

REVELATION CHAPTER 14 PART 2 -- Two different Harvests

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There will be two different harvests: The first one is for the people of God:

REV.14:14 And I looked, and behold a **white cloud**, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the **Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a **sharp sickle**.

REV.14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

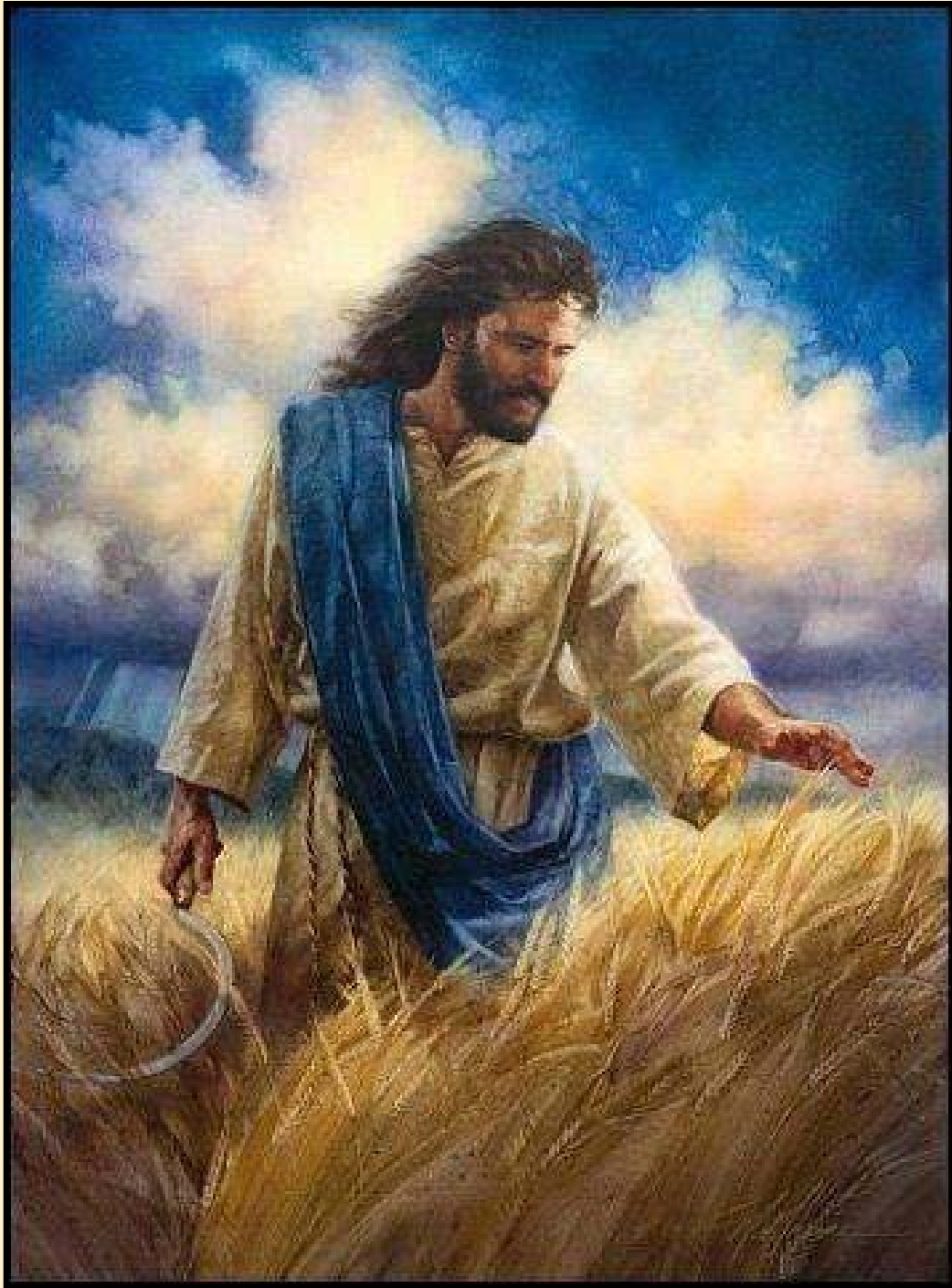
REV.14:16 And he that **sat on the cloud** thrust in his sickle on the earth; and **the earth was reaped.**

Obviously, a picture of Christ's great Second Coming and the gathering together of His Own unto Himself!



**** Mat.13:39-43** ...the harvest is the end of the world; and **the reapers are the angels**. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **The Son of man shall send forth his angels**, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire... Then **shall the righteous shine forth as the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (**Dan.12:3, Mt.24:30-31**)

**** Mar.13:26** And then shall they see **the Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory. And then **shall he send his angels**, and **shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.



