Revelation 14

A study of the Remnant 144,000,
The 3 Angels’ Everlasting Gospel Messages
and the two
Harvests of the 4th & 5th Angels

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Relationship with Christ

• The Most Important Understanding about our Salvation:
  – We believe eternal life is a gift from God in Christ Jesus and we are justified by His grace and His faith who paid the price; death, for our transgressions

  Romans 3:21-26; 4:4-5,25; 6:23; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7  (Is 53; Eze 36:25-27; John 3:3-8,16; 16:8; Rom 5:6-10; 8:1-4, 14-17; 1Cor 15:3-4,20-22; 2Cor 5:14-15,19-21; Gal 1:4; 3:13-14,26; 4:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Col 1:13-14; Heb 8:7-12; 1Pet 1:23; 2Pet 1:3-4; 1John 2:2; 4:10)

• God “sent his angel to show his servants” the future  (Rev 22:6) “Do not despise prophecies.” 1Thess 5:20
  – Purpose: To share the vital necessity of a character transforming relationship with Christ, namely the Gospel of His sacrifice for all who call Him Lord and Savior  (Ps 1:1-2; Matt 20:25-28; Luke 19:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 12:2; 2Cor 3:17-18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19-21; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 2:6; 1Thess 5:16-23; Heb 10:25; 2Pet 2:9; 3:18; 1John 4:4)
Principles of Bible Study

• Paul’s counsel to Timothy:
  – 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2Tim 3:16-17 (Ps 119:105; Prov 30:5-6; Is 8:20; John 17:17; 1Thess 2:13; Heb 4:12)
  – for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2Pet 1:21

• Bible versions:
  – Use versions with the closest translation to the original language
    • Recommend comparing NKJV (used here), NASB95, KJV, and ESV
  – Concordance sources: www.abibleconcordance.com; www.blueletterbible.org

• Use of Expository study methods (versus Thematic study)
  – This method explores the literal meaning of each word in Scripture and its relationship to other words in its context (exegesis)
Principles of Interpretation

• It’s important to be consistent by using the same principles, pattern, and understanding of the Book of Daniel for the prophecies in Revelation (Num 12:6; 2Chron 20:20; Joel 2:28-29; Amos 3:7; Acts 2:14-21; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8-9)

• Every word deserves careful consideration
  – “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.” Is 28:10,13

• Like Daniel’s visions were to Daniel, Revelation is future to John’s time
  – “…I will show you things which must take place after this.” Rev 4:1
  – “…to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.” Rev 22:6
  – “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7 (Isaiah 42:9; Hosea 12:10)

• The Historicist method of interpretation alone provides consistent meaning with the Biblical theme from Genesis to Revelation

• Much in Revelation is symbolic; identified based on context
  – Look for definitions and correlations elsewhere within Daniel and Revelation first, then the Bible as a whole; then in history
    Like Daniel 2,7,8,9 & 10-12, the principle used is “repeat and enlarge”
“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation 1:3
The Apostle John received the Revelation visions while on Patmos

- John was exiled in AD 95 during the reign of Emperor Domitian. His exile ended upon the accession of Emperor Nerva in AD 96.
- Jerusalem had been destroyed 25 years earlier in AD 70.
- Revelation is written using chiastic structures: a chiasm is a repetition of similar ideas in the reverse sequence.
- Events in Revelation are built by progressive repetition adding detail like Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, & 11-12.
- The visions were not given in chronological order.
Overview

The Book of Revelation

Revelation 1-14 is mirrored...
- Rev 1:1-8  Introduction
- Rev 1:9-3:22  7 Churches
- Rev 4:1-8:1  7 Seals
- Rev 8:2-11:18  7 Trumpets
- Rev 11:19-14:20  Cosmic Controversy

...by Revelation 15-22
- Rev 22:8-17  Conclusion
- Rev 19:11-21:8  1,000 Years
- Rev 15:1-16:21  7 Plagues
- Rev 17:1-19:10  Fall of Babylon
Overview

The Book of Revelation

Revelation contains 7 Throne scenes that provide a view of the Sanctuary in Heaven:

1. Introduction of the 7 seals (Rev 4:1-5:14)
2. Introduction of the 7 trumpets (Rev 8:2-6)
3. Introduction of the cosmic controversy in Rev 12 (Rev 11:19)
4. Introduction to the 7 plagues (Rev 15)
5. Introduction to the fall of symbolic Babylon (Rev 16:17-17:3a)
6. Introduction to the Second Advent (Rev 19:1-10)
7. Introduction to the New Earth (Rev 21:5-11a)
Background

The 7 Angels/Trumpets

- The 7th Trumpet/3rd Woe is introduced in Rev 11:14-15a
- The 6th Trumpet/2nd Woe period is the Holy War between Ottoman Islam and papal Christianity covered by Daniel 11:29-36, lasting from 7/27/1449 to 8/11/1840
  - It effectively ended with the Ottoman Empire in steep decline, signing the Convention of London to become a protectorate of Britain, Russia, Austria, and Prussia
  - The document was delivered to the Egyptian government on 8/11/1840, exactly the 391 years and 15 days prophetically predicted in Rev 9:15 (360/24+1+30+360; using 1 day = 1 year) Num 14:34; Eze 4:4-6; Gen 29:27; Lev 25:1-7
  - Forecasted correctly by Josiah Litch, a Methodist minister, this greatly assisted William Miller and the 3 angels’ messages of Revelation 14
Introduction

Revelation 14 Structure

• Revelation 14:1-5 provides more information about the remnant saints alive at Jesus’ second coming, adding detail to their introduction in Revelation 7:1-8
• Revelation 14:6-13 introduce the 3 angel’s messages of the time of the end (1844-20xx) who define true worship to the Creator
  – The third angel message is “present truth”
• Revelation 14:14-17 describes a 4th angel who performs the harvest/sealing of the saints just before the end of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment
• Revelation 14:18-20 describes a 5th Angel who performs the harvest of the wicked (the 7 plagues detailed in Revelation 16)
Revelation 14
Revelation 14:1

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.

- John is taken into heaven for the chapter 14 vision
- Lamb: Jesus (Is 53:7; John 1:29; Rev 5:6-14)
- Mount Zion: Representing deliverance in spiritual Jerusalem (Zech 8:3)
- 144,000: The righteous living when Jesus comes, including those raised in the special resurrection (Dan 12:2) during the 7th plague, sealed by God (Rev 7:4), the remnant described by Joel, “And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.” Joel 2:32 (Rev 14:13; 15:2; 20:4)
  - The 144,000 answers the question in Rev 6:17, “...Who can stand?”
- Father’s name on Forehead: Total commitment, complete transformation of character, sealed (see Eze 9:3-6; Rev 7:1-8) (Ex 28:36-38; Jer 31:33; Rom 13:8-10)
Revelation 14:2

• And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

  – Voice of many waters: Parallel of the new song by the redeemed in Rev 19:1-6. A unique praise and celebration of the 144,000. (Ex 17:6; Num 20:1-12; Jer 10:13; Eze 43:2)

  – Loud thunder: The Voice of God (1Sam 2:10; 7:10; 2Sam 22:14; Job 26:14; 37:4-5; 40:9; Ps 18:10-13; 29:3; 77:18; 104:7; John 12:29)

    • 5th of 7 thunders in Revelation (Rev 4:5; 6:1; 8:5; [10:3-4]; 11:19; 14:2; 16:18; 19:6)
Revelation 14:3

- They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

  - **Living creatures (4):** Seraphim attending God’s throne (Is 6:2-4; Eze 1:5-21; 10:1-22; Rev 4:6-8; 15:7)
  
  - **Elders (24):** Representatives of the unfallen worlds (Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2; Rev 4:4; 5:5-6,8-10; 7:13-14; 11:16-18; 14:3; 19:4)
  
  - **New Song:** Called the Song of Moses and the Lamb (John 1:29; Rev 5:6,8-14; 15:3)
    - The original song is recorded after deliverance from Egypt through the Red Sea (Ex 15:1-21)
    - Moses wrote the law (the Torah), instructing that it be read in front of all the people every 7 years in the form of a song (Deut 31:9-13,19; 32:1-44)
  
  - **144,000 Redeemed:** Enoch (Gen 5:21-24; Heb 11:5-6; Jude 14-15) and Elijah (2Ki 2:1-18) are types of the righteous living having achieved perfection in Jesus, walking with God. These will be translated without tasting death.
    - Those who have died since 1844 are raised in the special resurrection.
Revelation 14:4

• These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

  – Defiling “Women”: Represents apostate Christians; plural because in Rev 17:4-5 the mother church (scarlet/sea beast/papacy) has many harlot daughters (apostate Protestant churches [Rev 17:12-17]) that members are warned to leave (Rev 18:4)

  – Virgins: These remnant of spiritual Israel have remained faithful in worship of the Creator God through earth’s final crisis (Rev 14:7,12)
    • Alludes to the parable of the five wise virgins (Matt 25:1-13)

  – Lamb: Jesus (Is 53:7; John 1:29; Gal 3:13; 1Cor 1:18,23; 5:7; 15:3; 1John 1:7; Rev 5:6-14)

  – Firstfruits (Lev 23:9-14; Jer 2:3; James 1:18): The faithful remnant living when earth’s judgment ends (Dan 12:1) are harvested (sealed Rev 7:4; Eze 9:6) by Jesus while seated (stationary) on a white cloud (Dan 7:14; Rev 14:14-16)
Revelation 14:5

