
The Three Angels Messages
1. The First Angel Pt. 1

These three angel's messages are what brings about the second coming of Jesus.

-Revelation 14:14-15.

"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell." Early Writings p. 63

"The present truth for this time comprises the **messages**, the **third** angel's message succeeding the **first** and **second**." 1Manscript Releases p. 59

What is the setting of the three angel's messages in the book of Revelation?

What is the content of Revelation 12-14?

-What happens in chapter 13?

-Satan, the father sends his spiritual son, the beast to receive worship that should belong to Jesus.

-God reacts by sending the everlasting gospel to those who dwell upon the earth.

The purpose of the three angel's messages:

-to tell the world who to worship

-Worship God, not the beast.

The first Angel: Revelation 14:6-7

-The everlasting gospel

-Those who dwell on the earth

-Fear God

-Giving God Glory

-Hour of His Judgment

-Worship Him who made

Angels

-What are these three angels?

Aggelos - ang'-el-os: From ἀγγέλλω aggelō (probably derived from G71; compare G34; to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication a pastor: - angel, messenger.

In the Bible, human beings are sometimes called messengers because they were sent by God to deliver a message:

-John the Baptist: Mt 11:10

-Messengers sent to John: Lk 7:24

-Spies who visited Jericho: James 2:25

-The High Priest: Mal 2:7 LXX

-Jesus as the messenger of the covenant: Mal 3:1 LXX

Matthew 28:19

-The preaching of the gospel has not been given to angels, but God's people

The angels = are characterized by God's people who take the message to the entire world.

The Everlasting Gospel

Luke 4:18

Matt 24:14

"Hanging upon the cross Christ was the gospel. Now we have a message, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." Will not our church members keep their eyes fixed on a crucified and risen Saviour, in whom their hopes of eternal life are centered? This is our message, our argument, our doctrine, our warning to the impenitent, our encouragement for the sorrowing, the hope for every believer." Manuscript Releases 49. 1898

Those who dwell on the earth

-Revelation uses the phrase 8 times.

-3:10, 6:10, 11:10, 13:14, 14:6, 17:8

-Every time this phrase is used it is always talking about the wicked.

-contrasted w those who dwell in heaven: Rev 13:6, 3:31

-Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Fear God

-What does it mean to "fear God?"

-Lev 19:3 KJV "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

-ESV, NKJV revere

-NASB, reverence

-NIV respect

-Fearing God denotes being in a right relationship with Him.

-Job 1:8-9

-Fearing God also denotes a full surrender to His will.

-Gen 22:12

-Fearing God and giving Him glory go together.

- Rev 15:4

-1 Cor 6:19-20

-1 Cor 10:31

Giving God glory

-Ex 33:18-19 Moses asks God to show him His glory.

-Ex 33:20-23

-Ex 34:1, 4-5, 6-7, 29. Moses now holds the 10 Commandments in his hands.

The Hebrew word for glory is: קָבוֹד kabod

Watch what happened when the ark of the covenant was taken from Israel by the Philistines.

1 Sam 4:12-21

Revelation 7:1-3 seal on forehead

Revelation 14:1 name of forehead

Hebrews 8:6-10 law written on the mind/heart

Deut 6:4-6

Glory = law of God

Rom 3:23 – sinning is falling short of the glory

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2. The First Angel Pt. 2 (Combination of presentations 2-3)

Rev 14:6-7

The progression of the first angel's message so far...

- Gospel of Jesus is preached, which leads to fear/respect/love towards God.
- Fearing or reverencing God is the result of accepting the everlasting gospel (justification).
- Giving God glory or keeping His law is the result of fearing God (sanctification).
- Gospel → Fearing God → Giving God glory

What is the everlasting gospel?

- John 14:15
- 1Jn 5:2-3
 - In Revelation 14:6 John is rewording Jn 14:15
 - Only this time, he says, "If you fear me, give me glory."
 - Why does the text say we should give God glory?

Hour of His Judgment

- Rev 14:7 because the hour of His judgment has come.
- Eccl 12:13-14 John is quoting this OT passage from Solomon as he frames the end of the first angel.

God's law is man's standard

- James 2:10-12

The "hour of God's judgment" can be read two ways...

