

## REVELATION: Lesson 132

### Chapter 14:14-20, The Harvest of the Earth, Gathered for Destruction

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The events we will study about in this lesson take place at the very end of the Tribulation period just before the Lord's Second Coming to the Earth. This passage pictures the time when all the good fruit has already been harvested from the field and all that is left to do is to rid the field of the useless vine and destroy it. There are no more believers to be caught out of the Earth at this time.

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**Vs 14** One like the Son of man sits on a cloud, sickle in his hand, crown on his head, ready to reap the earth of its useless remains.

**Daniel 7:13-14** clearly identifies the Lord Jesus Christ as one like the Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven being given the kingdoms of the Earth by the Ancient of Days.

- He is given dominion over the kingdoms before coming to Earth (Rev 11:14).
- All people, nations, and languages are combined into one earthly kingdom to be governed by the Lord Jesus Christ (Dan 7:14). That is why He wears one crown.

**Psalm 80:1-19**, the Jews call for the Shepherd of Israel, being transported on His throne (Ezek 1, 10, Rev 1) to come to Earth and save them.

- They pray for Him to show His face and save them (vs 3). Believers today are saved by faith without ever seeing the Lord face to face (1 Peter 1:8, John 20:29, 2 Cor 4:18, 1 Jn 4:20). Therefore, this Psalm cannot refer to the Church. This is a Tribulation Psalm.
- **Vs 12-13**, notice that even at the end of the Tribulation they still don't understand why God allowed outsiders to destroy them. They haven't made the connection to their part in crucifying their Messiah. The Jews beg God to send the son of man to save them (vs 17).

**Luke 21:27-28**, Jesus spoke of the time He would come in a cloud, prepared to redeem the Jewish people.

- Notice that the Lord Jesus draws nigh (in the clouds) in all these passages. Then He destroys the enemies of Israel (from the clouds) ("**your redemption draweth nigh**"). After that, He will come to the Earth as Israel's Redeemer.
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**Vs 15** An angel tells the Son of man, “**Thrust in thy sickle, and reap.**” This has caused many commentators to doubt that this “**Son of man**” could be the Lord Jesus Christ. Why would Jesus take instructions from an angel?

- Notice: “**for the time is come for thee to reap...**” These are key words.
  - Jesus said, “**of that day and hour knoweth no man...but my Father only**” (Matt 24:36).
    - When the Father reveals the time, He’ll use an angel as *messenger* to signal to the Son of man that it is time to begin the reaping.
  - **Jeremiah 51:33**, prophesied of this end-time harvest.
  - **Isaiah 27:11** says that this will be a time when the Creator will have no mercy.
  - **Matthew 8:20** is the first appearance of the term “**Son of man**” in the New Testament. It is significant that this term appears at a time of when those dwelling on Earth have rejected Jesus Christ.
    - The last time “**Son of man**” is used will be the time when Jesus Christ rejects those dwelling on the Earth.
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#### **WHY DOESN'T JESUS COME STRAIGHT DOWN TO EARTH AND BEGIN REAPING?**

- **Deuteronomy 23:24-25**. The Law clearly states that you are not allowed to reap that which does not belong to you.
    - Jesus stops in the second heaven to receive possession and ownership of the kingdoms of the Earth so that He can enter that field and begin reaping without breaking the Law.
  - **Matthew 13:3-9, 36-40**. The field belongs to the Son of man who sowed the seed (vs 37). He has every right to do what He will with it.
  - **Mark 4:26-29**. After the three-part harvest is completed (firstfruits, main harvest, gleanings), then it is time to put in the sickle and cut down the remaining bare stalks.
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