

## Three Angels' Messages

### 1. God commissioned His church to take the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). How does He symbolize this sacred work in Revelation?

"I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach. ... And another angel followed, saying. ... Then a third angel followed them, saying ..."  
([Revelation 14:6, 8, 9](#)).

**Answer:** The word "angel" literally means "messenger," so it is fitting that God uses three angels to symbolize the preaching of His three-point gospel message for the last days. God uses the symbolism of angels to remind us that supernatural power will accompany the messages.

### 2. What two crucial points does Revelation 14:6 reveal about God's message for the last days?

"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" ([Revelation 14:6](#)).

**Answer:** The two crucial points are: (1) that it is the "everlasting gospel," and (2) that it must be preached to every person on earth. The three angels' messages stress the gospel, which makes it plain that people are saved by faith in—and acceptance of—Jesus Christ alone ([Acts 4:10–12](#); [John 14:6](#)). Since no other way to salvation exists, it is evil to claim that there is some other way.

### Satan's Counterfeits

Satan's counterfeits, while many, include two very effective ones: (1) salvation by works, and (2) salvation in sin. These two counterfeits are uncovered and revealed in the three angels' messages. Many, without realizing it, have embraced one of these two errors and are trying to build their salvation upon it—an impossible feat. We also must stress that no one is truly preaching the gospel of Jesus for the end time who does not include the three angels' messages.

### 3. What four distinctive points does the first angel's message cover?

"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' " ([Revelation 14:7](#)).

**Answer: A. Fear God.** This means we should revere God and look upon Him with love, trust, and respect—eager to do His bidding. This keeps us from evil. "By the fear of the Lord one departs from evil" ([Proverbs 16:6](#)). Solomon, the wise man, also said, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all [whole duty]" ([Ecclesiastes 12:13](#)).

**B. Give glory to God.** We fulfill this command when we praise, thank, and obey God for His goodness to us. One of the major sins of the last days is unthankfulness ([2 Timothy 3:1, 2](#)).

**C. The hour of His judgment is come.** This indicates that everyone is accountable to God, and it is a clear statement that the judgment is now in session. A number of translations say "has" come instead of "is" come. (Full details of this judgment are given in Study Guides 18 and 19.)

**D. Worship the Creator.** This command rejects idolatry of all kinds—including self-worship—and repudiates the theory of evolution, which denies that God is Creator and Redeemer. (Many books and talk shows stress self-esteem, which can lead to self-worship. Christians find their value in Christ, who makes us sons and daughters of God.)

The gospel includes the creation and redemption of the world by the Lord God. Worshiping the Creator includes worshiping Him on the day He set aside as a memorial of Creation (the seventh-day Sabbath). That [Revelation 14:7](#) refers to the seventh-day Sabbath is made clear by the fact that the words "made heaven and earth, the sea" were lifted right out of the Sabbath commandment ([Exodus 20:11 KJV](#)) and used here. (See Study Guide 7 for more information on the Sabbath.) Our roots are found in God alone, who made us in His image in the beginning. Those who do not worship God as Creator—no matter what else they might worship—will never discover their roots.

**4. What solemn statement does the second angel make about Babylon? What does the angel of Revelation 18 urge God's people to do?**

“Another angel followed, saying, ‘Babylon is fallen’ ”  
([Revelation 14:8](#)).

“I saw another angel coming down from heaven. ... And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen.’ ... And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people’ ” ([Revelation 18:1, 2, 4](#)).

**Answer:** The second angel states that “Babylon is fallen,” and the voice from heaven urges all of God's people to come out of Babylon at once so they will not be destroyed along with it. Unless you know what Babylon is, you could easily end up staying in it. Think about it—you could be in Babylon now!

**5. Against what does the third angel's message solemnly warn?**

“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’ ” ([Revelation 14:9, 10](#)).

**Answer:** The third angel's message warns people against worshipping the beast and his image and receiving the mark of the beast in their forehead or hand. The first angel commands true worship. The third angel tells of the tragic consequences connected with false worship. Do you know for certain who the beast is? And what his mark is? Unless you know, you could end up worshipping the beast without realizing it. (Study Guide 20 provides full details regarding the beast and his mark. Study Guide 21 explains his image.)

