

3 Angels' Messages

Revelation 14:6-12

Summary Guide

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1ST ANGEL

Revelation 14:6-7

(New King James version) -

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— (verse 7) saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship

Comment [s1]: This first Angel shares the Gospel of Jesus (worldwide)

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Comment [s2]: Fear God

to "fear God" is to reverence, respect, be in awe of, even obey Him. If your faith in God doesn't change your actions or behavior, than that's just believing that God exists, and not having faith or "fear" which is something that promotes or institutes action. God means what He says, and if you follow it or obey, that is fearing God. (If you just 'blow it off' and say "na, nothing's gonna happen to me or God doesn't care about that", that's not fearing God.)

Comment [3]: to appreciate God with dignity, honor, worship, good thoughts or high estimation of God, doing good deeds— making God "look good". This can be our behavior or talk. Making God be esteemed higher than all life here on earth. Returning to God some good things he's done for you (such as tithe, thank yous, action and good works, etc.)

Comment [4]: There is THE judgment going on now! God is deciding cases for eternity; this happens before Jesus returns. Accept Jesus' forgiveness for your sins today. Watch your sins gets processed through the Sanctuary.

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10 Commandments video (the Law of Love): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxZmtkRQYQk>

Him who made heaven
and earth, the sea and
springs of water."

2ND ANGEL

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."

Comment [5]: God made all nature and you and me, worship him--go to church! (and you can worship privately).

Comment [6]: Babylon is the harlot of Revelation 17, a great power conspiring with the "kings of the earth" (Rev. 17:2)--so this is actually rebellion against God.

Comment [7]: Fall is a spiritual, moral fall: falling into sin. "The Fall" is always bad in Scripture (Lucifer, Adam & Eve, etc.).

Comment [8]: Babylon's corruption is a GLOBAL INFLUENCE ("all nations", so it's not just one individual or something small or remote.) As the Gospel goes worldwide (Rev. 14:6 & Matthew 24:14) so does Babylon's corrupting influence (Rev. 14:8 & Rev. 13:3).

Comment [9]: "wine of the wrath" is the punishment: the struggles, difficulty, and 'judgment' (here, the word 'judgment' is being used differently than above in the 1st Angel's message. Here 'judgment' means punishment or sentence; earlier, 'judgment' means the process of deciding right from wrong, true from false, like a trial.) So Babylon and all nations are receiving the punishment of:

Comment [10]: "her fornication": going after other gods. So not literal fornication (literal adultery or sexual/harlotry), spiritual fornication is having another "spiritual lover"--not the real true God of the 1st Angel: The Creator God. So this spiritual harlotry or wantonness (depending on the translation) is going after other gods even though you may say you are committed to Jesus and God: Israel "played the harlot" many times as example (such as Judges 2:17, 8:27, 8:33, 1 Chronicles 5:25, Jeremiah 3:1, 3:8, Ezekiel 16:26+, ** Ezekiel 23:30 **, Hosea 5:3, ** Hosea 9:1 ** ...). So this harlotry/fornication is not being faithful to God and results in punishment, which the nations suffered.

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3RD ANGEL

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,

(verse 10) 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. (verse 11) 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."

Comment [11]: The "beast" is the papal power (Catholic church). This beast is Revelation 13's beast.

Revelation 13 video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8W9Y4oIIHA>

Comment [12]: The "image" is a likeness (representation of) the first beast; this is the United States, believe it or not with all of its goodness (but Babylon was amazing...). The U.S. has characteristics of the Roman empire with Papal (Catholic) ideology.

Revelation 13 second beast (the 'earth' or 'lamblike' beast)

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rY2IRXLUg0s>

USA in Bible prophecy study:

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Comment [13]: The "mark" is the mark of the beast. The 'forehead' is a symbol for your mind: your belief system (is yours Righteousness by Faith (in Jesus) or Righteousness by works...) and the hand is a symbol for your works (actions) so are you sinful or sinless (if you sin a lot you get the mark in your hand). So the mark is symbolic to represent your faith or works. (You can see Revelation 14:12 is the contrast, the "good" version", like Cain was marked because of his sin (Genesis 4:15).)

Mark of beast video: see last 1/3 of the video for Revelation 13 second beast above.

Comment [14]: WILL receive God's punishment (the "wine of the wrath of God"). RELIGION MATTERS! 'All paths' DON'T go up the mountain (as the expression says)!

What can I do about it?

Revelation 14:12 - Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

- 1) If you're **NOT** a Christian → **GET INTO JESUS!**
- 2) If you **ARE** a Christian → Get into **SABBATH** day , not *Sunday*

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Faith in Jesus overcomes.



