

## Message Notes

Series: How close are we to the end?

Message: God's Swift Sword

Passage: Rev 14: 14-20

Intro:

There is a coming battle that we are in the fringes of now (a spiritual battle to get the gospel out to everyone) which will culminate in a fierce brief war where Jesus will emerge completely victorious.

Rev 14: 1-13 gave us a preview of coming events: the gathering of the remnant on the mountain of God with Christ and then four proclamations emerge: the eternal gospel; the fall of Babylon; the warning of doom and the promise of blessing to the tribulation saints.

The remaining verses in chapter 14 preview the Battle of Armageddon that is detailed in Rev 16: 13-21 and 19: 19-21.

Rev. 14:4

The cloud symbolizes God in C\_\_\_\_\_ : i.e. The Mount of Transfiguration in Matthew 17 where God says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased-listen to Him!"

Dan. 7:13 prophecies of this event centuries before.

Mark 13: 26 Jesus Himself predicts how He will return.

The expression, "Son of Man" fulfills the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of God's Kingdom mediated through a chosen human who was also divine.

The Hebrew idiom, "son of man" emphasizes the h\_\_\_\_\_ of a being.

Matthew 8:20; 12:40; 17:12

The day of harvest could no longer be delayed.

What God promised mankind in Gen 3: 15, "I will redeem humanity through the woman's seed and defeat the serpent and his allies), Jesus is shown as what Gal. 3: 19 states, "Christ is the ultimate seed to whom the promise has been made."

**Rev 14: 15-16:**

Wearing the crown of Ruler, Jesus comes to reap because the harvest is ripe.

“Ripe” is a word that means, “d\_\_\_\_\_ or w\_\_\_\_\_” suggesting that the condition of wicked humanity has become “overripe.”

**2 Peter 3:9**

**Rev. 14: 17-20**

While the wheat harvest represents a sudden, swift judgment, the grape harvest signifies the s\_\_\_\_\_ of that judgment.

**14: 20**

Joel 3: 13-16 describes this same event.

The valley of decision refers to the Jezreel Valley near the biblical city of Megiddo.

There the armies of the world will gather for the final conflict will experience complete devastation while the people of God are saved.

Then the King of Kings will establish His everlasting Kingdom Rev. 19: 11-16

**1 Thess 1:10; 5:9**

## SMALL GROUP LESSON

**LOOK BACK:** How does it make you feel to know that even with all the cosmic chaos the world is going through that final Victory is coming in the end?

### LOOK UP:

One: How should you keep yourself ready for the coming final conflict between good and evil?

Read 1 Cor. 3: 11-15

Two: What should you be doing as a Christ follower and stop doing in order to fully line up with God's eternal purposes?

Read 2 Cor 5: 10

Three: What practical steps can you take this week to start changing the way you invest your time, talents and treasures so that you are completely living as a Kingdom citizen?

Read Rev. 2: 23

Four: If God asked you to surrender something right now so that it was no longer affecting your commitments to him, what would it be?

### LOOK FORWARD:

God has someone He desires you to invest in this week? Ask Him for a name and then follow through: \_\_\_\_\_