



Truth For These Times



33. THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES

In ages past, God has revealed through the prophets, His plans, and warnings of coming destruction, for He is “not willing that any should perish.” 2 Peter 3:9. Just so, God has given to us in these last days, a great message of warning concerning what is coming on the world. In these prophecies, He has revealed certain truths He wants you to know and to understand. These are revealed in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, HE IS COMING with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

The keynote of the book of Revelation is the Second Coming of Christ. This theme runs through all the book as a golden thread. Because of this dominant theme it has often been called, “The Book of the Advent”, i.e. the Second Coming of Christ.

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “**SURELY I AM COMING QUICKLY.**” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The very last promise of the book of Revelation concerns the coming of Christ; in fact, almost every prophecy in Revelation has for its climax, the Second Coming of the Saviour.

Revelation 14:14-16 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the SON OF MAN, having on His head a GOLDEN CROWN, and in His hand a SHARP SICKLE. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “THRUST IN YOUR SICKLE AND REAP, for the time has come for You to reap, for THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS RIPE.” So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

When Jesus returns, He comes as a king (golden crown). He also comes as a judge, (sickle) to gather His saved ones to Him. He comes as both King and Redeemer.

In Revelation 14:6-12, John saw a vision of three mighty angels proclaiming three very important messages to the world just preceding the Second Coming of the Lord. An “angel” means simply, “a messenger”, and in prophecy is often used to represent a message being proclaimed in the earth. These verses show that just prior to the Advent, three great messages are to be sounded in the earth. These messages comprise the greatest sign of Christ’s soon appearing. Actually, their whole purpose is to prepare men and women for that important event. Just before His first advent, Jesus had a messenger to go before Him with a special message. The prophecy is recorded in Malachi 3:1, and its message was preached by John the Baptist. See Matthew 11:10,11. And so, before Jesus comes



the second time, another special message is to be proclaimed to the world – the message of the three angels.

THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE

Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.

The Everlasting Gospel: It is not something new or strange, not something humanity has invented. It will preach the everlasting gospel – the message of salvation through faith in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. It will herald the glorious news that men and women are saved by grace. Not only will it proclaim the everlasting gospel, but it must proclaim special messages for the last days to meet last day situations.



Revelation 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT HAS COME; and WORSHIP HIM WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, the sea and springs of water.”

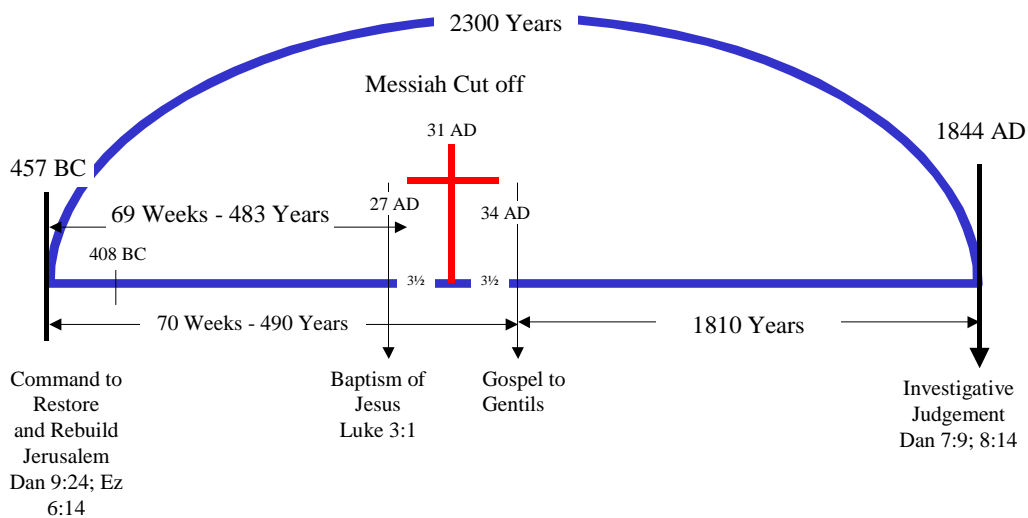
The statement “has come” is very significant. It indicates arrival; not something to occur in the future, but something that has actually taken place. Here it refers to the judgment.

Acts 24:25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the JUDGMENT TO COME, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”

Paul did not preach God’s last day message, for he spoke of “judgment to come”. In Paul’s day the judgment was future.