- God's judgment that He is conducting.
- God Himself is being judged.
- Why would God need to be judged?
- Who would dare bring an accusation against God?

God... being judged?

- Romans 3:1-3
- Psalm 51:1-4
- Notice here, that God is being scrutinized.
- Why is God being scrutinized?

God's law is (NOT) the problem...

-“From the first, the great controversy had been upon the law of God. Satan had sought to prove that God was unjust, that His law was faulty, and that the good of the universe required it to be changed. In attacking the law he aimed to overthrow the authority of its Author. In the controversy it was to be shown whether the divine statutes were defective and subject to change, or perfect and immutable...” Patriarchs & Prophets p. 69

-“If the law could be changed, man might have been saved without the sacrifice of Christ; but the fact that it was necessary for Christ to give His life for the fallen race, proves that the law of God will not release the sinner from its claims upon him. It is demonstrated that the wages of sin is death. When Christ died, the destruction of Satan was made certain. But if the law was abolished at the cross, as many claim, then the agony and death of God's dear Son were endured only to give to Satan just what he asked; then the prince of evil triumphed, his charges against the divine government were sustained. The very fact that Christ bore the penalty of man's transgression is a mighty argument to all created intelligences that the law is changeless; that God is righteous, merciful, and

self-denying; and that infinite justice and mercy unite in the administration of His government. Patriarchs & Prophets p. 70

William Shakespeare

- “All the world’s a stage.”
- He had no idea how right he was.

“All the world’s a stage”

- 1Cor 4:9
- The Greek word for “spectacle”: θέατρον – theatron. Lit. theatre.

The three scenes of Daniel 7...

- First scene: 7:1-12
- Second scene: 13-18
- Third scene: 19-28
- Each scene has a similar pattern:
- Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Europe, Little horn, Judgment, Second coming/kingdom given to the saints.

The little horn’s vertical attack...

- Summarize Daniel 8:1-8
- Daniel 8:9-11
- Does this remind you of someone?
- Isaiah 14:12-14

The real power behind the little horn...

- Rev 13:4

Blasphemy!...

- Jn 10:30-33 & Mk 2:7
- How does the Beast commit blasphemy?

The first table of the law...

1. Have no other gods before me: Rev 13:4
2. Make no graven images: Rev 13:14
3. Don’t take my name in vain: Rev 13:6
4. Remember the Sabbath: Rev 13:16-17

The second table of the law...

5. Honor father and mother: Rev 13:18
6. Don’t murder: Rev 13:7, 15
7. Don’t commit adultery: Rev 13:3, 14:8, 17:1-5
8. Don’t steal: Rev 13:4, 4:11
9. Don’t lie: Rev 13:14
10. Don’t covet: Rev 13:4

Through the little horn, Satan seeks to replace God’s law with his own version, which establishes his authority.

The little horn’s vertical attack...

- Daniel 8:12-13
- What question does the “holy one” have?
- How long will the little horn be able to carry out his plan?

Cleansing of the Sanctuary...

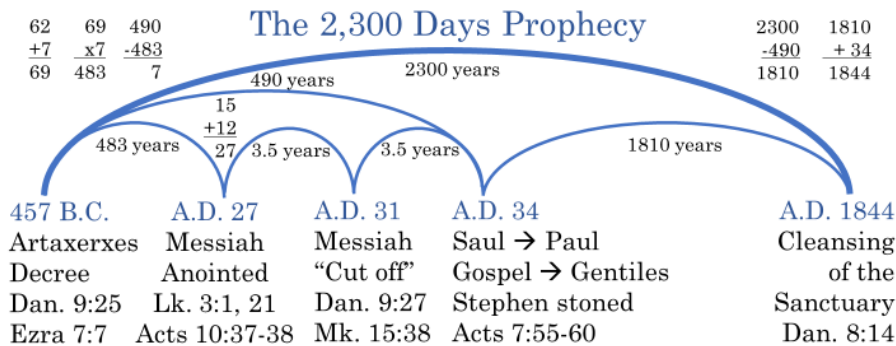
- Dan 8:14

-For the Jewish mind, the cleansing of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement was also a day of Judgment.

A judgment “in favor” of the saints...

- Dan 7:22
- NASB “judgment was passed in favor of the saints”
- ESV “judgment was given for the saints”
- NIV “judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High”

When did this judgment begin?...