• And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

  – No deceit: Zephaniah describes the end time spiritual remnant of Israel, “The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; For they shall feed their flocks and lie down, And no one shall make them afraid.” Zeph 3:13 (Ps 32:2; 1Pet 2:1,21-22; Rev 21:8,27; 22:15)
  
  • Perfection of character in Jesus is achieved while on earth (Matt 5:48; Rom 12:2)
  • The deceived will believe Satan’s lies (2Thess 2:9,11; Rev 21:8,27; 22:15)

  – Without fault: Blameless, without defect; applying to Christians of all generations, specifically those who suffered in the 1,260 year tribulation #1 (538-1798), and the final tribulation - Jacob’s trouble (Jer 30:5-7; Rev 7:14; Matt 24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20)
  
  • These are without fault by virtue of taking on Christ’s righteousness (Is 53:11; 64:6a; Zech 3:1-6; Phil 3:9; 2Cor 5:21; Gal 2:16; 1Pet 2:24)

  – The 144,000, those living under the third angels’ message, choose not to sin after the pre-advent “investigative” judgment is completed, when Jesus leaves the Most Holy Place. They are sealed. (Dan 7:13-14; 12:1; Rev 15:8)
First Angel

Revelation 14:6  (1 of 2)

• 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—

✓ Another angel (messenger): The 1st of the 3 angels’ gospel messages
  – Flying (directly overhead ESV): Signifying rapid spread of the messages to all the earth; the “heaven” of earth’s atmosphere  (2Cor 12:2)
    • Zechariah’s sixth vision of the “flying scroll” with the same dimensions as the sanctuary, provides a type of these messages  (Zech 5:1-4)
  – Everlasting gospel: A reference to, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matt 24:14 (Mark 13:10), an Eternal Gospel that embodies Jesus’ covenant relationship with all who submit to Him (Justification by Faith and the Righteousness of Christ; the Faith of Jesus)  (1Cor 15:3-4; 2Thess 1:7-8; Rev 1:5-7)
First Angel

Revelation 14:6 (2 of 2)

• 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—
  — Preach: The remnant will proclaim the message of Psalm 96 (Matt 18:10-14; Mark 1:17; Luke 9:2; 19:10; Rev 18:1-4)
  — Dwell on the earth: To think, strategize, focus and invest in earthly success...“Make the Most High your dwelling place...” (Ps 91:9-12)
  — Nation, tribe, tongue, people: God purchased each person by the blood of the Lamb (Rev 17:15)
    • “tribe” here; “kings” in Rev 10:11: The leaders of nations are to be warned by the saints against fornication with religion (Rev 18:1-5)

✓ The good news of the gospel is to go to all, both earth dwellers who reject Christ and those receptive to eternal salvation through Christ
First Angel Message

Revelation 14:7a  (1 of 2)

• 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.”

  – Loud voice: This message goes out with the power of the Holy Spirit  (Rev 18:1)

1  Fear God: Have reverence and awe (1st Commandment), fear His wrath, fully surrendering to His will, having a completed relationship, ceasing to sin  (Ex 20:20; Deut 4:10; 10:20; 1Sam 12:14,24; Ps 2:11; 19:9; 33:18; 34:11; 103:17; 111:10; 128:1; 135:1-2,14; Prov 1:7; 8:13; 10:27; 14:26-27; 16:3,6; 19:23; 23:17; Is 2:10; Jer 32:40; Mal 4:2; Heb 12:28c)
  • Those not accepting Jesus’ sacrifice, face His wrath and do fear Him
  • Those accepting Jesus achieve perfection of character in and through Him  (Matt 5:48; Eph 4:13; Phil 3:12,15; 1Pet 5:10)
First Angel Message

Revelation 14:7a (2 of 2)

• 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.”

Give Glory to Him, alone: (2nd Commandment) His character (Ex 33:18-22; 34:5-7; Num 14:21; Deut 5:24; 1Chron 16:10,28-29; Is 40:5; 1Cor 6:19-20; 10:31; 2Cor 3:18)

– Hour of Judgment has come: The context of the everlasting gospel of God’s end time remnant people. This is the pre-Advent judgment when Jesus moved to the Most Holy Place in Heaven at the end of the 2,300 day/year prophecy: 10/22/1844, the heavenly day of Atonement, symbolized by literal Israel’s national economy until Christ was rejected and crucified (Job 34:23; Ps 25:9; 77:13; 98:9; Eze 9:4-6; Dan 7:10,13; 8:14; Zech 5:1-4; 1Pet 4:17)

• The understanding of these messages was granted to those living in the “time of the end” beginning in 1844
First Angel Message

Revelation 14:7b

• 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.”

③ Worship Him, the Creator: This is a call to worship the God of the 4th Commandment (Gen 1:1; Ex 20:8-11; Deut 6:13,17; 10:12-14,20; 2Ki 19:15; Neh 9:6; Ps 33:6-9; 65:6; 80:1-19; 89:11; 95:5-7; 96:1-13; 100:3; 102:25; 104; 121:1-2; 124:8; 146:5-6; Is 40:25-26; 45:11-12,18; 56:1-8; Jer 51:15; Amos 9:6; John 1:3,9; Zech 12:1; Acts 4:24; 14:15; 17:24; Rom 1:25; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:10; 4:4; 11:3; 2Pet 3:5; Rev 4:11; 10:6) not the beast (Rev 13:4,8,12,15; 14:9,11)

• Satan will seek to compel all to worship him (Matt 4:9-10; Luke 4:7-8)
• The alternative is to serve ourselves, an act of selfishness, rejecting God’s grace and mercy (2Tim 3:2; Matt 22:37-39; John 15:12)

– Heaven, earth, sea, water: Parallels include the first 4 trumpet judgments (Rev 8:7-12), the first 4 days of creation of Gen 1:3-19 plus the “rivers” in Gen 2:10-14, and the first 4 plagues of Rev 16:2-9

• Heaven refers to the starry hosts; the heavenly bodies; the “second heaven” (2Cor 12:2)
• Springs of water used as tools of judgment during the Flood (Gen 7:11; 8:2)
God’s Seal as Creator

• A Biblical seal has three elements, and God’s Seal contains:
  – His Name: the Lord
  – His Title: Creator
  – His Territory: heaven and earth and all inhabitants

• 8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Ex 20:8-11  (Deut 5:12-15)
Sabbath...a Memorial to Creation

• Commemoration of the literal 6 Day Creation to Give Glory to God on the 7th Day:

• “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” Gen 2:3 (Ex 31:16-17)
  – *Blessed:* to make holy, to consecrate, having a sacred nature, connected with God
  – *Sanctified:* to set apart for a sacred purpose, to declare holy, to free from sin, to consecrate, to entitle to reverence (Ex 31:13)

• “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.” Deut 5:12 (Is 58:12-14)

• What is the Lord’s day? “…the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.” Ex 20:10 (Is 66:23; Rev 1:10)

✓ The Sabbath is linked here to the understanding of the heavenly sanctuary ministry of Jesus
Second Angel Message

Revelation 14:8  (1 of 2)

• 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.”

✓ Another angel: The 2\textsuperscript{nd} of 3 angels’ messages (No “Loud” voice, yet > Rev 18:1-3)
  – Babylon that great city:  (1 of 6 explicit references of “Babylon” in Revelation; note Rev 11:8).  (See Is 21:9; Jer 51:8; Dan 4:30; 1Pet 5:13) A reference to the religious unholy trinity of the bottomless pit beast (Satan), the sea beast (papacy), and the false prophet (apostate Protestant leadership/USA) (Rev 11:7; 16:13,19) against God and His ten commandment keeping people.
    • Initiated with the Tower of Babel rebellion (Gen 11:1-9; 1Sam 15:23)
    • Led by Lucifer (Satan) (Is 14:12-14)
  – Fallen, fallen: Emphasis that Satan’s counterfeit “salvation” via the unholy trinity apart from God will be exposed  (Rev 16:13-14) (Dan 5:25; 2x “MENE,” spiritual then literal)
    • Satan’s false claim for earth fell when Jesus arose victorious from the tomb
    • Addresses Babylon’s literal fall and its spiritual fall  (Is 21:9; Jer 51:8,44,49; Rev 18:2)
      – “And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.” Gen 41:32
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- **Wine: False doctrine** (Is 28:7; Jer 25:15-18; 51:7; Dan 5:2-4,23; Rev 17:2,4; 18:6)
  - Fermented wine is a substance that produces lawlessness (Prov 31:4-7)
- **Babylon’s Wrath: Compelled/forced worship against conscience** (Rev 13:15-17)
- **Fornication: Unfaithfulness via mutual self interest, pagan worship** (Is 57:3-8)
  - The combination of church and state (Rev 17:2,4); an abomination* (Dan 12:11-12)
  - Fornication: 2nd of 6 references: Rev 2:21; 14:8; 17:2,4; 18:3; 19:2
    - “consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other”
      [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)

*See next two slides
Abomination: Daniel 12:12

- Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

✓ Daniel 12:11 identifies 2 separate initiation times for the 1,290 & 1,335 day/year prophecies (See chart following)
  - Blessed: Happy, as the saints who die during the time of the 3 angels (Rev 14:13)
  ① An abomination of desolation took place at the temple in AD70 (Matt 24:15)
    • 1,335 days/years culminates when John Huss the “first practicing reformer,” began preaching in Prague in 1405
  ② An abomination of desolation, the combining of geopolitical and spiritual powers was first set up by King Clovis of France in AD508 when he “took away/exalted” pagan practices (continual) declaring his people “Christian”
    • 1,335 days/years culminates in 1843 when the joyous message of the “midnight cry” of the 1st and 2nd angel messages of Rev 14:6-8 was preached

✓ The abomination of Solomon’s temple in 586 BC took place before this vision
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The end points of the "appointed times" are sequential with Daniel 11:29 & 31 and all end between 1360 and 1844.

