reapers (v. 30, 39)

Reap (v. 15)

Harvest (v. 30, 39)

Harvest (v. 15, 19)

Angels (v. 39, 41, 49)

Angels (v. 6, 8, 9, 10)

World (v. 38)

Earth (v. 3, 6, 7, 15)

Sons of the kingdom (v. 38)

Redeemed from humanity as firstfruits to God (v. 4)

The righteous (v. 40)

The saints (v. 12)

Sons of the evil one (v. 38)

Worshippers of the beast (v. 11)

Weeds (v. 38)

Grapes (v. 18)

Fiery furnace (v. 42)

Tortured with fire (v. 10,18)

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#1

**Notice the saved &
lost live side by side**



#2

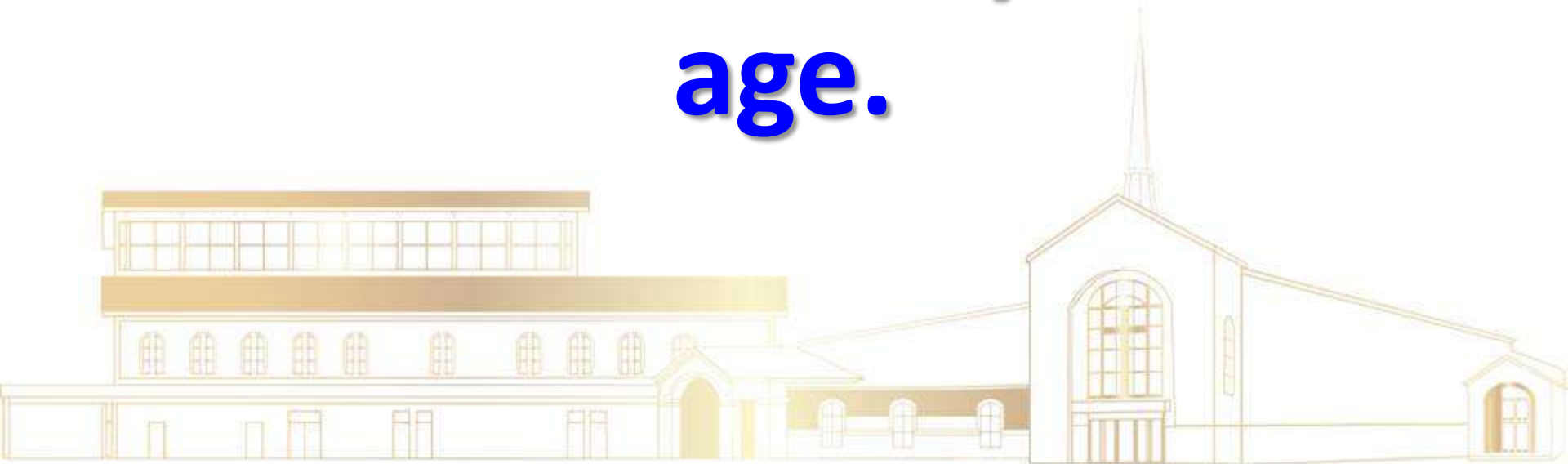
**God's enemy, the devil,
is responsible for the
presence of weeds/tares**



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#3

**The harvest represents
the end of this present
age.**



Matthew 12:32

- And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, **either in this age or in the age to come.**



#4

**The destiny of the
wheat is distinctively
different from the
weeds**



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#5

**The destiny of the
wheat is God's barn**



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#6

**The destiny of the
weeds is destruction**



Look Back @

Revelation 14:19



Revelation 14:19



- 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.

See the connection back to Revelation 14:10

**he also will drink the wine of God's wrath,
poured full strength into the cup of his anger,
and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in
the presence of the holy angels and in the
presence of the Lamb.**



Revelation 14:20



- 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.