**6. What four-point description does God give in Revelation 14:12 of His people who accept and follow the three angels' messages?**

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” ([Revelation 14:12](#)).

**Answer:**

**A. They are patient, persevering, and faithful to the end.** God's people reveal Him by their patient, loving conduct and by their faithfulness to holiness in their lives.

**B. They are saints,** or “holy ones,” because they are fully on God's side.

**C. They keep the commandments of God.** These faithful people happily obey His Ten Commandments and all other commandments He has given. Their first aim is to please Him, whom they love ([1 John 3:22](#)). (Study Guide 6 gives more information on the Ten Commandments.)

**D. They have the faith of Jesus.** This also can be translated “faith in Jesus.” In either case, God's people fully follow Jesus and fully trust Him.

**When all have heard Jesus' end-time message, He will return to earth to take His people with Him to heaven.**

**7. What happens immediately following the teaching of the three angels' messages to all people?**

“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”  
([Revelation 14:14](#)).

**Answer:** Immediately after the teaching of the three angels' messages to every person, Jesus will return in the clouds to take His people to their heavenly home. At His appearing, the great 1,000-year blackout of Revelation chapter 20 will begin. (Study Guide 12 tells about these 1,000 years. Study Guide 8 gives the details of Jesus' second coming.)

**8. In 2 Peter 1:12, the apostle speaks of “present truth.” What does he mean?**

**The special emphasis of Noah's “present truth” was a coming flood**  
**Answer:** Present truth is an aspect of the everlasting gospel that has particular urgency for a certain time. Examples are:

**A. Noah's message of the Flood (Genesis 6 and 7; [2 Peter 2:5](#)).** Noah was a preacher of righteousness. He taught God's love as he warned of a coming flood that would destroy the world. The Flood message was “present truth” for that time. Its urgent cry was “get into the boat.” And it was so important that it would have been irresponsible not to preach it.

**B. Jonah's message to Nineveh ([Jonah 3:4](#))** Jonah's "present truth" was that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days. Jonah also uplifted the Savior, and the city repented. To omit the 40-day warning would have been unfaithful. It was present truth. It fitted that time in a special way.

**C. John the Baptist's message ([Matthew 3:1-3](#); [Luke 1:17](#)).** John's "present truth" was that Jesus, the Messiah, was about to appear. His work was to present the gospel and prepare people for Jesus' first coming. To have omitted that first coming element of the gospel for his day would have been unthinkable.

**D. The three angels' messages ([Revelation 14:6-14](#)).** God's "present truth" for today is contained in the three angels' messages. Of course, salvation through Jesus Christ alone is central to these messages. However, the "present truth" of the three angels also has been given to prepare people for Jesus' second coming and to open their eyes to Satan's highly convincing deceptions. Unless people understand these messages, Satan could capture and destroy them. Jesus knew we needed these three special messages, so in lovingkindness He has given them. They must not be omitted. Please pray earnestly as you examine them point by point in the next eight Study Guides.

Some of your discoveries might be shocking. But all will be satisfying. Your heart will be tremendously stirred. You will sense Jesus speaking to you! After all, they are His messages.

### **9. The word "gospel" means good news. Do the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 provide good news?**

**Answer:** Yes! Let's review the good news we have discovered in this overview of the three angels' messages:

**A.** Every person will have an opportunity to hear and understand the last-day gospel. Not one will be passed by.

**B.** The devil's powerful plans to trap and destroy people will be revealed to us, so we need not be ensnared.

**C.** Heaven's power will accompany the spreading of God's message in these last days.

**D.** God's people will be patient. He calls them "saints."

**E.** God's people will have the faith of Jesus.

**F.** God's people will, out of love, obey His commandments

**G.** God loves us so much that He has sent special messages to prepare us for Jesus' second coming.

**H.** God's messages for these last days will bring family members together in love and unity.

**I.** The major emphasis of the three angels' messages is that salvation has been provided for everyone through Jesus Christ. He gives His righteousness to cover our past and miraculously imparts His righteousness to us daily so we will grow in grace and become like Him. With Him, we cannot fail. Without Him, we cannot succeed.

### **A Further Word**

Points of the three angels' messages that will be explained in upcoming Study Guides are:

**A.** God's judgment hour has arrived!

**B.** Come out of fallen Babylon.

**C.** Don't receive the mark of the beast.