The last day message will herald the fact that God’s judgment hour “has come”, or has arrived. This

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last message must commence when the judgment commences. In the study of the 2,300 day prophecy, Daniel clearly shows the judgment commenced in 1844. The last day message of the three angels should be heard in the earth after 1844.

Also in Revelation 14:7 is a call to return to the worship of the Creator. It is interesting to note the similarity in wording to the fourth commandment concerning God's creatorship. When all the world is turning to the worship of the beast power of Revelation 13, God's last great message will belt the globe, calling men and women to fear God and worship Him as Creator. How can we best worship the Creator? The keeping of the Sabbath is an acknowledgment of the fact that God is the Creator. Exodus 20:8-11.

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Revelation 14:8 And another angel followed, saying, "BABYLON IS FALLEN, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

What is Babylon? In the Old Testament Babylon was a nation that oppressed the people of God and in fact had a system of worship that was a counterfeit of the worship of the true God. In Revelation, John takes the term Babylon and uses it to describe the false worship in the religious world, and in particular the erroneous system of the Papacy.



Revelation 18:2-4 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

The same message that proclaims the fall of Babylon calls men and women to come out and to come away from all false worship and to return to all the great truths of the Bible, truths held by Christ and the apostles; a call back to the Bible only, as the only sure foundation of faith and practice.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Revelation 14:9-11 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "IF ANYONE WORSHIPS THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE, AND RECEIVES HIS MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD OR ON HIS HAND, HE HIMSELF SHALL ALSO DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH OF GOD, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Here is a warning against the worship of the beast and its image; also the receiving of its mark. God's last message will proclaim His fearful judgments on those who refuse to heed His message, and cast in their lot with apostate religion. God calls His people from all churches to accept the truth and forsake all false teachings.



Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; **HERE ARE THOSE WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS.**

Here is the contrast between those who serve God, and those who worship the beast power. The genuine faith in Jesus of His followers leads to obedience to the commandments of God.

God's last message will include the teachings of Jesus. Christians who love their Lord and have based their faith on His teachings as outlined in the Bible will proclaim it. And it will emphasise the commandments of God.

Thus we have the picture of God's final call to men before the Lord Jesus Returns. An international message, a message that is borne to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people" to prepare men and women for the coming of Christ. It is to be sounded with a loud voice, proclaiming the everlasting gospel, reminding men and women that the hour of God's judgment has arrived, calling them back to the worship of the Creator by the observance of His true Sabbath, telling of the downfall of Babylon, the great false religious system set up by the adversary of Christ, warning men and women against the worship of the beast, his image and his mark. And it calls out a people who will keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This is God's final call to humankind, His last message to the world.

This message is being taken to the world today, not by another church, but by a movement raised up by God, just as surely as were Noah and John the Baptist. This message rises above sectarianism. It transcends the barriers of denominationalism. It is God's great warning message to help men and women get ready to meet Jesus when He comes. Seventh-day Adventists called by God, are the only people proclaiming this message of Revelation 14. May the Lord Jesus guide you into all truth, and when you find it, cherish it. Buy the truth and sell it not. Proverbs 23:23.

Review Sheet – Three Angels’ Messages

Assignment: Read the Bible study carefully before answering the following questions.

1. Very early in the book of Revelation, how is Christ’s Second Coming emphasised? Revelation 1:7
Behold, _____, _____,
2. What is the concluding subject of the book of Revelation? Revelation 22:20
Says, “_____.” _____!
3. What two articles are mentioned in Revelation 14:14-16 which show Jesus comes as a King and a Judge?
1) _____ 2) _____.
4. What is the meaning of “an angel”?
A _____.
5. What did the first angel have to preach to the world? Revelation 14:6
Having the _____.
6. What is the message of the first angel Revelation 14:7?
Fear God, and give glory to Him; for _____.
7. How did Paul indicate that the judgment was yet future in his day? Acts 24:25
He reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and _____.
8. What is the message of the second angel? Revelation 14:8
And another angel followed, saying, “_____,”
9. What is the term Babylon used to describe in the book of Revelation?
False _____,
10. What is the call to God’s people in other churches at this time? Revelation 18:2-4
From heaven saying, “_____,”
11. What is the message of the third angel? Revelation 14:9-11
Saying with a loud voice, “_____,”
“_____,”
“_____,”
12. How are God’s faithful remnant described in Revelation 14:12?
Here are those _____
_____.

Is it your intention to become a part of God’s remnant church; those who are commissioned to preach the messages of the three angels? _____.