1844 was the year that God began a new prophetic movement that would preach God’s last day present truth, the 3 Angel’s Messages. It would later organize into the SDA Church when the General Conference was formed, May 21, 1863.

The dramatic events leading up to Revelation chapter 14...

- In Chapter 10 God sets up his last-day people who would “prophesy again” to...
- Rev 10:11 & Rev 14:6
- In chapter 12 John covers Satan’s attack on Jesus in heaven (fail), on the earth (fail), through the woman (fail), and the remnant (fail).
- In chapter 13, we saw that Satan tries to set up his own law instead of God’s law, which establishes his rule on the earth above God.

Why does it say to worship “Him who made?”

- Is someone else being worshiped at the end of time?
- Rev 13:3-4
- The beast/Satan is receiving worship.

There are two groups of people at the end of time...

- Those who fear/worship God and those who fear/worship the beast.
- It is important to keep in mind that the end-time test is not a denial of worship, but a denial of who is worshipped.
- Revelation says that the reason to worship God is because He is the creator.

John copied and pasted the Sabbath Commandment at the end of the first angel’s message...

- **First Angels Message:**
“and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”
- **Sabbath Commandment:**
“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in the m is.”

The Three Angels Messages
3. The Second Angel

The Third Angel: Revelation 14:9-12

- Loud voice
- Worship
- The beast & image
- Mark on hand/forehead
- Wrath of God
- Wicked have no rest
- The saints have rest

Sin gets God's wrath...

- Rom 6:23
- Rev 15:1

Jesus drank the cup for us...

- Why is it that the fierce anger and the wrath of God will not fall on His people?
- Rev 14:12
- Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath for us.

God's last-day people will shrink from going through the time when the mark of the beast is enforced. They would like to fit in with the rest of the world. They would like to be able to buy and sell. They don't want to face the death decree.

The human nature of Jesus shrunk from going to the cross. He surrendered the temptation to avoid it to His Father's will and chose to **"drink the cup."** So it will be with God's last-day people, in God's power, they will **fully surrender** to Jesus and face world's extreme peer pressure to conform and refuse to follow the beast and receive his mark.

Just as Jesus rejected the temptation to preserve "self," in Gethsemane so will God's last-day people.

They will have the same kind of faith that Jesus had. This is a quality of faith that does not consult circumstance. It rejects peer pressure. It does what is right because it is right and leaves the consequences with God. This kind of faith only asks, "What is God's will?"

This means that exercising biblical faith is not always pleasant, popular, or comfortable.

The faith of Jesus is the type of faith that chooses God's will over what self wills.

The second angel...

- Rev 14:8
- Where does John learn about a call out of Babylon in the Old Testament?

God's first call to Abraham...

- Genesis 11:31
- Genesis 12:1-4
- vs 1. You cannot mistake the call.
- vs 2. This call came with a promise.

Heb 11:8

Where was Ur...



“After the dispersion from Babel idolatry again became well-nigh universal, and the Lord finally left the hardened transgressors to follow their evil ways, while He chose Abraham, of the line of Shem, and made him the keeper of His law for future generations. Abraham had grown up in the midst of superstition and heathenism. Even his father's household, by whom the knowledge of God had been preserved, were yielding to the seductive influences surrounding them, and they "served other gods" than Jehovah.” Patriarchs & Prophets p. 125

Do you have a line drawn that you will not cross when God says, “Come out”?

- God was calling Abram to “Get out” from the past.
- In a sense God says, “The longer you stay in this setting the more you endanger yourself of becoming compromised.”
- God was telling Abram to leave behind the ways of your country, your family's idols, even the cherished things in your father's house. In a real sense God was calling Abram out of Babylon.

“The message of God came to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." In order that God might qualify him for his great work as the keeper of the sacred oracles, Abraham must be separated from the associations of his early life. The influence of kindred and friends would interfere with the training which the Lord purposed to give His servant.” PP p. 126

C.D. Brooks once said...

- “You gotta get outta Babylon and Babylon's gotta get outta you!”
- “You can take a man out of Babylon, but it is hard to take Babylon out of a man.”

What is the religion of Babylon?

- What were the reasons they built the tower of Babel?
 1. So they wouldn't be spread over the earth.
 2. To make a name for themselves.
 3. Flood insurance.