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Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:9 (1 of 2)

• 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,

✓ The 3rd of the 3 angels’ gospel messages, after the 1844 disappointment
  – Loud voice: This message goes out with the power of the Holy Spirit
  – Anyone: This individual identification, refutes church affiliated salvation
  – Worship: Ignoring any of God’s Ten Commandments, is beast worship
    • “Remember the Sabbath day…” Ex 20:1-17; Deut 5:6-22; Eze 20:12; Matt 5:17-20
    • “But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.” Deut 5:31 (Deut 7:11-12; 8:11; 30:16; Neh 9:13; 10:33; Is 58:13; 66:22-23; Eze 20:13,24; 44:24; Nah 1:15)
  – Beast: The sea beast/papacy of Rev 13:1-10 (Little/Talking Horn of Dan 7:11; 8:9)
  – Image: The earth beast of Rev 13:11-17; the false prophet of Rev 16:13
    • Apostate Protestant leadership combined with civil authority of the United States will make a copy of the sea beast system of worship, enforcing Sunday sacredness
  ✓ These religious and civil powers combine to form spiritual Babylon, driven by Satan
Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:9 (2 of 2)

• 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,
    • Forehead: Refers to people who really believe God gave the Roman Catholic Church the authority to change the time and laws (Dan 7:25) (Zech 5:3c,4c)
    • Hand: Refers to people who don’t agree with the beast, however decide to go along because of fear of persecution or peer pressure (Zech 5:3b,4b)

✓ "Sunday is our MARK of authority. . .the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact" Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923.

✓ Receiving the “mark” is a selfish transaction with Satan; an act felt to be advantageous to self

✓ God’s “seal” represents ownership by Him (by creating AND redeeming us)

✓ Compare the practice in Exodus 13:3-16 designed to memorialize the Lord’s deliverance of His people from Egypt so that “…the Lord’s law may be in your mouth…” (verse 9)
Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:10

- 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.

  - **Wine of God’s wrath:** God’s response to the anger of the nations (all who worship the beast/image) takes the form of the 7 plagues (Dan 11:44; Rev 15-16)
    - Jesus/Michael “stands up” from judgment, leaving His intercessory role in the Most Holy Place just before the 7 last plagues, meaning probation has closed for the world and no more sins are forgiven. This initiates the time of Jacob’s trouble (Gen 32:22-30) of Jer 30:7; Dan 12:1. (Eze 38:18-23; Rev 11:18b; 14:19)

  - “He”: The beast is cast into the first lake of fire at Jesus’ second coming (Rev 19:19-21)

  - Fire and brimstone: This scene anticipates the final judgment and punishment at the end of the 1,000 years described in Rev 20:9-15 (Is 34:9)

  - Presence of the Lamb: The force of evil is erased by one final act of divine justice overseen by the One who understands the cost of evil: Jesus
• 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.”

  – Torment: Graphic description designed to shock people to respond to the final gospel call to worship God, by fearing the final fate of the beast and false prophet and all who fail to choose to worship God (Zech 5:4e)
  – No rest, forever, “age lasting”: Literally long enough to accomplish God’s purpose, to forever cleanse the universe of sin and death, erasing all evidence of sin (Is 34:5,9-10; 66:24; Dan 2:35; Mark 9:43-48; Jude 7; Rev 18:9,18; 19:3; 20:10; 21:1)
Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:11 (2 of 2)

• 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.”
  – Worship: The battle over supremacy between Christ and Satan
    • One of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness (Matt 4:9-10; Luke 4:7-8)
  – Beast: Sea beast/papacy (Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-11,18)
    • The Beast of the Bottomless Pit/Abyss of Rev 11:7. Satan, the dragon of Rev 12, is addressed in Rev 20:10 (Rev 9:1-2)
  – Image: Earth beast/apostate Protestant/false prophet/USA copy of the papal persecutory system
  – Mark of his name: The declaration of Sunday sacredness, followed by legislation enabling worldwide persecution (Rev 13:16-17)
    • "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (Saturday Sabbath to Sunday) was her act... And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.
Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:12

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• Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

  — **Patience:** Enduring end time suffering; to persevere  
    (Deut 4:4; Josh 22:5; Matt 24:13; Mark 13:13b; Luke 8:15b; 21:19; Rom 5:3; 1Cor 15:2,58; James 1:2-4; Rev 1:9; 2:2-3,19,25; 3:3,10; 13:10; 14:12)

  — **Saints:** These refer to the remnant who keep God’s 10 laws; alive at Christ’s return, the 144,000  
    (1John 5:3; Rev 13:7; 12:17; 14:1)

    • These will give up every possession and on earth, including relationships if necessary, by relying on Jesus to sustain every need  
      (Is 33:15-17; Jer 30:7; John 15:10)

✓ Additional Study: EG White, Early Writings, chap 61, The Third Angel’s Message  
Third Angel Message

Revelation 14:12  (2 of 2)

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.


◆ Faith of Jesus: Notice this refers to Jesus’ faith, underscoring that we can do nothing to merit salvation; that even our faith is a gift from God (Ps 24:3-6; 40:10; Hab 2:4; Eph 2:8)

◆ This is the foundation of the righteousness by faith doctrine and it is here coupled with the keeping of God’s law (Is 64:6a)

◆ The circle of agape love: Faith comes from our belief in the righteousness of our Savior Jesus (2Pet 1:1), which leads to our desire to know and grow to be like Him (2Pet 1:2,5-7), leading to sanctification and devotion manifested by keeping His commandments (John 14:15-17,21)

◆ "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.'” EG White, Review and Herald, April 1, 1890.
Revelation 14:13  (1 of 2)

• Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

  – **Voice from heaven:** God’s voice (2Sam 22:14; Dan 4:31). God spoke to Jesus at:
    • **Jesus’ baptism:** Matt 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22
    • **Jesus’ transfiguration:** Matt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; 2Pet 1:17-18
    • **Jesus’ preparation to go to the cross:** John 12:28; Rev 10:4,8; 11:12; 16:17; 18:4

✓ Re. Jeroboam’s son; “for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.” 1 Kings 14:13
Revelation 14:13  (2 of 2)

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  • Those dying in the Lord: These are resting (not conscious) until Jesus’ second coming (2Ki 22:19-20; 2Chr 34:27-28; Job 14:12; 19:25; Ps 17:15; 49:6-20; 72:14; 115:17; 116:15; 146:4; Prov 14:32b; Eccl 3:20-21; 9:5,6,10; Is 26:20; 57:1-2; Dan 12:2; John 6:39-40; 11:11; 1Thess 4:13-18; Rev 6:9-10; 20:6)
  • “from now on”: This is a unique “blessing” given to those who have died believing and sharing the preceding third angels’ message
  • War, famine, and disease will kill the righteous as well as the wicked before probation closes (Eze 20:45 - 21:17)
Revelation 14:14

• 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.

✓ **Read the direct parallel to the Rev 14:14-20 passage of the end time scenario in Joel 2:28-3:21** (Dan 12:1b; Rev 16)

✓ **This passage parallels Jesus’ parable of the wheat and tares** (Matt 13:1-43)
  – **White cloud:** Known as God’s chariots, however, this cloud is not moving (Ps 68:4; 104:3; Eze 1:28; Dan 7:13 [cloud bringing Jesus to judgment seat]; Matt 24:30-31; Acts 1:9-11)
    • The pre-advent “investigative” judgment is still in process
    • Notice Jesus does not have a trumpet in hand (Matt 24:31; 1Thess 4:16)
  – **Son of Man:** Jesus (Matt 24:30; 26:64)
  – **Golden crown:** The equivalent of a gold wreath and the same crown offered to humans who remain faithful and the 24 elders (Rev 2:10; 4:4)
  – **Sickle:** Depicting the harvest of righteous people into the pure body of believers (church) just before the end of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment (Eze 9:3-6; 1Pet 4:17; Rev 7:3)
Fourth Angel Message

Revelation 14:15

- 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.”

