

III. The Angel's Message of The Grape Harvest.

A. The reaper. Rev 14:17 *And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. NASU*

B. The ripeness. Rev 14:18 *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." NASU*

C. The reaping. Rev 14:19-20 *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. NASU*

The Book of Revelation Message #34 What Will Take Place Later - The Angels' Messages - Part 2

Revelation 14:12-20

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I. The Assurance of The Saints. An encouragement for God's people to endure persecution.

A. The guarantee. Rev 14:12 *Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.*

Luke 21:19 *By your endurance you will gain your lives.*

Mark 8:36 *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?*

1 John 5:3 *Loving God means keeping his commandments,*

John 14:21 *"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me*

The phrase the perseverance of the saints introduces one of the most important doctrines in Scripture. It expresses the truth that all those whom God has elected, called, and justified will never lose their faith, but will persevere in it until death. That reality provides assurance, hope, and joy to every true believer in Jesus Christ and brings an end to fear and doubt. It also reveals that believers' deaths are blessed because death ushers them into the glories of heaven. Some refer to this as the doctrine of eternal security; others dub it the "once saved, always saved" teaching. While those definitions are accurate, they do not express this truth as clearly as the biblical phrase the perseverance of the saints. That statement emphasizes the reality that God keeps His own saints by sustaining their faith to the very end, no matter what occurs. True saving faith in its very nature is eternal and cannot be lost or destroyed."

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The second aspect of the assurance is:

B. The blessings. Rev 14:13 *And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."* NASU

1 Cor 15:58 *my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* NIV

Matt 25:21 *'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'* NIV

1 Cor 3:13-15 *But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.* NLT

II. The Angel's Message of The Grain Harvest. This passage pictures the final harvest of divine wrath in two different agricultural settings, the grain harvest (vv. 14–16) and the grape harvest (vv. 17–20).

A. The reaper. Rev 14:14 *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.*

This crown is not the 'diadem' worn by a king it is the 'stephanos' worn by victor of an athletic game or by a general in war event; it is the crown of triumph.

Joel 3:13 *Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow — so great is their wickedness!* NIV

B. The ripeness. Rev 14:15 *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."* NASU

C. The reaping. Rev 14:16 *Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.* NASU

