

Revelation 14 b

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

This is pretty self-explanatory. Blessed is makarios. It means happy. Why are they happy? They are resting in the Lord. These are the people who reject the mark of the beast and are executed for opposing him. Their labor was tenuous during the time of tribulation. Imagine being an evangelist in a world that has experienced the seals and the trumpets and still wouldn't repent. Imagine being a rare voice for Y'shua in a world that worships the counterfeit messiah. And yet, that's what the dead who die in the Lord do. They literally give their lives for Y'shua which is what all of us are called to do, but so few followers become disciples of Jesus and actually die to themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. If these people can make an impact on the world at this time, what kind of impact do you think we can make on the world now by giving our lives for Christ? What children and youth will be changed by the relationship we have with them through the Holy Spirit. Will someone you lead to Christ today be the ones or the descendants of the ones who will be proclaiming Y'shua at this time?

14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man^[b] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." **16** So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

Ok, this one seated on the cloud who looks “like a son of man” is not Y’shua. Whomever this is, an angel of some sort, remember heavenly beings don’t all have wings, just cherubim and seraphim, so he could look like a son of man, this one has the job of reaping the dry harvest. Another reason you know it isn’t Y’shua is because another angel comes and gives this person orders. Angels don’t order the King to do anything. Let’s come back to the first angel and the first harvest which is a dry harvest, like wheat, in a second. The second one is a little easier to explain, so let’s do that one first.

¹⁷ Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” ¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. ²⁰ They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.^[c]

The second harvest is a wet grape harvest. The cup of wrath, or the wine of wrath, the wine of fornication, the undiluted cup of wrath, the winepress are mentioned several times throughout scriptures, for example Isaiah 63:1-4 and Joel 3:13, and especially in Revelation. These grapes are the fruit of rebellion that the world has produced against God. With the martyrs at rest and no one left on earth willing to repent, and wickedness and abomination at its peak the grapes are as ripe as their ever going to get. Now it is time for the harvest.

Blood Covenant protection lifted.

As we get into chapter 15 we find out who does the trampling in the winepress and what that connection is to Isaiah 63:1-4. But for now know that the call for repentance has been ignored completely and Yahweh responds to the blood of His children. Yahweh responds to the total rebellion of the souls on earth who reject purity, truth, and life. Again, this becomes more evident in Chapter 15. But this harvest, the wet harvest, is definitely a wrath of God harvest.

Magma or blood?

The confusion with the first harvest is that it is a dry harvest. What does that mean? It isn't grapes, there is no winepress. Does that mean it is a good harvest as opposed to this one which is a harvest of wickedness? Probably not. The sickle lays to reap what has been sown. By the way the word Katzir for this harvest is for wheat, barley, and oats, that's why it is a dry harvest. But it is not wheat, barley, or oats that are being harvested and burned. It is tares, weeds. The key to this is Matthew 13:24-43. ²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the

weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[b] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”^[c]

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous

will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

So, Jesus prophesied this. John sees it visually. The enemy plants wickedness among the wheat. The tares look like wheat, but they aren't wheat. Over time the tares take over completely. Then the angel can come and harvest the entire crop of Satan's wickedness and the people who give their lives to him. The grapes and the tares are unfortunately all the people of the world, earth dwellers, who reject heaven, reject Y'shua and therefore reject Yahweh. They are completely given over to evil and produce evil. They cannot be saved because they will not be saved. That's what rebellion does.

Earthquake option?

Letter Nun – 14th letter of the Hebrew Aleph Bet. Numerical value 50. Faithfulness and soul, falling and rising

Think of Jesus crucified and risen. The falling before the rising. Think of the martyrs who fall and rise and are standing with Y'shua.