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- *The existing confusion of conflicting creeds and sects is fitly represented by the term "Babylon," which prophecy (Revelation 14:8; 18:2) applies to the world-loving churches of the last days. {"Patriarchs and Prophets" PP 124.1 also in "Christ Triumphant" CTr 70.5}*
- *The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day. These and kindred errors are presented to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial. {"Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers" TM 61.3}*
- *The prophet says, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightened with glory [Revelation 18]. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils." This is the same messages that was given by the second angel. Babylon is fallen, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." What is that wine? --Her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false Sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told to Eve in Eden,--the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." {"The Review and Herald" RH, December 6, 1892 par. 15}*
- *Were it not that the world is hopelessly intoxicated with the wine of Babylon, multitudes would be convicted and converted by the plain, cutting truths of the word of God. But religious faith appears so confused and discordant that the people know not what to believe as truth. The sin of the world's impenitence lies at the door of the church. {"The Great Controversy" GC 389.1}*
- *The great sin charged against Babylon is that she "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world represents the false doctrines that she has accepted as the result of her unlawful connection with the great ones of the earth. Friendship with the world corrupts her faith, and in her turn she exerts a corrupting influence upon the world by teaching doctrines which are opposed to the plainest statements of Holy Writ. {"The Great Controversy" GC 388.2}*

- In Revelation 14 the first angel is followed by a second proclaiming: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Revelation 14:8. The term "Babylon" is derived from "Babel," and signifies confusion. It is employed in Scripture to designate the various forms of false or apostate religion. In Revelation 17 Babylon is represented as a woman --a figure which is used in the Bible as the symbol of a church, a virtuous woman representing a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. {"The Great Controversy" GC 381.1}

- The messages of this chapter [Revelation 14] constitute a threefold warning (see Appendix) which is to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for the Lord's second coming. The announcement, "The hour of His judgment is come," points to the closing work of Christ's ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Saviour's intercession shall cease and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of judgment which began in 1844 must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation. That men may be prepared to stand in the judgment, the message commands them to "fear God, and give glory to Him," "and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." The result of an acceptance of these messages is given in the word: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." In order to be prepared for the judgment, it is necessary that men should keep the law of God. That law will be the standard of character in the judgment. The apostle Paul declares: "As many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law, . . . in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." And he says that "the doers of the law shall be justified." Romans 2:12-16. Faith is essential in order to the keeping of the law of God; for "without faith it is impossible to please Him." And "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23. {GC 435.2}

By the first angel, men are called upon to "fear God, and give glory to Him" and to worship Him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. In order to do this, they must obey His law. Says the wise man: "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13. Without obedience to His commandments no worship can be pleasing to God. "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." 1 John 5:3; Proverbs 28:9. {GC 436.1}

The duty to worship God is based upon the fact that He is the Creator and that to Him all other beings owe their existence. And wherever, in the Bible, His claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen, is presented, there is cited the evidence of His creative power. "All the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens." Psalm 96:5. "To whom then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things." "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it: . . . I am the Lord; and there is none else." Isaiah 40:25, 26; 45:18. Says the psalmist: "Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalm 100:3; 95:6. And the holy beings who worship God in heaven state, as the reason why their homage is due to Him: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things." Revelation 4:11. {GC 436.2}

In Revelation 14, men are called upon to worship the Creator; and the prophecy brings to view a class that, as the result of the threefold message, are keeping the commandments of God. One of these commandments points directly to God as the Creator. The fourth precept declares: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: . . . for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:10, 11. Concerning the Sabbath, the Lord says, further, that it is "a sign, . . . that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." Ezekiel 20:20. And the reason given is: "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:17. {GC 437.1}

"The importance of the Sabbath as the memorial of creation is that it keeps ever present the true reason why worship is due to God"--because He is the Creator, and we are His creatures. "The Sabbath therefore lies at the very foundation of divine worship, for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this. The true ground of divine worship, not of that on the seventh day merely, but of all worship, is found in the distinction between the Creator and His creatures. This great fact can never become obsolete, and must never be forgotten."--J. N. Andrews, History of the Sabbath, chapter 27. It was to keep this truth ever before the minds of men, that God instituted the Sabbath in Eden; and so long as the fact that He is our Creator continues to be a reason why we should worship Him, so long the Sabbath will continue as its sign and memorial. Had the Sabbath been universally kept, man's thoughts and affections would have been led to the Creator as the object of reverence and worship, and there would never have been an idolater, an atheist, or an infidel. The keeping of the Sabbath is a sign of loyalty to the true God, "Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." It follows that the message which commands men to worship God and keep His commandments will especially call upon them to keep the fourth commandment. {GC 437.2}

In contrast to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, the third angel points to another class, against whose errors a solemn and fearful warning is uttered: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." Revelation 14:9, 10. A correct interpretation of the symbols employed is necessary to an understanding of this message. What is represented by the beast, the image, the mark? {"The Great Controversy" GC 438.1} [Keep reading in GC if you like]

- *By these solemn warnings [3rd Angel and messages of God] the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. {"The Great Controversy" GC 606.2 also in "Evangelism" Ev 43.4}*
- *Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has enraged the wicked; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and Satan will excite to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution. {"The Great Controversy" GC 614.3}*

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