

# REVELATION—UNVEILING THE END, ACT III: THE FINAL CURTAIN

GOD'S TERRIBLE, SWIFT SWORD

REVELATION 14:14–20



## The Heart of the Matter

In the closing seven verses of Revelation 14, John described the Lord's final judgment using vivid word pictures that an ancient grower of grain and grapes would appreciate. As we read about the Son of Man swinging His sharp sickle of judgment, we are reminded that God's justice holds us accountable for our choices, and we must accept or reject His truth.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. The Coming of Christ: A Study in Contrast

Many choose to nurture a cozy image of Jesus as the meek and mild suffering servant, which allows them to reject the Lord's call for submission. Though much of the New Testament describes a gentle Jesus, He is also presented as a powerful king and a severe judge.

### 2. The Grain Harvest: Seven Bowl Judgments (Revelation 14:14–16)

The Lord, in His mercy, will delay judgment as long as possible, but like an overripe wheat field demands quick and decisive action, the evil of mankind will call for swift and complete justice.

### 3. The Grape Harvest: Armageddon Judgment (Revelation 14:17–20)

While the wheat harvest illustrates the speed and totality of the Lord's intervention in human affairs, the grape harvest depicts the severity of His judgment.



## Starting Your Journey

As we peer into the future and consider the complete Jesus—both the gentle priest and the severe judge—two principles present themselves:

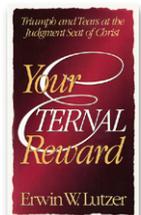
1. God's justice holds every person accountable.
2. God's grace grants every person the freedom to accept or refuse His gift.



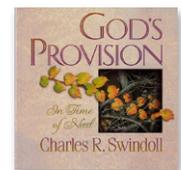
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