The religion of Babel...

-“The schemes of the Babel builders ended in shame and defeat. The monument to their pride became the memorial of their folly. Yet men are continually pursuing the same course depending upon self, and rejecting God's law. It is the principle that Satan tried to carry out in heaven; the same that governed Cain in presenting his offering.” PP p. 123

God's second call to Abraham...

- Remember the first time God said, “go”? God was calling Abram to leave the past behind, but the second time God says, “go” He is calling Abraham to give God his future.
- This is another test to see if Babylon has finally come out of him.
- Genesis 22:1-12 The test of Isaac, his only son.

Heb 11:17-19

The sacrifice of Isaac represents two things...

1. Isaac is a symbol of Jesus, God's only son.
2. The surrender of Isaac represents the complete and total surrender of the heart.

Where God has called you to be is the best place for you.

-But he did not hesitate to obey the call. He had no question to ask concerning the land of promise—whether the soil was fertile and the climate healthful; whether the country afforded agreeable surroundings and would afford opportunities for amassing wealth. God has spoken, and His servant must obey; the happiest place on earth for him was the place where God would have him to be. PP p. 126

How does Abraham's two calls relate to the third angel's message?

- 1st Angel: Don't worship the beast, worship "Him who made" because the "hour of His judgment has come.
- 2nd Angel: Babylon has fallen and causes the world to commit spiritual fornication.
- 3rd Angel: Forced worship & faith in Jesus.
- Why did "those who dwell upon the earth" receive the mark?
- Revelation 13:15-17
- What is that kind of religion called?
- Self preservation!
- **Those who refuse the Mark of the Beast have refused to preserve self.**
- Rev 18:4
- The two calls of Abraham come to God's people today, Get out!
- Give God your past and give God your future.
- **They have come to their own Garden of Gethsemane and made the same choice Jesus did, not my will, but Thy will be done.**

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“In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import,—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.” *Evangelism* p. 119

“Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message, in verity." *The Review and Herald*, April 1, 1890.

Questions we need to answer...

- What is justification by faith?
- What is the connection between justification by faith and the third angels' message?

Rom 4:5-8

Rom 4:3, 22

Titus 3:5-7

“God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness for sin, but reclaiming from sin. It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart. David had the true conception of forgiveness when he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. And again he says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12.” *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing* p. 114

- How does justification make us righteous?
- Rom 5:1
- Rom 6:1-2, 6
- Gal 2:20

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was faced with the decision of full surrender to God's will – the cup.

-Matt 26:39, 42

Three times has He uttered that prayer... He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin... and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life... He will not turn from His mission. He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: “If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.” *DA* p. 690

But while God can be just, and yet justify the sinner through the merits of Christ, no man can cover his soul with the garments of Christ's righteousness while practicing known sins or neglecting known duties. God requires the entire

surrender of the heart, before justification can take place; and in order for man to retain justification, there must be continual obedience, through active, living faith that works by love and purifies the soul. *Faith and Works p. 100*

Rev 14:9-11

- There's no righteousness by faith mentioned.
- its righteousness by WORKS!

Sin gets God's wrath...

- Rom 6:23
- Rev 15:1

We either drink one of two cups...

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"The faith of Jesus." It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs to the third angel's message? Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Savior. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. Faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus. 3SM p. 172

The true message of Righteousness by faith is simple:

1. I give myself to Jesus.
2. I am crucified
3. Jesus lives in me

-So when we exercise faith, we are actually exercising His faith.

So those who receive the mark are living by works.

-Those who receive God's seal receive it because they've accepted it by faith.

The faith of Jesus is the type of faith that chooses God's will over what self wills.

That is how the 3rd angels message is righteousness by faith in verity!

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5. Elevation of the Bishops

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The beast replaces Jesus with an earthly priesthood...

- Dan 8:11-12
- The Little Horn or the beast power attempts to replace Jesus as both lawgiver and Priest.
- Here's a short lesson on Christian history, which tells how it happened.
- It happened over a period of about 500 years in the early Christian church.

Ignatius of Antioch.

