

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 14:14-20

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 14:14-20.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

[14]Then I looked,

and behold, a white cloud,

and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man,

having a golden crown on His head

and a sharp sickle in His hand.

[15]And another angel came out of the temple,

crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud,

“Put in your sickle and reap,

for the hour to reap has come,

because the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

[16]Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth,

and the earth was reaped.

[17]And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven,

and he also had a sharp sickle.

[18]Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar;

and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle,

saying, “Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth,

because her grapes are ripe.”

[19]So the angel swung his sickle to the earth

and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth,

and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

[20]And the wine press was trodden outside the city,

and blood came out from the wine press,

up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

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1. After reading the passage aloud, and before diagramming/structuring the passage or reviewing the diagram, attempt to summarize the main events as best as you can from memory. Once you've tried it from memory, go back and check. What did you miss? What did you get right? What details stood out to you as primary and noteworthy?
2. How many beings are mentioned in this passage?
3. How do we know there are actually three different angels, rather than one angel acting three different times?
4. Based on what we have seen so far, what altar is this that the third angel comes from?
5. Given that verse 18 describes this angel with power over the fire and coming from the altar as issuing the call to harvest the grapes, what connection is suggested to the prayers of the saints previously offered on the altar in Revelation 8:3-4?
6. What is the item mentioned most often in this passage?
7. What adjective is specified about the nature of this item?

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 14:14-20 again.

8. What are the similarities between the beings mentioned in this passage? How are they different?

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9. Who is “the one like a son of man”? Support your answer with observations from the immediate text linked to the wider context of Scripture.
10. In chapter 13, we saw that the beast wore diadems/crowns on its horns. The Greek word in chapter 13 for this crown was διάδημα/diadēma, which relates to “ruling authority”. In 14:14, the one like a son of man is wearing a golden crown, but the Greek term here is στέφανον/stephanon, a crown of victory or award. How do these specific terms inform our understanding of the difference between the beast and the one like a son of man?
11. Given the identification of the son of man, what is unique about his interaction with the angel in verse 15?
12. Read Matthew 24:36 and Acts 1:7. In light of these passages, how are we to understand the words spoken by the angel to the son of man in verse 15?
13. What is the repeated imperative in this passage?
14. Each imperative is accompanied by a descriptor of time or situation. What is it?
15. In context, is this reaping/gathering an unexpected, sudden event?
16. Where is the wine press located?

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❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 14:14-20 again.

17. What are the descriptors of the wine press?
18. What is the juice that emerges from the wine press?
19. How does what emerges from the winepress inform what the grape clusters are?
20. What Old Testament passage contains the same language of sickle, harvest, and wine press?
21. Who treads the wine press of judgment in verse 20?
22. Personal Application: How should this passage impact our thoughts/perspectives and cause us to act?
23. Summarize this passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray for the trust to rest in the certainty of God's righteous purpose to bring ultimate justice to the world. Pray that through the preaching of this text, God would awaken our hearts to the seriousness of sin, bring us to renewed love of the Gospel, and give us a commitment to calling sinners to turn from their path that leads to judgment. Thank God for His sovereign work that provides for the redemption of His people, rescuing them from the wrath to come.