

Judgment Day
Revelation 14:14-20, 20:11-15

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Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.
Hebrews 9:27

1. **Distinction** Between Harvest and Judgment.

So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. —Revelation 14:16

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. —Revelation 20:12

There is some sense of Judgment in the Harvest, a separating of believers from unbelievers, but this is not the judgment we often think of.

2. Angels are the **Agents** of Harvest

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.
—Revelation 14:17

Jesus and 3 angels mentioned—Revelation 14:14, 15, 17, 18

Angels and judgment in the Gospels—Matthew 16:27, 25:31, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26, 12:9

Parable of wheat and weeds (tares)—Matthew 13:29-30, 40-43

Jesus receives orders from an angel.—Revelation 14:15

3. Two **Sides** of the Harvest

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.
—Revelation 14:14

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.
—Revelation. 14:17

Like two sides of the same coin.

Jesus—Harvest of the believers

Angel—Harvest of unbelievers unto God's wrath

Parallel passage in Joel 3

Joel 3:2, 12, Gather the nations at the valley of decision (Jehoshaphat)—Jehovah judges.

Joel 3:13, “*Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!*”

Revelation 14:15-16, “The harvest of the earth is ripe.”

Ripe, ἔξηραύθη ex-ay-ran'-thay def: ripe, in the sense of dry.

Revelation 14:18-20, “Grapes are ripe.”

ακμαζω akmazo ak-mad'-zo, grapes are fully ripe,

from ακμην akmān, like our word “acme” meaning highest degree, climax.

How are the righteous ripe? Gospel preached to the entire world.

Matthew 24:14, 24:31, 2 Peter 3:9 (vs. 8 “a thousand years”)

How is wickedness ripe? Sin is ripe. God’s cup of wrath is full.

Genesis 6:5-6, Joel 3:13, Rev. 6:10

4. **Two Resurrections and Two Judgments.**

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. —Revelation 20:6

7 Beatitudes of Revelation

1 st	1:3	Blessed are those who read and hear this prophecy.
<u>2nd</u>	14:13	Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
3 rd	16:15	Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps clothed.
4 th	19:9	Blessed are those invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.
<u>5th</u>	20:6	Blessed are those who have part in the first resurrection.
6 th	22:7	Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy.
7 th	22:14	Blessed are those who wash their robes & eat from the tree of life.

Connection between 2nd and 5th Blessing.

First Judgment

- Positional—Separation, harvest
- Rewards—According to works
- No punishment—Jesus paid it all

Second Judgment

Death, resurrection.
Punishment—according to deeds
Eternal punishment—All in lake of fire.

Born once = Die twice—death and second death, eternal punishment.

Born twice = Die once—blessed in death, no fear of the second death.