Now this word "*elect*" here simply means the saved, His "*ecclesia*", which means His set-apart ones, the peacemakers, the pure in heart, the merciful, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness and are persecuted for it - His children! And when He starts collecting His children, He's certainly going to collect them all and not leave any behind!

He's going to gather all of them together! Nobody's going to be left behind that has received Jesus as his Saviour! For "*we shall all be changed!*" (1Co.15:51) And we will all be raised! He'll send His angels out to gather us from everywhere, from all around the whole Earth, and He won't leave one behind.

John envisioned Christ's gathering of His children as a great harvest: He's not coming as a babe in the manger this time, but as the King of kings, to rule and reign forever! -- ***"And in His hand a sharp sickle... and the Earth was reaped!"*** When our testimony here is finished, the Lord will harvest all the good grain that he possibly can, will gather it and take it into His garner upstairs. The Lord will tell His angels, His reapers, ***"Gather the wheat into My barn!"*** (Mt.13:30)

Jesus catches His People out and after that, according to the Revelation Book, comes the Wrath of God poured out upon those who remain, those who insist on continuing to practise evil.



The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, often referred to as the Rapture, will be the most anticipated and wonderful event for the Christians who have gone through the Tribulation. They have endured the depths of persecutions and the hell into which the world has descended under



the Devil incarnate, the tyrannical oppression of the Antichrist. Now their moment of release has come when they are to be taken out of this world and transported into the wonders and joys of Heaven.

It will have been a very hard and difficult three and a half years, but now their deliverance comes. God's People will have been supernaturally released and rescued out of the Great Tribulation of

this wicked World and will be in Heaven with Jesus having a wonderful party, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while there's Hell on Earth as God dumps His judgements upon their malicious enemies who were left behind!



...and then comes the other Harvest:

REV.14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

REV.14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle**, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

REV.14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

REV.14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. **(320 kilometers)**

If you follow the order of events, then right after the gathering of the saints would have to follow the judgment and the wrath of God upon the evil-doers left behind. The church will suffer some tribulation, but they're not going to go through the wrath of God.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath." (1Th.5:9)

Only the wicked, only those who have totally rejected Jesus and have been persecuting His Prophets, are reserved for this fate.

***** REV.16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.***

***** REV.19:15-16 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***



The Book of Joel speaks about God's judgment. It telescopes from those prophecies about his day to the End of this Age (our present day), using language very similar to what is found in verses 17 to 19:



**** Joel 3:12-13** *Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. (See also Joel 2:11; 3:9-11.)*

But following these verses (14-16) about the rapture comes an altogether different harvest, which has to do with those who miss the first one! The slaughter at the battle of Armageddon is going to be so horrible that blood is going to run like a river, in some places even as deep as the horses' bridles! ***“...even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”***



That's some Wrath. 1600 furlongs--do you know how far that is? Over two hundred miles! A river of blood 200 miles long! Think of it!! Whether you think it's symbolic or not, it certainly is talking about a horrible slaughter. That's about the length of a river that flows through the bottom of that valley of Megiddo where the battle of Armageddon will take place, and that river is normally not very deep, up to the horses' bridles. It is not going to necessarily be a river of solid blood! Well, maybe so, but it's a little more logical and scientific to believe it's probably the blood that drains down and flows into that river from this battle, to the horses' bridles where they ford the river. (*Rev.16:14, 16*)

Humans tend to boast about themselves, but here, from God's point of view, we see humanity without God compared to a bunch of grapes squashed in a winepress. Instead of grape juice, blood pours forth, in this last great battle. Human history has been a sorry record of one war after another so the end of our present Age will be a welcome relief, for it will bring an end to human violence.

And this is exactly what is going to happen soon to the anti-Christ wicked of this world! They will not only refuse to voluntarily yield themselves to the Prince of Peace, but in the final expression of their violent defiance of Christ and His Kingdom, they're actually going to send armies to try to fight and wage war against Him! Think of that! The Battle of Armageddon! They'll fight against Him furiously in their last-ditch attempt to oppose Christ's and the saints' takeover of planet Earth!

Those who reject God, ally themselves with the enemy, and they pay a great price for such an allegiance. Note that God is slow to anger. He has allowed this world system ("*Babylon*") to go on for thousands of years, and the only reason is to give people an opportunity to trust in His Son.



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Yes, He is slow to anger, but He is certainly capable of that emotion, for He burns white-hot when sin occurs, because it harms His children. It is essential that we understand the times in which we live. Many today want the restraints of God, loving laws and culture to be completely set aside. To the extent that people get their own way and succeed in essentially “*throwing*” God out of our countries and lives, we are hastening destruction on ourselves and our children.

When the time is truly “*ripe*,” God will give the order and this earth and its people will reap what they have sown. The harvest **WILL** come.