- **Another angel: The 4th angel**
  - “The message of the angel following the third is now to be given to all parts of the world. It is to be the **harvest message**, and the whole earth will be lighted with the **glory of God.**” —EGW Letter 86, 1900. {LDE 208.1}

- **Loud voice:** Like angels 1 & 3, (the 2nd angel did not have a loud voice in 1844) the whole earth will hear the 3 angels’ message, emphasizing the 2nd angels’ message with great power at the latter rain (Rev 18:1-3)
  - John’s view of the 2 angels of Rev 18 is from **earth**

- **Him who sat on the cloud:** Jesus **Himself** takes charge of this final harvest (sealing) while He continues with the pre-advent judgment in heaven (Matt 13:30,37-39; 25:31-33; Mark 4:26-29)

- **Thrust or send in Your sickle:** Bring about a decision for **Christ** (Matt 13:24-30)

- The harvest is ripe: This suggests a religious awakening likely brought on by world events, similar to the early 1830s – 1844, will take place just before the end of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment (Rev 11:1; 18:1)
Revelation 14:16

• So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
  – The 4th angels’ message is the same as the 2nd angels’ message (Rev 14:8), only done with illuminating power over the whole earth (Rev 18:1-3)
    • This is the “loud cry” or “latter rain” of the final proclamation of the 3 angels’ messages (Is 58:1; Eze 43:1-2; Mic 3:8; Rev 7:2-4)
  – Just as Josiah Litch’s Biblical interpretation (of Rev 9:15) of the end of the Ottoman Empire on 8/11/1840 (the 6th Trumpet/2nd Woe) motivated the giving and acceptance of the message from William Miller, the shocking understanding of Rev 17:8-11 identifying the last pope (who completes the papal 666 count) will fuel the power of the 4th angels’ message, with the 2nd angels’ message given this time with a “loud voice” (EGW, GC pg 334-335)
  – The Three Angels’ messages will be given in much greater power than in 1843-1844
  – Jesus is Lord of the harvest (Matt 9:35-38) bringing people into His fellowship via the everlasting gospel message (Luke 10:2; John 4:35-38; Rev 14:6)
  – Reaped: The process of placing God’s seal on the 144,000 living remnant (Is 65:8-10; Eze 9:3-6; Dan 7:13-14; Rev 7:2-4; 14:1)
Fifth Angel: Last Message

Revelation 14:17-18

• 17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.”

– Another angel out of the temple with a sickle: To gather the wicked (Is 59:17)
– Another Angel from the altar having the power over fire: This is the altar outside the temple (not golden). This is the 5th Angel, Jesus Himself with power over the “judgments” of God (Is 28:21; Eze 10:2; 33:11; Nah 1:3; Rev 8:3-5)
  • John hears this Voice from earth in Rev 18:4 pleading for all to leave the great “city” Babylon to escape the plagues; not “loud” means not heard by many
  – “Loud cry”: This is the last message to leave Babylon, occurring moments before the end of the pre-advent judgment, showing God’s great mercy
– Vine of the earth: Yielding “wine” or “false doctrines” of the earth (Is 28:7; Jer 25:15-18; 51:7; Dan 5:2-4,23)
Revelation 14:19

• So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
  – Vine of the earth: Yielding “wine” or false doctrines of the earth (Jer 25:34-38)
  – Great winepress: The beginning of the 7 plagues of Rev 16 (Joel 3:13; Jer 25:27-33)
    • Before this begins, the 7 angels must have been called into the temple and now are called out of the temple (Rev 15:6), by Jesus. They come out of the Most Holy Place recalling that the wicked rejected the law that resides in the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place. This must occur just before the pre-advent “investigative” judgment is completed.
  – Wrath of God: The 7 plagues of Rev 16, also called the “wrath of God”
    • Begins with the temple filling with smoke (Rev 15:8), indication that the pre-advent “investigative” judgment is complete, closing earth’s probation. Only God the Father can be in the temple at this time. Jesus is not there to obtain forgiveness for sins. (Ps 110:5-6; Is 34:5-11; Jer 46:10; Lam 2:21-22; Eze 39:17-21; Zeph 1:7-8; Matt 13:30,39-42; 47-50; Rev 11:18b)

✓ “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.” Rev 22:11
Revelation 14:20

• And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.
  – **Trampled outside the city:** Nothing unclean can enter the *literal* city of God or the *spiritual* city of God (Rev 6:14-17; 19:15; 21:27)
    • Contrast with *Jesus*, as *Messiah*, being crucified *outside* Jerusalem (Is 63:1-6)
  – **Blood bridle height:** Describing the massive end-time slaughter as a result of the plagues, culminating with *Jesus’* second coming (Eze 9:5-11, Dan 12:1b)
    • *Jesus’* robe has blood on it from treading the winepress (Is 34:1-6; Rev 19:13,15)
  – **1,600 furlongs:** A symbolic number of expressing the worldwide scope of the death of the wicked. May allude to completeness as demonstrated by the formula, $4 \times 4 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,600$, where 4 is a symbol for the 4 corners of the earth and 10 is a symbol for a complete or large number.

✓ “10 horns” of Dan 7:7: Many barbarian tribes
✓ “10 horns” of Rev 17:12-17: Many *apostate Protestant* religions
Faithful Remnant

• Revelation 14 defines the end-time remnant people of God (the saints) as follows:

1. **Having the correct interpretation of prophecy**  (Rev 10:7, 10:5-11; 19:10)
2. **Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus’ sacrifice for us**  (Ps 96; Rev 10:7; 14:6,12)
3. **Understanding the Heavenly Sanctuary**  (Dan 7:9-10,13,26; Rev 4-5; 8:2-5; 11:1-2; Eze 8-9)
   - Jesus’ Priestly ministry on our behalf at the golden altar of incense  (Heb 8-10)
4. **Keeping all of God’s Ten Commandments**  (Rev 12:17; 14:12; Ex 34:1)
   - Worshiping our Creator on the 7th day Sabbath  (Rev 14:7; Ex 20:8-11)
5. **Warning of End-time deceptions**  (Rev 13:1-18; 14:8; 17:1-18)
6. **Having a total and completely reliant relationship with Jesus**  (Rev 14:1-5,12)
7. **Proclaiming the Hour of Judgment/3 angels’ messages**  (Rev 14:7; 18:2-4)
   - Righteousness by Faith in verity  (Is 64:6a)
### The Tribulation

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#### 1,260 Day/Year Prophecy

- Little Talking horn of Dan 7:8,20,24-25
- Little horn of Dan 8:9-12, 23-25
- King of the North of Dan 11:23-39
- Sea Beast of Rev 13:1-10
- First Persecution Phase of the Catholic Church

#### 2,300 Day/Year Prophecy (457BC - 1844)

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1. The Roman Catholic Church was declared the state religion, compelling matters of conscience.
2. Jesus described the tribulation of the saints in Matt 24:21,29; Mark 13:19-20,24-25.
3. Napoleon had General Berthier arrest Pope Pius VI on 2/20/1798.
4. In Biblical time prophecy, 1 day = 1 year. Jewish years had 360 days (Num 14:34; Eze 4:6).
5. Prophecy in Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5 as Time, times, and half a time, 42 months.
6. The mystery 666 man is announced to the whole world by the 4th & 5th angels (Rev 14:14-19; 18:1-4).
7. After Michael (Jesus) finishes the Investigative Judgment (Dan 7:9-10; 12:1), the 7 plagues (Rev 16) fall.
Our Mission as the Remnant

- “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Rev 19:10)
  - The understanding of prophecy is a call to action; to share the gospel of everlasting life through a relationship with Jesus, proclaiming the 3 angels’ message of Rev 14:6-12

- “…obey God’s commandments” (Rev 12:17) and “Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” (Rev 14:7)

- “...Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer.” (Is 56:6-7)

- “Be holy...blameless” (1Pet 1:16-19; 2Pet 3:10-14)
He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!  Revelation 22:20
Additional Information

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I am also indebted to two individuals whom have dedicated their lives in a study of Revelation 17 since the late 1990’s. Their website, http://666man.net, provides significant depth on the many related Bible passages and prophecies that correlate completely to the prophecies of Daniel.

For an excellent verse by verse commentary see: http://www.bibleexplained.com

For a deep perspective of how Revelation represents the spiritual fulfillment of much of the Old Testament see: Louis F. Were, The Certainty of the 3rd Angel’s Message, 1945

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“If we would have the image and superscription of God upon us, we must separate ourselves from all iniquity. We must forsake every evil way, and then we must trust our cases in the hands of Christ. While we are working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, God will work in us to will and to do of his own good pleasure.” {RH March 19, 1889, par. 6}

“No one who is in Christ’s service can rest content with doing nothing. The Christian life is not alone a life of waiting and meditation, not alone a life of prayer, but a life also of work. We are to wait, and watch, and work for Christ. Thus only can we attain to the full stature of men and women in Christ. As we work under the Captain of our salvation, faithfully obeying his orders, our characters are developed. Through his merits we are enabled to work in harmony with God’s great plan.” {RH April 12, 1898, par. 5-6} “We shall follow the Lamb of God in the courts above only if we follow him here. Following him in heaven depends on our keeping his commandments now. We are not to follow Christ fitfully or capriciously, only when it is for our advantage. We must choose to follow him…And as we thus seek to be like him, and to bring our wills into conformity to his will, we shall reveal him.” {RH April 12, 1898, par. 19}
Ellen White Comments  

Rev 14:1-4

✓ “The 144,000 were all sealed and **perfectly united.** On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus’ new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another’s feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet.” {EW 15.1} “And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised His lovely voice and said, “Only the 144,000 enter this place,” and we shouted, “Alleluia.” {EW 18.2} “This temple was supported by seven pillars, all of transparent gold, set with pearls most glorious. The wonderful things I there saw I cannot describe. Oh, that I could talk in the language of Canaan, then could I tell a little of the glory of the better world. I saw there tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold.” {EW 19.1}
Ellen White Comments  
Rev 14:1-4

✓ “There she met “good old Enoch.” *In conversation with him* she asked if this was the place to which he was taken from the earth. He replied, “It is not; the city is my home, and I have come to visit this place.” Ellen observed that he moved about as if perfectly at home. Entranced with the planet she was visiting, she made a most natural request of her accompanying angel: I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, “You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000,” [Note: the wording is “you with the 144,000,” not “you as one of the 144,000.”] shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.”—Ibid. {1BIO 157.1-2}
Ellen White Comments  

