The Book of

Visions of the Holy War

14:14-20 THE EARTH IS REAPED

Revelation 14:14-20

Intro:

There are three visions in ch 14:

- 1. The triumphant Christ on Mt Zion, vs. 1-5;
- 2. The message of the 3 Angels, vs. 6-11;
- 3. The final harvests, vs. 14-20.

What we see in these last verses of ch 14 is the final judgment of God before the return of Christ.

There are two harvests depicted in this section of scripture:

- 1. The Grain Harvest, vs. 14-16,
- 2. The Grape Harvest, vs. 17-20.

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The Grain Harvest is connected to the bowl judgments;

The Grape Harvest depicts Armageddon.

I. The Grain Harvest (Vs. 14-16)

In a parallel vision Dan. 7:13-14 depicts the One on the cloud as Jesus.

Clouds are often associated with the Lord, Matt. 24:30, 26:64, Acts 1:10-11.

Clouds depict the Glory and Majesty of God.

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I. The Grain Harvest (Vs. 14-16)

"One like the Son of Man" is a common description of the Lord; Phil. 2:7-8, Rev. 1:12-13.

The crown was a victor's crown, not a royal crown.

The Greek word for "ripe", Xērainō, means beyond use.

Vs. 16 depicts the actual execution of the Grain Harvest.

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II. The Grape Harvest

(Vs. 17-20)

The reaper here is an Angel, #5, and he is instructed by another Angel, #6, to begin reaping.

That he has power over fire is reminiscent of the Angel in ch. 6 and ch. 8.

The word for "Ripe" here is "akmazō" (Gk) and means in its prime.

The image of a wine press depicts the life of Christ's enemies being crushed out of them.

The height and distance of blood could be viewed as a hyperbole, not necessarily literally.