- Ignatius was the bishop of Antioch.
- He was martyred under the persecution of Trajan at the arena by animals c. 110-130AD.
- He is also responsible for the first known use of the Greek word *katholikos* (καθολικός), meaning "according to the whole", "universal", "complete" and "whole" to describe the church, in a letter to the Smyrnaeans about 107AD.
- Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful to baptize or give communion without the consent of the bishop. On the other hand, whatever has his approval is pleasing to God. Thus, whatever is done will be safe and valid.
- Letter to the Smyrnaeans 8, J.R. Willis translation.

Tertullian

- He introduced the term "ordination" into the church during his life, 160-225 AD.
- Tertullian also introduced the idea of distinction between clergy and laity.
- So we're headed in the direction of the church being ran by the bishops/priests.
- "ordo clericorum vs. ordo laicorum"

Irenaeus

- Irenaeus 130-c. 202 AD, invented apostolic succession late in the second century. The concept of apostolic succession is the foundation of the Roman Catholic faith.
- He also developed the concept of *Charisma Veritas Certum*, (the gift of truth) which means once a priest or bishop is ordained, they cannot make mistakes.
- When a priest is ordained, they are different than the laity.

Cyprian

- Bishop of Carthage, he developed the idea that pastors now become priests.
- He died September 14, 258 AD by the sword.
- He sewed up a curtain in his church to show that the priests are the mediators between God and man.
- In this model, the way to God is through the priest.
- This is why: *Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus* = outside of the church, no salvation.

-Because outside of the church there's no access to the bishop/priest.

"In persona Christi capitis"

- "In persona Christi" is a Latin phrase meaning "in the person of Christ", an important concept in Roman Catholicism and, in varying degrees, to other Christian traditions. A priest is "In persona Christi," because he acts as Christ and as God. An extended term, In persona Christi capitis, "in the person of Christ the head," was introduced in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church p. 387

-The ordained priest functions in the place of Jesus.

Who is the representative of Jesus on earth today?

-John 16:7-14

-God has not placed the leadership of the church in the hands of men. He has given that role to the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Godhead.

Augustine of Hippo

-He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in North Africa.

-Lived 354-430 A.D.

-He defines what a sacrament is.

-For him, a sacrament is the visible sign of an invisible grace.

-They are efficacious = they literally make a change to the soul.

-The seven sacraments

-Baptism, confirmation, Communion, holy orders, penance, marriage, and last rights.

-"Ex opere Operata" means: out of the performed.

-That means the sacraments will work no matter what.

-Same as if you take an aspirin it will work for you.

-Character indelebis/Dominicus character = seal in the soul that cannot be deleted.

-RCC Sanctification = partaking of the 7 sacraments during life.

What are the sacraments? Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Marriage, Holy Orders, Ordination, Last Rites.

Doctrinal History of the Early Christian Church Recap:

-Ignatius, c. 50-110-130 AD: Elevation of the bishops.

-Tertullian, 160-225 AD: ordination & distinction between clergy & laity

-Irenaeus, c.130-202 AD: Apostolic succession.

-Cyprian, c. 200-210-258 AD: Pastors are now priests.

-Augustine, 354-430 A.D: Seven Sacraments.

Vines Expository Dictionary pp. 53-54.

-"ANTICHRIST: ἀντίχριστος can mean either against Christ or instead of Christ, or perhaps combining the two...

What the apostle says of him so closely resembles what he says of the first beast in Rev. 13 and what the apostle Paul says of the Man of Sin in 2 Thess. 2, that same person seems to be in view in all these passages."

How does the elevation of the bishops affect how we views pastors today?

-Acts 2:46-47

-Acts 5:42

-Acts 6:7

-Acts 8:4

-Col 1:23

The elevation of the bishops has led to:

-A lack of searching of the Scriptures because my pastor tells me what the Bible says

- A mindset that the pastor does most (or all) of the soul winning.
- My Pastor is "better" than me mindset.
- A "church member" mindset
- Demobilization of the church

We cannot have a sacramental mindset of:

- Church membership
- Church attendance
- Baptism
- Sabbath
- Our Pastor
- Evangelism
- Ellen White

We are ONLY saved by faith!!!

- Eph 2:8-9
- Seventh-day Adventist's.... You are only saved by faith!
- Not by doing right or refusing to do wrong.

A Priesthood of all believers

- 1Pet 2:9
- All are called to share their faith.

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