

The Book of Revelation

The Revelation (Apocalypse) of Jesus Christ to John

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“Judgment.” κρισις (*krisis*): “To decide.” A decision for or against.

(v.8): The “Second Angel” Judgement. Announcing the fall of “Babylon” (All resistance against God –The “anti-God” systems!)

(Vs. 9-13): The third “angel.” “Doom” for the “Beast worshippers”

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Old Testament imagery of eschatological judgement. The “cup” of God’s wrath!

“Fire” (symbol of God’s judgement) and “Sulfur” (Old English word was “brimstone”) Greek: *θειον* (*theion*). Describes the noxious fumes from an extinguished fire.

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A description of judgment for all those who refused the truth and worshipped a lie!

The “reverse” of those who “drank” from Babylon’s “cup”
(v.8)

(v.11): The turmoil of the unrighteous find “no rest” “day or night”

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Contrasted with the Saints who will find “rest” from their labors!

(v.13): A “fourth voice” Jesus or an angel –The Spirit answers!

A call to perseverance and a future promise of “rest!”

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(Vs.14-20): The “harvesting” of the earth. An Old Testament image (Reaping grain, sowing, etc.)

(v.15): “Ripe” ξηραίνομαι (*xērainomai*): Lit., “To become dry, shriveled.”

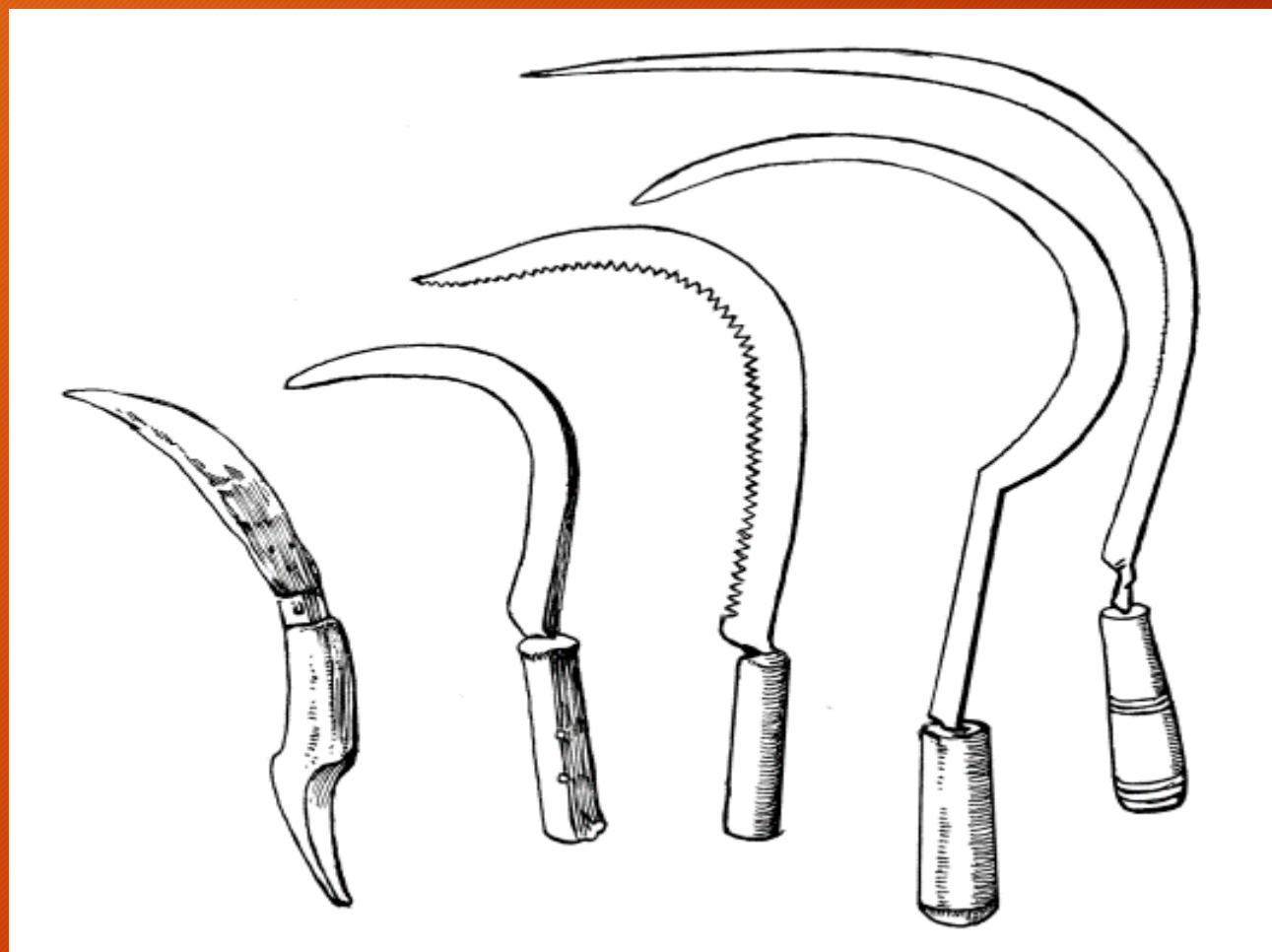
Language reflects Daniel 7. The “Son of Man” “Sitting on a cloud” – “Shekinah glory” Refers to the coming/presence of the Messiah. (*Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62*)

The King (Golden Crown) holds a “sickle” δρέπανον (*drepanon*) (*Isaiah 27.12*)

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An angel from the Altar (Incense) brings “fire” (Judgement/vindication).

A picture of the vindication of God’s martyred people!

The “trodden” winepress—the final eschatological battle!

Outside the “city” –Jerusalem! Jesus was executed “outside” the city.

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In the A.N.E. there was a common association between blood and the juice from a wine press, which is referred to as the “blood of the grape”

Summary: Three eschatological judgment images:

Unmixed wine (v.10)

Grain harvest (vs 14-16)

Vintage harvest (vs 17-20)

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Different views of the same reality.

“200 miles” (Approx. 1,600 Stadia) “Obscure hyperbole”
Great judgement across the whole earth. (Multiples of “10”
typically associated with the “earth.”)

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| First Coming | Second Coming |
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| He came in meekness as a servant (<i>Matt. 20:28</i>) | He will come in power as Judge (<i>Matt. 24:30-31; 25:31-46; John 5:26-29</i>) |
| He came in humility and gentleness (<i>Matt. 11:29; John 5:41</i>) | He will come in majesty and splendor (<i>1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 1:7</i>) |
| He came to seek and save the lost (<i>Matt. 18:11; Luke 19:10; John 3:17</i>) | He will come to judge and reign (<i>Acts 10:40-42; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 11:15</i>) |
| He came as a servant to suffer wrath for sinners (<i>Matt. 16:21; 17:12; Mark 9:12</i>) | He will come as a conqueror to rescue the righteous from wrath (<i>1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17</i>) |
| He came to sow the seed of the gospel (<i>Matt. 13:3-9; Luke 8:11</i>) | He will come to reap the harvest (<i>Matt. 13:37-42</i>)* *C. Swindoll. <i>NT Insights</i> . |
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Applications to Chapter 14:

- *God's grace gives freedom to choose righteousness.
- *God's justice will bring judgement.
- *Hell was created for those that want it!