



FINAL CONQUEST

A VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF REVELATION

GOD'S TERRIBLE, SWIFT SWORD

REVELATION 14:1-20

Introduction: The first time Jesus came to earth, He brought salvation to all who would believe. The next time Jesus comes to earth, He will bring judgment to those who refuse to believe. In one of the most vivid and disturbing passages in all of the book of Revelation, John describes one terrifying result of Christ's Second Coming that is not often discussed today.

The Contrast Between Jesus' Two Advents

At Jesus' First Coming	At Jesus' Second Coming
He came in meekness as a servant. (Matthew 20:28)	He will come in power as the judge. (Matthew 24:30-31; 25:31-46; John 5:25-29)
He came in humility and gentleness. (Matthew 11:29; John 5:41)	He will come in majesty and splendor. (1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7)
He came to seek and save the lost. (Matthew 18:11; Luke 19:10; John 3:17)	He will come to judge and reign. (Acts 10:40-42; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 11:15)
He came as a servant to suffer divine wrath for sinners. (Matthew 16:21; Matthew 17:12; Mark 9:12)	He will come as a conqueror to rescue the righteous from wrath. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)
He came to sow the seed of the gospel. (Matthew 13:3-9; Luke 8:11)	He will come to reap the harvest of those who reject the gospel. (Matthew 13:37-42)

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I. The Victory For God's People (Revelation 14:1-5)

A. The Song of God's People (Revelation 14:1-3)

Revelation 14:1-3 ¹ "Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth."



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B. The Purity of God's People (Revelation 14:4-5)

Revelation 14:4-5 ⁴ “These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.”

II. A Warning To God's Enemies And Blessing For God's People (Revelation 14:6-13)

A. An Announcement of the Gospel (Revelation 14:6-7)

Revelation 14:6-7 ⁶ “And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; ⁷ and he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.’”

B. An Announcement of Destruction (Revelation 14:8)

Revelation 14:8 “And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality.’”

C. An Announcement of Doom (Revelation 14:9-11)

Revelation 14:9-11 ⁹ “Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.’”



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D. An Announcement of **Blessing** (Revelation 14:12-13)

Revelation 14:12-13 ¹² “Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. 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.’”

III. The Calamity On God's Enemies (Revelation 14:14-20)

A. The **Wheat** Harvest of Christ: Prelude to the Seven Bowl Judgments (Revelation 14:14-16)

Revelation 14:14-16 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. 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.’ ¹⁶ Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.”

B. The **Grape** Harvest of an Angel: Prelude to Armageddon (Revelation 14:17-20)

Revelation 14:17-20 ¹⁷ “And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 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.’ ¹⁹ 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.”

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IV. A Decision To Be God's Friend Or God's Enemy

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