✓ “The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be “redeemed from the earth” (Revelation 14:3) at the time of Christ’s second advent. Then, as in the world before the Flood, iniquity will prevail. Following the promptings of their corrupt hearts and the teachings of a deceptive philosophy, men will rebel against the authority of Heaven. But like Enoch, God’s people will seek for purity of heart and conformity to His will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch, they will warn the world of the Lord’s second coming and of the judgments to be visited upon transgression, and by their holy conversation and example they will condemn the sins of the ungodly. As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire.” {PP 88.3}
“Wickedness is reaching a height never before attained, and yet many ministers of the gospel are crying, “Peace and safety.” But God’s faithful messengers are to go steadily forward with their work. Clothed with the panoply of heaven, they are to advance fearlessly and victoriously, never ceasing their warfare until every soul within their reach shall have received the message of truth for this time.” {AA 220.1}
“God’s message for the inhabitants of earth today is, “Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matthew 24:44. The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God’s judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at hand. We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. We are not to be surprised at this time by events both great and decisive; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent.” {PK 278.1}

“Behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.” Isaiah 26:21. The storm of God’s wrath is gathering; and those only will stand who respond to the invitations of mercy, as did the inhabitants of Nineveh under the preaching of Jonah, and become sanctified through obedience to the laws of the divine Ruler. The righteous alone shall be hid with Christ in God till the desolation be overpast.” {PK 278.2}
“We see before us a special work to be done. We are now to pray as never before for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Let us seek the Lord with the whole heart, that we may find him. We have received the light of the three angels’ messages; and we need now to come decidedly to the front, and take our position on the side of truth.” {par. 1} “The fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of the deepest interest. This scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the messages given to John the revelator will be repeated with distinct utterance.” {par. 2} “The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel’s message, “another angel” is to “come down from heaven, having great power...” {par. 3} “Amid the confusing cries, “Lo, here is Christ! Lo, there is Christ!” will be borne a special testimony, a special message of truth appropriate for this time, which message is to be received, believed, and acted upon. It is the truth, not fanciful ideas, that is efficacious.” {par. 6} “The proclamation of the gospel is the only means in which God can employ human beings as his instrumentalities for the salvation of souls.” {RH October 13, 1904, par. 7}

What wasn’t yet understood about Revelation 14 by Ellen White in 1904?
“Separate the Sabbath from the messages, and it loses its power; but when connected with the message of the third angel, a power attends it which convicts unbelievers and infidels, and brings them out with strength to stand, to live, grow, and flourish in the Lord. It is time for God’s people in Wisconsin to find their position. “Who will be on the Lord’s side?” should be sounded by the faithful, experienced ones in every place. God requires them to come out and cut loose from the various influences which would separate them from one another and from the great platform of truth upon which God is bringing His people.” {1T 337.1}
Ellen White Comments  Dan 7:13; 8:13-14; Rev 14:6-12

✓ “I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, “Father, give us Thy Spirit.” Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan’s object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God’s children.” {EW 56.1}
– Referring to 1844 when Jesus moved to the Most Holy Place
“Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angel’s message. These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world.” {Lt79-1900.32}

“There is to be, at this period, a series of events which will reveal that God is Master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear, unmistakable language. As a people, we must prepare the way of the Lord, under the overruling guidance of the Holy Spirit. The gospel is to be given in its purity..., they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulties will be removed, and cast into the sea. The message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth, will be heard and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward, and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned. And then shall the end come.” {RH July 5, 1906, par. 6}
“June 3, 1903: “There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God’s destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; his hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time. The Lord calls upon every believer to consecrate himself wholly to his service. All are to work for him, according to their several ability.” {RH July 5, 1906, par. 35}

“When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9-11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it. But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” 2 Timothy 4:3. That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.” {GC 594.2}
“In the command to go into the highways and hedges, Christ sets forth the work of all whom He calls to minister in His name. The whole world is the field for Christ’s ministers. The whole human family is comprised in their congregation. The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul. To a great degree this must be accomplished by personal labor. This was Christ’s method. His work was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience. Through that one soul the message was often extended to thousands. We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are. When the word has been preached in the pulpit, the work has but just begun. There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them.” {COL 229.1-3}

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.” {MH 143.3-4}
Ellen White Comments

Rev 14:7

✓ “To give glory to God is to **reveal His character** in our own and thus make Him known. And in what ever way we make known the Father and the Son, we glorify God.” {Ms16-1890.93}

✓ “Today, in the spirit and power of Elias and of John the Baptist, **messengers of God’s appointment are calling the attention of a judgment-bound world to the solemn events soon to take place in connection with the closing hours of probation and the appearance of Christ Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords.** Soon every man is to be judged for the deeds done in the body. **The hour of God’s judgment has come, and upon the members of His church on earth rests the solemn responsibility of giving warning to those who are standing as it were on the very brink of eternal ruin.** To every human being in the wide world who will give heed must be made plain the principles at stake in the great controversy being waged, principles upon which hang the destinies of all mankind.” {PK 716.1}
“The Sabbath is not introduced as a new institution but as having been founded at creation. It is to be remembered and observed as the memorial of the Creator’s work. **Pointing to God as the Maker of the heavens and the earth, it distinguishes the true God from all false gods.** All who keep the seventh day signify by this act that they are worshipers of Jehovah. Thus **the Sabbath is the sign of man’s allegiance to God** as long as there are any upon the earth to serve Him. **The fourth commandment is the only one of all the ten in which are found both the name and the title of the Lawgiver.** It is the only one that shows by whose authority the law is given. Thus it contains the **seal of God,** affixed to His law as evidence of its authenticity and binding force.” {PP 307.2}
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✓ “Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master’s will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.” {5T 213.2}

✓ “To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.” {5T 450.2}
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✓ “There are many in the church who at heart belong to the world, but God calls upon those who claim to believe the advanced truth, to rise above the present attitude of the popular churches of today. Where is the self-denial, where is the cross-bearing that Christ has said should characterize His followers? The reason we have had so little influence upon unbelieving relatives and associates is that we have manifested little decided difference in our practices from those of the world. Parents need to awake, and purify their souls by practicing the truth in their home life. When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, strait-laced extremists. “We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.” {FE 289.1}
“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. ... 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}
“She made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Revelation 14:6-8). How is this done? By forcing men to accept a spurious sabbath.—Testimonies for the Church 8:94 (1904). {LDE 198.2} Not yet, however, can it be said that ... “she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” She has not yet made all nations do this.... {LDE 198.3} Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.—The Great Controversy, 389, 390 (1911). {LDE 198.4} When do her sins reach unto heaven [Revelation 18:2-5]? When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.”—The Signs of the Times, June 12, 1893. {LDE 198.5}
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✓ “In the very time in which we live the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. **He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power**, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation, as holy unto the Lord.”—Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 118 (1903). {Ev 233.2}

✓ “**We are to give to the people the warnings contained in Revelation.** But many workers are engaged in a line of work that is disqualifying them to preach the word and do the very work God has appointed them to do. **The truth in regard to the Sabbath of the Lord is to be proclaimed. The Seventh-day is to be shown to be the seal of the living God. People are to be shown what they may expect from the papal power.** The time has come when the Protestant churches are reaching out to grasp the hand of the power that has made void the law of God.... [Here follows lengthy quotations from Revelation 18 and brief comments.] **This is the message Satan would have silenced.... Shall this message be considered an inferior matter?**” {4MR 425.3-426.1}
“The Third Angel's message is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines. Some have thought that it is best to gradually prepare the way for the presentation of the Sabbath question. The Sabbath truth is the message to be proclaimed with a loud voice, as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. And in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, "The third angel followed them, "saying with a loud voice, 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, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb" [verses 9, 10]. This message embraces the two preceding messages. It is represented as being given with a loud voice, that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness with which it is proclaimed. John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" [Rev. 14:12]. Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. The nations commit spiritual fornication by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments. The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast and his image. But through it all the saints show their patience. They continue to be steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their lives. We know that now everything is at stake. The third angel's message is to be at this time regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question.” Letter 28, February 17, 1900, (see also MAR 191)
“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. **By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message.** There cannot be a third without the first and second.” Ibid. {1MR 53.1}

“**We must let the great principles of the third angel’s message stand out clear and distinct.** The great pillars of our faith will hold all the weight that can be placed upon them.” Letter 207, 1899, p. 2. (To Elder S. N. Haskell and Elder G. A. Irwin, December 15, 1899.) {1MR 53.3}

“We are as a people in danger of giving the **third angel’s message** in such an indefinite manner that it does not impress the people. **Our message is a life-and-death message, and we must let this message appear as it is,—the great power of God. Then the Lord will make it effectual. We are to present it in all its telling force.**”—Letter 209, 1899. {Ev 230.1}
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✓ “The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angels’ messages; all are linked together. The evidences of the abiding, ever-living truth of these grand messages, that means so much to us, that have awakened such intense opposition from the religious world, are not extinct. Satan is constantly seeking to cast his hellish shadow about these messages, so that the remnant people of God shall not clearly discern their import, their time and place; but they live, and are to exert their power upon our religious experience while time shall last.” Letter 1f, 1890, pp. 5, 6. (To Brethren in Responsible Positions, November, 1890.) {1MR 56.2}

