

# *The Revelation*

## (28) The Final Reaping Begins

### *The first stage of the final reaping...Rev.14:13-16*

Immediately after the grim warning of vs.9-12, what does John hear? vs.13

**A voice from heaven (the Father?), blessed are those...who die in the Lord.**

And the confirming voice of the Spirit? vs.13

**Yes! They may rest and their deeds follow with them. Strongly implied rewards.**

Comment on these blessings. Are they trustworthy? Why are they stated here?

**Firm promises from God. Absolute truth. Positive hope for those facing death/tribulation.**

What does John see next? vs.14 Who is the 'one like a son of man'? Mt.13:36-42; 16:13-16

**This is Jesus, the Christ. This is the Name He most favored for Himself.**

And what is Jesus told to do? vs.15 See Is.63:1-6

**This is the final stage of divine judgment. Jesus reaps the earth, like overripe grain.**

What does this fulfill? Jn.5:22, 27; Acts 10:42; 17:31; Mt.13:24-30; 36-43

**Jesus, the Son of Man, is appointed by the Father, to execute judgment. Now is the time...**

Where do we find the details of this divine reaping? Rev.15:1; 6-8; 16:1-17

**This is seen in the (7) final bowl judgments. The bowls represent the conclusion, reaping.**

### *The second stage of the final reaping, Rev.14:17-20*

Immediately after this reaping, what does John see? vs.17

**He sees another angel with a sharp sickle coming out of the temple in heaven.**

And again sees what? vs.18 and the command?

**He sees another angel, having charge of the altar fire. Gather the ripe grapes of the earth.**

Comment on the altar. 6:9-11; 8:3-5

**Likely the altar of incense, place of prayers. Now the waiting is over, prayers answered.**

The immediate response is what? vs.19 Comment on wine press of wrath of God Joel 3:13

**Those unrepentant who survive the bowls are 'removed'. Wickedness is fully ripe.**

Where is this winepress located? 16:14-16

**Thought to be the valley of Megiddo. The divinely appointed battle of Armageddon.**

Comment on 14:20. What is being depicted here? Is.63:1-6; Zech.14:12-13

**This is the horrible slaughter of the wicked. Satan's armies are totally destroyed.**

Comment on "outside the city". What city? 11:8

**The Lord is protecting Jerusalem from this direct carnage. It will be His city / millennium**

