



## Today's Message

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Title: *Winepress of the Wrath of God*

Text: Revelation 14:14–20 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." <sup>16</sup> So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Introduction: In chapter 12 the progression of the narrative of Revelation paused; an interlude began that explained details necessary to the unfolding drama. Today's text concludes the interlude with a terrifying look at future judgment. Our sermons usually focus exclusively on the text. Today we will approach it differently. First we will review the message of Revelation up to this point. Then we will carefully examine the current text. Finally, we will set it all in the larger context of salvation history.

**I. A brief review of the book of Revelation:**

- A. A vision of the glorified Christ
- B. Letters to seven real churches
- C. A vision of the throne of God
- D. Seals, trumpets, and bowls

**II. A preview of judgment 14:14-20**

- A. The judgment of God is certain:
  - 1. It is planned by the Father,
  - 2. Executed by the Son,
  - 3. Carried out by the angels,
  - 4. To vindicate the saints.
- B. The judgment of God will be horrifying beyond imagination.

**III. A summary of the Christian message:**

- A. We have rebelled against our Creator.
- B. The consequences are worse than we imagine.
- C. Christ bore the awful penalty for us.
- D. Christ will return as Judge to vanquish his enemies.
- E. All who trust Christ will share in his eternal glory.

**Today's take-home truth: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2:12 (ESV)**