✓ “The message the Lord has for His people is the proclamation of the angels flying in the midst of heaven. [Revelation 14:6-12 quoted.] These messages are connected and bound together. One cannot be carried without the other.” Letter 65, 1897, p. 2. (To Brother and Sister Hawkins, April 6, 1897.) {1MR 56.3}
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✓ “The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old. The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols. The New Testament is the substance. One is as essential as the other. The Old Testament presents lessons from the lips of Christ, and these lessons have not lost their force in any particular. The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be.”—Manuscript 32, 1896. {CW 26.2}
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✓ “I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’ messages. Said my accompanying angel, “Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.” I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform.” {EW 258.3} (see SR 385.1-3)

✓ “The third angel was seen flying in the midst of heaven, heralding the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The message loses none of its power in its onward flight. John saw the work increasing until the whole earth was filled with the glory of God. With intensified zeal and energy we are to carry forward the work of the Lord till the close of time.” {CT 548.3}
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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.” {Ev 119.3}

✓ “The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God’s people are to be true to the trust committed to them....” {Ev 120.1}

✓ “Shall we wait until God’s judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the Word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, “even at the door.”—Testimonies For The Church 9:19, 20 (1909). {Ev 120.2}
%Rev 14:6-12 quoted. “This is the message of present truth. The first, second, and third angels’ messages are to be proclaimed at this time. These messages are not to be eclipsed by any other fancied specialties. Their force and efficiency are to continue as long as time is given for repentance. Our Lord is soon to come, and I see so little missionary work being done as unworked fields are laid out before me. All whose eyes are open must see that a work should be done which is not being done. Ministers are devoting time to church members who ought to have root and life in themselves. God’s servants should go into new places to proclaim the message. What answer will the church give to the Lord in that great day when her neglected work stands forth to reproach her for her slothfulness and her silence, when she knew how much was at stake? The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah contains present truth for the people of God. Here we see how medical missionary work and the gospel ministry are to be bound together as the message is given to the world. Upon those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord is laid the responsibility of doing a work of mercy and benevolence. Medical missionary work is to be bound up with the message and sealed with the seal of God.” {Ms22-1901.7-9}
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✓ “Then I saw souls that were needy. They were honest, and they needed the prejudice torn from them that they have received from their leaders, and then they can receive the truth. I saw [that] the burden of the message should be the first, second, and third angels’ messages, and those who had any hope in God would yield to the force of that truth. How mighty and glorious it looked to me. Oh, what privilege is ours, that of being among the children of God and believing the mighty truth—a poor, despised company, but how honored of God!” {13MR 301.1}
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✓ “Every feature of the third angel’s message is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. This is a much greater work than many realize. Our missionary enterprises are the one great object demanding our undivided attention at this time. “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” In this work we are to study simplicity. This message is a testing message. Received into honest hearts, it will prove an antidote for all the world’s sins and sorrows. No conditions of climate, of poverty, of ignorance, or of prejudice can hinder its efficiency or lessen its adaptability to the needs of mankind. The proclamation of the great gospel message is the work of the disciples of Christ. Some will labor for this in one way, and others will carry another branch of the work, as the Lord calls and directs them individually. All have not the same line of work, but all may unite in their efforts.” {Ms75-1906.11-13}
“The first and second angels’ messages are united and made complete in the third. John says: “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 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, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” {RH October 31, 1899, par. 8}

“The first, second, and third angels’ messages are to be repeated. The call is to be given to the church: “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies..... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.” {RH October 31, 1899, par. 11}

— Read all of RH October 31, 1899, “The Parable of the Ten Virgins”
“The most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel’s message. That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy. *Men are not to be left in darkness concerning this important matter; the warning against this sin is to be given to the world before the visitation of God’s judgments, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have opportunity to escape them.* Prophecy declares that the first angel would make his announcement to “every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” *The warning of the third angel, which forms a part of the same threefold message, is to be no less widespread.* It is represented in the prophecy as being proclaimed with a loud voice, by an angel flying in the midst of heaven; and it will command the attention of the world.” {GC 449.2}

“*The opposition of the enemies of truth will be restrained that the third angel’s message may do its work.*” {GC 610.3}
“The theme of greatest importance is the third angel’s message, embracing the messages of the first and second angels. All should understand the truths contained in these messages and demonstrate them in daily life, for this is essential to salvation. We shall have to study earnestly, prayerfully, in order to understand these grand truths.” —Letter 97, 1902. {CW 29.3}

“We have a most important work to do—the work of proclaiming the third angel’s message. We are facing the most important issues that men have ever been called to meet. All should understand the truths contained in the three messages; for they are essential to salvation.” {Lt106-1902.14}
“The light that Christ revealed to His servant the prophet is for us. In His revelation are given the three angels’ messages, and a description of the angel that was to come down from heaven with great power, lightening the earth with his glory. In it are warnings against the wickedness that would exist in the last days, and against the mark of the beast. We are not only to read and understand this message, but to proclaim it with no uncertain sound to the world. By presenting these things revealed to John, we shall be able to stir the people. The usual subjects on which the ministers of nearly all other denominations dwell will not move them. We must proclaim our God-given message to them. The world is to be warned by the proclamation of this message. If we blanket it, if we hide our light under a bushel, if we so circumscribe ourselves that we cannot reach the people, we are answerable to God for our failure to warn the world.” {19MR 41.1-2}
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- “There are but few, even of those who claim to believe it, that comprehend the third angel’s message, and yet this is the message for this time. It is present truth. But how few take up this message in its true bearing, and present it to the people in its power! With many it has but little force.... The closing work of the third angel’s message will be attended with a power that will send the rays of the Sun of Righteousness into all the highways and byways of life, and decisions will be made for God as supreme Governor; His law will [be] looked upon as the rule of His government.”—Manuscript 15, 1888, 5. (“A Call to a Deeper Study of the Word,” November 1, 1888.) {1MR 56.4}

- “The present truth, the special message given to our world, even the third angel’s message, comprehends a vast field, containing heavenly treasures. No one can be excusable who says, I will no longer have anything to do with these special messages; I will preach Christ. No one can preach Christ, and present the truth as it is in Jesus, unless he presents the truths that are to come before the people at the present time, when such important developments are taking place.” {Ms33-1897.24}
“The third angel’s message is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines. In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, “The third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, or receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.” This message embraces the two proceeding messages. It is represented as being given with a loud voice; that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything is now at stake. The third angel’s message is to be regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question. The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness and solemnity with which it is proclaimed.” {Ms16-1900.1}
“Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel’s message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time. The third angel’s message must be strengthened and confirmed. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms but with boldness and power. John writes, “After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” {Ms16-1900.2}
“What saith the Lord in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah? The whole chapter is of the highest importance. This is our work. The light that we have upon the third angel’s message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, and will not be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord’s command to His servants is, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” Isaiah 58:1. A message that will arouse the churches is to be proclaimed. Every effort is to be made to give the light, not only to our people, but to the world. I have been instructed that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be printed in small books, with the necessary explanations, and should be sent all over the world. Our own people need to have the light placed before them in clearer lines.”

— The unrolling of the scroll happens after the 1000 years
“Satan will so mingle deception with truth that side issues will be created to turn the attention of the people from the one great issue, the test to be brought upon men and women in these last days. From the light God has given me, I know that the gospel message for this time is being largely turned aside, for work among the lowest class of people. This work is being made the all-absorbing work; but this is not in God’s order. It is a never-ending work, and if it is carried on as it has been in the past, all the power of God’s people will be required to counterbalance it, and the work of preparing a people to stand amid the perils of the last days will never be done.” {Ms16-1900.13} “Our work is to put on the armor and make aggressive warfare. Laborers are not to be encouraged to work in the slums and filth of the cities, where they will only secure converts who need watching, and that continually. There are fields all ripe for the harvest, and all the time and money is not to be devoted to gathering in those who through indulgence of appetite have trained themselves in pollution.” {Ms16-1900.14} “...the Lord has not called Seventh-day Adventists to make this work a specialty.” {Ms16-1900.19}
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✓ “Some have thought it best to gradually prepare the way for the presentation of the Sabbath question. The Sabbath truth is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. There has been too much beating about the bush in the proclamation of the third angel’s message. The message has not been given as clearly and distinctly as it should have been. The third angel’s message is to be proclaimed at our camp-meetings, and in a most earnest, decided manner. The trumpet is to give a certain sound.” {Ms16-1900.23} “The army of the Lord is on the ground, seeking to save souls. Satan and his synagogue are also at work, trying in every possible way is deceive souls. Day by day the battle goes on. If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking. Be assured that if Satan has a chance, he will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in the line of criticism. Let not the servants of God allow Satan to make their minds his workshop.” {Ms16-1900.34-35}
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✓ “The fourteenth chapter of Revelation outlines the work that is to be done by God’s people. The everlasting gospel is to be preached and practiced. True missionary work is to be done, not in the wisdom of men, but in the wisdom of God.” {Ms135-1902.7} “The third angel’s message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth’s history.” {Ms135-1902.10} “God has presented to me the dangers that are threatening those who have been given the sacred work of proclaiming the third angel’s message. They are to remember that this message is of the utmost consequence to the whole world. They need to search the Scriptures diligently, that they may learn how to guard against the mystery of iniquity, which plays so large a part in the closing scenes of this earth’s history.” {Ms135-1902.11}