When Christ finally takes over it's going to have to be with force and with power, "***with great power and glory***"! The wicked just don't understand anything else! So, God says He's going to destroy them which destroy the Earth (***Rev.11:18***), and you will suffer too if you refuse to surrender to God and His Love, His Son Christ Jesus, the one and only Prince of Peace!



He warned us, all through this book, that if you don't want Jesus, if you refuse the Love of God and the Light of Jesus, His Truth and His way, then you have only darkness and a gloomy future in the Afterlife to look forward to! If you reject and refuse to make Jesus a part of your life, these catastrophes are the kind of Hell on Earth you'll have to face! --Plus in the Afterlife, landing somewhere you'd rather not be! That's not a very bright picture we are

painting for you, is it? Well, we didn't paint it, God did!

The judgment of God is sent to this planet with a sigh from above, for He has no pleasure in our destruction.

“Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?” (Eze.18:23, Eze.33:11)

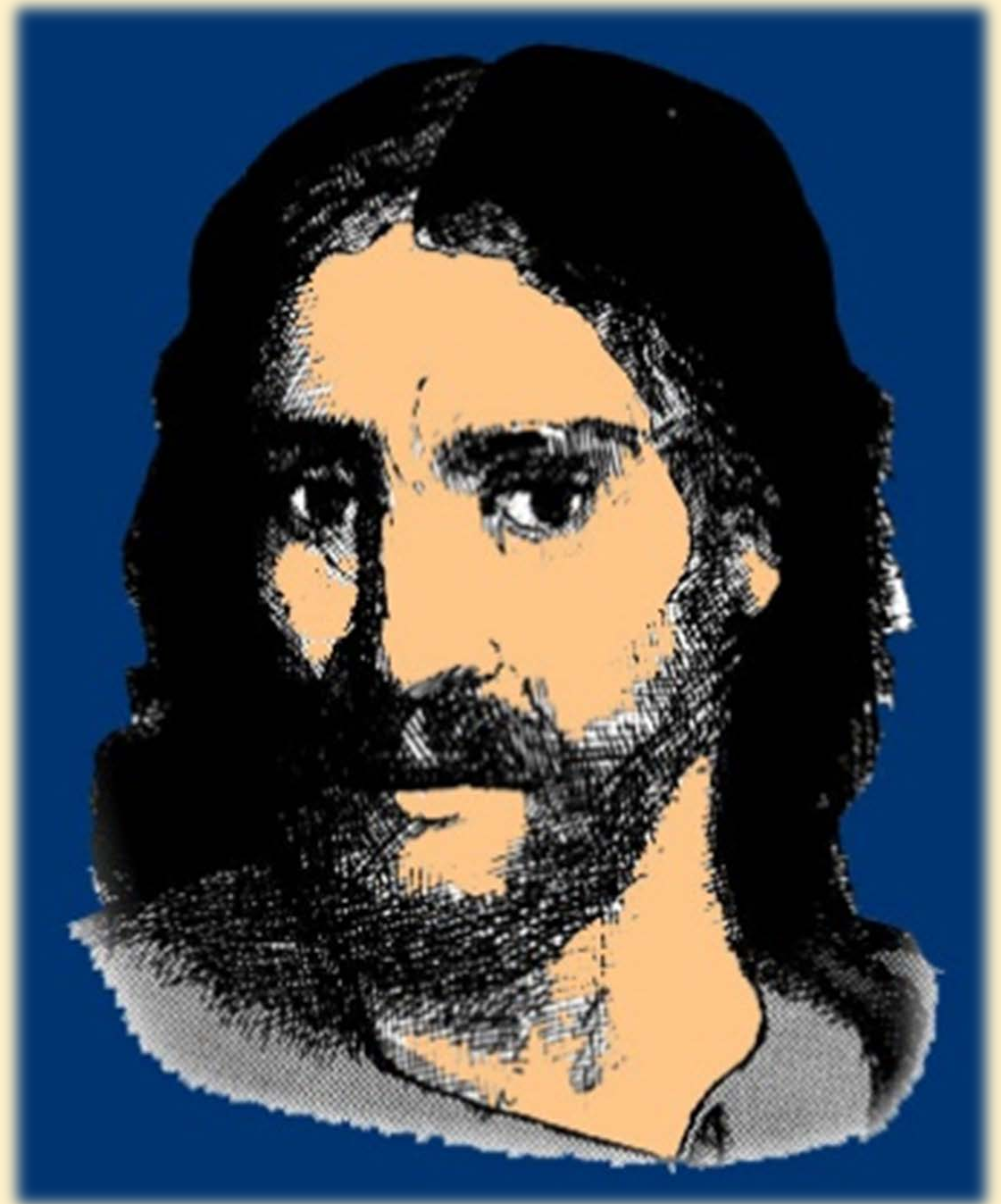
And that’s the truth. He loves us so much that He will not allow wickedness to go past certain limits. We are headed for eternity, where sin will be no more. The harvest is coming, when God’s righteous anger will bring an end to the sinful works and deeds of humankind, and His love will RESCUE those who have been trusting in the Lamb of God.



