

The Reaping Revelation 14

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The Prelude: The Song of the 144,000 (1-5)

The Proclamation: The Messages of the Three Angels (6-13)

The Reaping (14-20)

14 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. 15 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." 16 So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Takeaways for today:

Decide that your favorite sins are not worth it.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

<u>Decide to speak up about God's holiness and coming</u> judgment.

Ezekiel 33:6

6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.'

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so... Psalm 107:2

Action steps:

Pick up some helpful resources before you leave. Spend some extra time today and do a spiritual inventory. Look for ways this week to love, share your faith, and invite.

LifeGroup Study Guide

Revelation 14 Week of June 14, 2015

| Review: The | ne Unholy Trinity is made up of three characters: |
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| Satan; the | , and the |

What troubles you most about the work of these three?

The Song of the 144,000 (Read verses 1-5)

Who are the 144,000? (see chapter 7)
How are the 144,000 and the rest of mankind marked differently?
Does v.4 mean that sex within marriage defiles?
How can there be a song of praise in heaven before the "reaping?"

The Messages of the 3 Angels (Read verses 6-13)

How would you summarize the message of these angels?

"Babylon" is a symbolic name for the world order of the Antichrist. We'll study it more later, but briefly describe that world order from previous chapters.

Do you see glimpses of that world order today?

The Reaping (Read 14-20)

Who is the "son of a man" in the description?

What does v.15 mean, "the harvest of the earth is fully ripe?"

How does the symbolic language of the winepress foreshadow the Battle of Armageddon? (see Rev. 19:15)

How does Jeremiah's prophecy apply to this section of Revelation? Jeremiah 47:6-7 Ah, sword of the Lord! How long till you are quiet? Put yourself into your scabbard; rest and be still! How can it be quiet when the Lord has given it a charge?

Application: Read Ezekiel 33:2-6 and discuss practical ways that believers can be modern-day watchmen—to warn others of the coming "Sword of the Lord."