✓ “The third angel’s message, embracing the messages of the first and second angels, is the message for this time. We are to raise aloft the banner on which is inscribed: “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” The world is soon to meet the great Lawgiver over His broken law. This is not the time to put out of sight the great issues before us. God calls upon His people to magnify the law and make it honorable.” {8T 197.2} see 8T 41.1-3
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- “The gospel message for this time is comprised in the third angel’s message, which embraces the messages of the first and second angel, and which is to be proclaimed everywhere; for it is present truth. This message is to go forth with great distinctness and power. It is not to be clouded by human theories and sophistries.” Letter 20, 1900, pp. 5, 6. (To James Edson and Emma White, January 31, 1900.) {1MR 57.2}

- “A great work is to be done in setting before men the saving truths of the gospel. To present these truths is the work of the third angel’s message. The whole of the gospel is embraced in the third angel’s message, and in all our work the truth is to be presented as it is in Jesus.... Let nothing lessen the force of the truth for this time. The third angel’s message must do its work of separating from the churches a people who will take their stand on the platform of eternal truth. Our message is a life and death message, and we must let it appear as it is, the great power of God. We are to present it in all its telling force. Then the Lord will make it effectual.”—Manuscript 19, 1900, 1, 4, 5. ("A Perfect Ministry. Its Purpose,” March 5 1900.) {1MR 57.3}
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✓ “We are to proclaim the third angel’s message to a perishing world, and we are not to permit our minds to become diverted by minutiae that practically amount to nothing. If our brethren would consider the important matters pertaining to eternal life and eternal death, many of the smaller matters that they desire so much to adjust, would adjust themselves.” Letter 16, 1903, pp. 5-7. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, January 1, 1903.) {1MR 58.4}

✓ “The present truth for this time comprises the messages, the third angel’s message succeeding the first and second.” Letter 121, 1900, p. 5. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, August 13, 1900.) {1MR 59.2}

✓ “The light came to me clear and distinct that the medical missionary work was absorbing too much, while a more definite work in special lines was being neglected, that you were gathering into your arms a class of work that is never ending, which was eclipsing the work that needs to be done in every city,—the proclamation of the soon coming of Christ. The third angel’s message was being blanketed.” Letter 55, 1899, pp. 2, 3. (To Dr. J. H. Kellogg, March 24, 1899.) {1MR 59.3}
“God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. **By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels**, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. **He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time.** Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. **The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God’s messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth.** Christ declares to His followers: “Ye are the light of the world.” To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks: “Behold the worth of the soul: ‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.’” **Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity.** The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers.” {5T 455.2}
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✓ “While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed.” {5T 716.2}
“Men will employ every means to make less prominent the difference between Seventh-day Adventists and observers of the first day of the week. A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner, or sign, which makes us a distinct people should not be held out so strikingly; for they claimed that this was not the best policy in order to secure success to our institutions. But this is not a time to haul down our colors, to be ashamed of our faith. This distinctive banner, described in the words, “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus,” is to be borne through the world to the close of probation. While efforts should be increased to advance in different localities, there must be no cloaking of our faith to secure patronage. Truth must come to souls ready to perish; and if it is in any way hidden, God is dishonored, and the blood of souls will be upon our garments.” {6T 144.1}
“The banner of the third angel has inscribed upon it, “The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Our institutions have taken a name which sets forth the character of our faith, and of this name we are never to be ashamed. I have been shown that this name means much, and in adopting it we have followed the light given us from heaven.... The Sabbath is God’s memorial of His creative work, and it is a sign that is to be kept before the world. I was told that men will employ every policy to make less prominent the difference between the faith of Seventh-day Adventists and those who observe the first day of the week. In this controversy the whole world will be engaged, and the time is short. This is no time to haul down our colors. A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner or sign which makes us a distinctive people should not be held out so strikingly; for they claimed it was not the best policy in securing success to our institutions. This distinctive banner is to be borne through the world to the close of probation. In describing the remnant people of God, John says, “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). This is the law and the gospel...I saw some reaching out their hands to remove the banner, and to obscure its significance...”  

{2SM 384.3 – 385.2}
“Never for one moment should the impression be given to anyone that it would be for his profit to hide his faith and doctrines from the unbelieving people of the world, fearing that he may not be so highly esteemed if his principles are known. Christ requires from all His followers open, manly confession of faith. Each must take his position and be what God designed he should be, a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The whole universe is looking with inexpressible interest to see the closing work of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Every Christian is to be a light, not hid under a bushel or under a bed, but put on a candlestick, that light may be given to all who are in the house. Never, from cowardice or worldly policy, let the truth of God be placed in the background.” {6T 144.2}
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✓ “Those who engage in the solemn work of bearing the third angel’s message must move out decidedly, and in the Spirit and power of God fearlessly preach the truth and let it cut. They should elevate the standard of truth and urge the people to come up to it. It has too frequently been lowered to meet the people in their condition of darkness and sin. It is the pointed testimony that will bring them up to decide. A peaceful testimony will not do this. The people have the privilege of listening to this kind of teaching from popular pulpits; but those servants to whom God has entrusted the solemn, fearful message which is to bring out and fit up a people for the coming of Christ should bear a plain, pointed testimony. Our truth is as much more solemn than that of nominal professors, as the heavens are higher than the earth.” {1T 248.2}

✓ “God’s servants must bear a pointed testimony, which will cut the natural heart and develop character.” {1T 249.2}
"Many who embraced the third message had not had an experience in the two former messages. Satan understood this, and his evil eye was upon them to overthrow them; but the third angel was pointing them to the most holy place, and those who had had an experience in the past messages were pointing them the way to the heavenly sanctuary. Many saw the perfect chain of truth in the angels’ messages, and gladly received them in their order, and followed Jesus by faith into the heavenly sanctuary. These messages were represented to me as an anchor to the people of God. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by the many delusions of Satan.” {EW 256.2}

"The Lord has shown me that the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children of the Lord, but it must not be hung on time. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time; but the third angel’s message is stronger than time can be. I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation and needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness.” {EW 75.1}
“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel’s message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” {TM 91.2}
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✓ “The Lord has raised up Brother Jones and Brother Waggoner to proclaim a message to the world to prepare a people to stand in the day of God. The world is suffering the need of additional light to come to them upon the Scriptures, — additional proclamation of the principles of purity, lowliness, faith, and the righteousness of Christ. This is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Many will be moved and humbled. After a time they will drink of the waters of life. Jesus proclaimed Himself the bread of life: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” John 6:51. {1888 1814.4}

✓ “If our brethren were all laborers together with God, they would not doubt but that the message he has sent us during these last two years is from heaven. Our young men look to our older brethren, and as they see that they do not accept the message, but treat it as though it were of no consequence, it influences those who are ignorant of the Scriptures to reject the light. These men who refuse to receive truth, interpose themselves between the people and the light.” {1888 545.5}
“I never labored in my life more directly under the controlling influences of the Spirit of God. God gave me meat in due season for the people, but they refused it for it did not come in just the way and manner they wanted it to come. Elders Jones and Waggoner presented precious light to the people, but prejudice and unbelief, jealousy and evil-surmising barred the door of their hearts that nothing from this source should find entrance to their hearts.”—Letter 14, 1889, pp. 2, 3. {11MR 257.1}

“I have had the question asked, What do you think of this light that these men are presenting? Why, I have been presenting it to you for the last forty-five years—the matchless charms of Christ. This is what I have been trying to present before your minds. When Brother Waggoner brought out these ideas in Minneapolis, it was the first clear teaching on this subject from any human lips I had heard, excepting the conversations between myself and my husband. I have said to myself, It is because God has presented it to me in vision that I see it so clearly, and they cannot see it because they have never had it presented to them as I have. And when another presented it, every fiber of my heart said, Amen.”—Manuscript 5, 1889, 10. (Sermon, Rome, New York, June 19, 1889.) {5MR 219.1}
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✓ “The health reform, I was shown, is a part of the third angel’s message, and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body. I saw that as a people we must make an advance move in this great work. Ministers and people must act in concert. God’s people are not prepared for the loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them. He has left this work for them to do. It is an individual work; one cannot do it for another. “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”... {RH April 30, 1914, par. 4}

✓ “The third angel’s message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry.” {RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 9}

– This tells us that probation for all claiming to be Seventh-day Adventists will be closed when the latter rain/loud cry goes out
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✓ “The self-denial, humility, and temperance required of the righteous, whom God especially leads and blesses, is to be presented to the people in contrast to the extravagant, health-destroying habits of those who live in this degenerate age. **God has shown that health reform is as closely connected with the third angel’s message as the hand is with the body.** There is nowhere to be found so great a cause of physical and moral degeneracy as a neglect of this important subject. Those who indulge appetite and passion, and **close their eyes to the light** for fear they will see sinful indulgences which they are unwilling to forsake, are guilty before God. **Whoever turns from the light in one instance hardens his heart to disregard the light upon other matters.** **Whoever violates moral obligations in the matter of eating and dressing prepares the way to violate the claims of God in regard to eternal interests.** **Our bodies are not our own.** God has claims upon us to take care of the habitation. He has given us, that we may present our bodies to Him a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. Our bodies belong to Him who made them, and we are in duty bound to become intelligent in regard to the best means of preserving them from decay. **If we enfeeble the body by self-gratification, by indulging the appetite, and by dressing in accordance with health-destroying fashions, in order to be in harmony with the world, we become enemies of God.**”  {3T 62.2}
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✓ “December 10, 1871, *I was again shown* that the **health reform** is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. *It is as closely connected with the third angel’s message as the hand is with the body.* The **law of Ten Commandments** has been lightly regarded by man, but the Lord would not come to punish the transgressors of that law **without first sending them a message of warning.** The **third angel proclaims that message.**”  