**He is the God of love! In fact, "God is love!"
(1Jn.4:8) And "He is not willing that any should
perish, but that all should come to repentance."
(2Pe.3:9.)**

**So, if you don't know Him and you want to enjoy
Heavenly happiness now and forever and miss this
coming Hell on Earth and a gloomy Afterlife, then
receive Jesus and His gift of Eternal Life by asking
Him into your heart! Which will it be for you? The
happy ending of God's wonderful, beautiful Heaven
on Earth? --Or the Hell on Earth of those left behind
to suffer the righteous indignation of God in the
Battle of Armageddon and all the other catastrophes
and plagues that are coming? Which will it be for
you? Whose side are you on? The choice is up to
you! --Take Jesus today! --Tomorrow may be too
late! Please pray this simple prayer:**

*"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the
Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart
and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me
with Your Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word.
Amen"*



In the 14th chapter we read again about the End. We have the fall of Babylon, the Rapture and we

have the Wrath of God, all those major events, as well as the Gospel preached to all the World. See, the Lord keeps going over it and over it and over it, *“review review review”*, to try to remind us and get the things straight in our head!

Within the chapters you will find that the order of events is very clear and they are sequential, but then later the Lord will often

go back to a previous vision and go over it again in some other way or from some other angle, stressing or emphasizing some other phase or some other point or some other personality. But it's very important that you understand, that just like those movies with flashbacks, Revelation is constructed much the same way, with the flashbacks going each time into greater detail about an event which has already been described briefly or mentioned briefly.



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Let's follow the order of events with the following End Time chart: the Great Tribulation starts when the Antichrist breaks the covenant (*Dan9:27*); at that point the 7 trumpets of tribulation begin to sound, one by one, followed by the Rapture of the saints who then go on to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while the seven vials of the Wrath of God are poured out on the wicked. More details coming in the next few chapters.

Rapture

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Wrath of God

Armageddon

DETAILS OF THE ENDTIME!

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S WRATH ON THE ANTICHRIST KINGDOM!
SEVEN TRUMPETS OF TRIBULATION
 -DETAILS OF THE END!
 Rev. 8-14

FIRST GREAT MOUNTAIN SILENT
 GREAT SEA, 3RD OF SEA
 INTO SMOKE, 3RD OF SEA
 TURNING TO BLOOD IN SEA
 OF LYING, 3RD OF SEA
 DIE, 3RD OF SEA
 DESTROYED
 Rev. 8:8,9

SECOND HAL & FIRE WITH
 BLOOD, 3RD OF TREES
 BURNED UP, ALL GRASS
 BURNED
 Rev. 8:7

THIRD STAR FALLS FROM HEAVEN
 3RD OF WATERS TURN TO
 WORMHOOD, MANY DIE
 Rev. 8:10,11

FORTH 3RD PART OF SUN, MOON
 & STARS DIMMED
 Rev. 8:12

FIFTH LOCUSTS FROM THE BOT-
 TOMLESS PIT TORMENT THE
 UNBELIEVED FOR FIVE
 MONTHS
 Rev. 9:1-12

SIXTH 200 MILLION HORSEMEN
 KILL 3RD OF MANKIND
 Rev. 9:13-21

SEVENTH JESUS
 RETURNS
 Rev. 11:15-19
 Rev. 24:29-31

PERSECUTION!
 TRUE CHURCH FLEES
 INTO THE WILDERNESS
 Rev. 12

**TWO GREAT
 WITNESSES**
 Rev. 11

**THE RESURRECTION &
 THE RAPTURE of the Saints!**

**THE MARRIAGE SUPPER
 OF THE LAMB** Rev. 19
JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST & REWARDS

**THE
 SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH** Rev. 15-22

FIRST SORE UPON
 WORSHIPERS OF
 THE BEAST
 Rev. 16:2

SECOND SEA TURNS TO
 BLOOD
 Rev. 16:3

THIRD RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS
 TURN TO BLOOD
 Rev. 16:4

FORTH SUN SCORCHES
 FOLK WHO DO NOT
 WORSHIP THE BEAST
 Rev. 16:7,8

FIFTH BEAST'S KINGDOM
 OF DARKNESS
 GALILEY DARK
 Rev. 16:9,10

SIXTH EUPHRATES RIVER
 DRYED UP
 Rev. 16:12

SEVENTH JESUS & SAINTS
 RETURN TO BATTLE
 BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON
 Rev. 16:16,17,21

**JESUS & SAINTS
 DESTROY ANTICHRIST ARMY
 IN BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**

**ON THE KINGDOM
 of the
 ANTICHRIST**

**WORSHIPPERS
 OF THE BEAST**

1 Cor. 15:51,52