**A Preview of Victory**  
**PART III**  
Revelation 14:14-20

**Main Thought**: In the PROPHETIC (at the second coming) PAST (an accomplished fact – 11:15) PREVIEW, Christ comes at His Second Coming to harvest the wheat – the righteous (14-16) while His angels harvest the grapes of His wrath – the wicked (17-20).

**The Harvest of the Righteous by Christ – the Wheat** (14-16).

- Here is CHRIST: (1) seated on a white cloud (1:7; Matt. 17:5; 24:30; Acts 1:9, 11); (2) “like the son of man” (1:13; Dan. 7:13-14); (3) “crown (GK = stephanos – victor not royal diadem [19:12]) of gold”; (4) “sharp sickle” for harvesting (Mark 4:29; Jn. 5:22, 27).
- The harvest here is for the salvation (John 4:35) of the wheat (Matt. 13:25). Note: (1) this is unnamed (grain/wheat?), the other grapes; (2) no wrathful judgment here; (3) Christ, not angels; (4) one is first, the other is second.
- The 4th angel announces to Christ that the harvest is RIPE. It reminds us of God’s timetable – the “fullness of the Gentiles” (Rom. 11:25 KJV).
- This angelic announcement comes from the temple in heaven (17).
- Christ employs his AGENTS in this harvest: (1) today believers (Matt. 9:37-38); (2) at His 2nd Coming angels (Matt. 13:30, 39).

**The Harvest of the Wicked by Angels – the Weeds** (17-20).

- Another (5th) angel joins in the harvest with a “sharp sickle” (Matt. 13:39); perhaps this is a smaller sized grape sickle.
- He is exhorted by yet another (6th) angel who was in charge of the fire from the altar. This (6th) angel had earlier offered incense with the prayers of the saints (8:3-5) indicating this harvest for judgment was a result of those prayers (How Long? – Psa. 94:3; 119:84; Hab. 1:2).
- This harvest is for clusters of GRAPES from the earth for they are ripe.
- These are the WEEDS that grew with the wheat (Matt. 13:40-42). These are the GOATS who are separated from the sheep (Matt. 25:31-32, 41) in the VALLEY OF DECISION (Joel 3:14).
- These grapes were GATHERED (collect, tie in bundles – Matt. 13:30) and THROWN (Matt. 13:42) “into the great winepress of God’s wrath.”
- The WINEPRESS was rock-hewn about 8 ft. square where they were trampled by bare feet. Christ will do the trampling (19:15; Isa. 63:3)!
- The juice ran down to a lower vat for collection yielding the WINE OF GOD’S FURY poured FULL STRENGTH INTO THE CUP OF HIS WRATH (10).
- This will occur OUTSIDE THE CITY in order to not defile it (Heb. 13:12). It will take place in the Kidron Valley – the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:12-14).
- The blood (communion – grape juice) flowed out of the press “spattering” (Isa. 63:3) as high as the horses bridles throughout the land (1600 stadia=180 miles). This is indicative of a wide spread Battle of Armageddon.