

The Son of Man swings His sickle and gathers the harvest from the earth. Earlier, Jesus told a story about a harvest. Read Matthew 9:36-38 (1221). What is the Son of Man harvesting? What should we pray for?

The Bible says God is very patient. 2 Peter 3:9 (1532) says that God is patient, not ending the world right away because He wants as many people as possible to be saved. Do you see a sign of God's patience in Rev. 14:15?

Jesus Himself, in love and mercy, will harvest His own people and bring them home. Who harvests the unbelievers?

In old times (and still today in some countries), people harvest grapes, put them in a winepress, and walk on the grapes to squeeze out the juice for wine. In the Bible, this is a symbol of God's anger and judgment. Read Isaiah 63:1-6 (941). Who is the only one who judges and punishes? How severe (terrible) is His judgment?

In Rev. 14:19, where is the winepress? Who is safe inside "the city" (Jerusalem)?

To Think About...

Rev. 14:5 says God's people never lie; they are blameless (innocent). Are you? How do you become that way?

The Book of Revelation

God's Picture of History and Heaven

Lesson 13, Revelation 14:1-20

To Begin...

Through all of history, harvest time is a time of joy. A summer of hard work, rain, and God's blessings leads to a great crop to harvest. The Bible says the end of the world will be like a harvest. Will that time be full of joy, or full of sorrow?

Jesus Brings His People Home

In chapters 12 and 13, we saw Satan and the two beasts cause persecution and trouble for Christians. In chapter 14, God shows us how in the end, Jesus will bring His people home. All the trouble on earth, and Satan trying to make us think he is the ruler, none of that ruins our life in Jesus. In the end, the kingdom of the sinful world collapses, and God's people live in glory.

The Lamb and the 144,000

Revelation 14:1-5

This is the second time we see 144,000 people. The first time was in Rev. 7:4. In chapter 7, John emphasized that they were all of God's people on earth. How did John show that? What was the symbol or picture?

In chapter 13, God showed John a vision of two beasts that fool the world. These are governments and false religions that lead people to do wicked things. Do God's people do those wicked things? How does the vision tell you that? How does God describe the 144,000 believers now?

Read Leviticus 23:9-11, 15-17 (144). God told the people to give Him the first grain they harvested. People did that to show how important God was to them. In Rev. 14, how does God show His people are important?

The Three Angels

Revelation 14:6-13

In verse 6, John saw an angel flying. What did the angel have? Who was it for?

The word "Gospel" means "Good News" or "Good Message." The gospel is the good news that Jesus saves us from our sins. The word can also mean both "Good News" AND "Law." Did this angel speak only good news, or both good news and law?

The second angel talked about Babylon the Great. Babylon was a symbol for Rome, and is also a symbol for the world that rejects Jesus. Babylon is also a name for the beast from the earth, the false religions. What happened to Babylon (the unbelieving world)?

Babylon (the false religions) "made the nations drink the wine of her passionate sexual sins." "Drink the wine" means to do or experience something. Is this wine (false religion) good for people? Read Jeremiah 51:7 (1026).

Read Ezekiel 6:8-9 (1047) and James 4:4 (1522). Sexual sins doesn't only mean sex sins. The Bible uses that to mean people who ignore the true _____ and worship false _____. They are like someone who leaves their spouse for another person.

The third angel talked about a different cup of wine, the wine of God's fury (anger). In Bible times, people mixed wine and water to drink. Wine that is not mixed means it is more strong, more powerful. Who is God's anger poured out on (verse 9-10)?

Heaven is our place of rest, Rev. 14:13 and Hebrews 4:9-11 (1508). What happens to people who follow false religion and don't worship God?

Harvest of the Earth

Revelation 14:14-20

The Son of Man is riding on a cloud and wearing a gold crown. Only God rides the clouds and has a crown of gold. Compare this with Daniel 7:13-14 (1114). Who is this Son of Man?