{3T 161.1}

✓ “To make plain natural law, and **urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the third angel’s message to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord.**”  

{3T 161.2}

✓ Adam and Eve fell through **intemperate appetite.** Christ came and withstood the fiercest temptation of Satan and, in behalf of the race, overcame appetite, showing that man may overcome. **As Adam fell through appetite and lost blissful Eden, the children of Adam may, through Christ, overcome appetite and through temperance in all things regain Eden.**”  

{3T 161.3}
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“Ignorance is no excuse now for the transgression of law. The light shines clearly, and none need be ignorant, for the great God Himself is man’s instructor. All are bound by the most sacred obligations to God to heed the sound philosophy and genuine experience which He is now giving them in reference to health reform. He designs that the great subject of health reform shall be agitated and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate; for it is impossible for men and women, with all their sinful, health-destroying, brain-enervating habits, to discern sacred truth, through which they are to be sanctified, refined, elevated, and made fit for the society of heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory.” {3T 162.1}

The inhabitants of the Noachian world were destroyed because they were corrupted through the indulgence of perverted appetite. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed through the gratification of unnatural appetite, which so benumbed the intellect that they could not discern the difference between the sacred claims of God and the clamor of appetite. ... God ascribes the wickedness of Babylon to her gluttony and drunkenness.” {3T 162.2}

– See “The Health Reform” 3 Testimonies pgs 161-165
“John separated himself from friends and from the luxuries of life. The simplicity of his dress, a garment woven of camel’s hair, was a standing rebuke to the extravagance and display of the Jewish priests, and of the people generally. His diet, purely vegetable, of locusts and wild honey, was a rebuke to the indulgence of appetite and the gluttony that everywhere prevailed. The prophet Malachi declares: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.” Here the prophet describes the character of the work. **Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ’s first advent. The great subject of reform is to be agitated, and the public mind is to be stirred. Temperance in all things is to be connected with the message, to turn the people of God from their idolatry, their gluttony, and their extravagance in dress and other things.”** {3T 62.1}
“One important part of the work of the ministry is to faithfully present to the people the health reform as it stands connected with the third angel’s message as part and parcel of the same work. They should not fail to adopt it themselves, and should urge it upon all who profess to believe the truth.” {1T 469.4}

“I was shown that the work of health reform has scarcely been entered upon yet. While some feel deeply and act out their faith in the work, others remain indifferent and have scarcely taken the first step in reform. There seems to be in them a heart of unbelief, and, as this reform restricts the lustful appetite, many shrink back. They have other gods before the Lord. Their taste, their appetite, is their god; and when the ax is laid at the root of the tree and those who have indulged their depraved appetites at the expense of health are touched, their sin pointed out, their idols shown them, they do not wish to be convinced; and although God’s voice should speak directly to them to put away those health-destroying indulgences, some would still cling to the hurtful things which they love. They seem joined to their idols, and God will soon say to His angels: Let them alone.” {1T 486.1}
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✓ “I was shown that there is a much greater work before us than we as yet have any idea of, if we would ensure health by placing ourselves in the right relation to life. ... God in His mercy has given His people light through His humble instrument that in order to overcome disease they must deny a depraved appetite and practice temperance in all things. He has caused great light to shine upon their pathway. ... The peculiar people whom He is purifying unto Himself to be translated to heaven without seeing death, should not be behind others in good works. In their efforts to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, they should be as far ahead of any other class of people on the earth as their profession is more exalted than that of others.” {1T 487.1}
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✓ “Some have sneered at this work of reform. They have said that matters were being carried to extremes. Such do not know what they are talking about. While men and women professing godliness are diseased from the crown of their head to the soles of their feet, while their physical, mental, and moral energies are enfeebled through gratification of depraved appetite and excessive labor, how can they weigh the evidences of truth and comprehend the requirements of God? If their moral and intellectual faculties are beclouded, they cannot appreciate the value of the atonement or the exalted character of the work of God, nor delight in the study of His word.” {1T 487.2}
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✓ “Gluttony is the prevailing sin of this age. Lustful appetite makes slaves of men and women, and beclouds their intellects and stupefies their moral sensibilities to such a degree that the sacred, elevated truths of God’s word are not appreciated. The lower propensities have ruled men and women.” {1T 486.2}

✓ “In order to be fitted for translation, the people of God must know themselves. They must understand in regard to their own physical frames that they may be able with the psalmist to exclaim: “I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” They should ever have the appetite in subjection to the moral and intellectual organs. The body should be servant to the mind, and not the mind to the body.” {1T 486.3}

✓ “Said the angel: “Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.” You have stumbled at the health reform. It appears to you to be a needless appendix to the truth. It is not so; it is a part of the truth. Here is a work before you which will come closer and be more trying than anything which has yet been brought to bear upon you. While you hesitate and stand back, failing to lay hold upon the blessing which it is your privilege to receive, you suffer loss.” {1T 546.1}
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✓ “The third angel’s message is infallible. It is to unite a people to do a special work, preparing them with perfection of character to unite in one great family in the mansions Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. And all the laborers are God’s workmen to present infallible truth, to do the work of blending hearts in one. Never let your words or your efforts be directed to the end to disunite that which God would have united... Urge upon all to receive Christ’s mold and imitate Christ’s character. The apostle states, “Ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” {15MR 362.1} {Lt23-1885.41}

✓ “I was shown God’s people waiting for some change to take place—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe.” {1T 261.1}
“I believe there will be a decided advance among our people, a more earnest endeavor to keep pace with the third angel’s message.” —Manuscript 10, 1889. {1SM 362.3} “Let every one who claims to believe that the Lord is soon coming, search the Scriptures as never before; for Satan is determined to try every device possible to keep souls in darkness, and blind the mind to the perils of the times in which we are living. Let every believer take up his Bible with earnest prayer, that he may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit as to what is truth, that he may know more of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent. Search for the truth as for hidden treasures, and disappoint the enemy. The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come, to lift up Jesus, to present Him to the world as revealed in types, as shadowed in symbols, as manifested in the revelations of the prophets, as unveiled in the lessons given to His disciples and in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men. Search the Scriptures; for they are they that testify of Him.” {1SM 362.4}
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✓ “The third angel of Revelation 14 is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven crying: “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There are no more to follow, no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation: “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” {5T 206.3}

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“The third angel, flying in the midst of heaven and heralding the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, represents our work. The message loses none of its force in the angel’s onward flight, for John sees it increasing in strength and power until the whole earth is lightened with its glory. The course of God’s commandment-keeping people is onward, ever onward. The message of truth that we bear must go to nations, tongues, and peoples. Soon it will go with a loud voice, and the earth will be lightened with its glory. Are we preparing for this great outpouring of the Spirit of God? Human agencies are to be employed in this work. Zeal and energy must be intensified; talents that are rusting from inaction must be pressed into service. The voice that would say, “Wait; do not allow yourself to have burdens imposed upon you,” is the voice of the cowardly spies. We want Calebs now who will press to the front—chieftains in Israel who with courageous words will make a strong report in favor of immediate action. When the selfish, ease-loving, panic-stricken people, fearing tall giants and inaccessible walls, clamor for retreat, let the voice of the Calebs be heard, even though the cowardly ones stand with stones in their hands, ready to beat them down for their faithful testimony.” {5T 383.2-3}
“Those who proclaim the **third angel’s message** must put on the whole armor of God, that they may stand boldly at their post, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the enemy with the word, “It is written.” **Keep yourselves where the three great powers of heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, can be your efficiency. These powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God. The strength of heaven is at the command of God’s believing ones. The man who takes God as his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall.”**—The Southern Watchman, February 23, 1904, p. 122. {7ABC 442.2}
"When I stated before my brethren that I had heard for the first time the views of Elder E. J. Waggoner, some did not believe me. I stated that I had heard precious truths uttered that I could respond to with all my heart, for had not these great and glorious truths, the righteousness of Christ and the entire sacrifice made in behalf of man, been imprinted indelibly on my mind by the Spirit of God? Has not this subject been presented in the testimonies again and again? When the Lord had given to my brethren the burden to proclaim this message I felt inexpressibly grateful to God, for I knew it was the message for this time. The third angel’s message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness. “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 Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. And faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus."
“The third angel’s message is truth, and light, and power, and to present it so that right impressions will be made upon hearts should be the work of our schools as well as of our churches, of the teacher as well as of the minister. Those who accept positions as educators should prize more and more the revealed will of God so plainly and strikingly presented in Daniel and the Revelation.” {6T 131.1}

“John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast and his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast.” {Lt31-1898.18}
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✓ “The message that was given to the people in these meetings presented in clear lines not alone the commandments of God—a part of the third angel’s message—but the faith of Jesus which comprehends more than is generally supposed. And it will be well for the third angel’s message to be proclaimed in all its parts, for the people need every jot and tittle of it. If we proclaim the commandments of God and leave the other half scarcely touched, the message is marred in our hands.” {Ms30-1889.44}

✓ “Stand out of the way, Brethren. Do not interpose yourselves between God and His work. If you have no burden of the message yourselves, then prepare the way for those who have the burden of the message, for there are many souls to come out of the ranks of the world, out of the churches—even the Catholic church—whose zeal will far exceed that of those who have stood in rank and file to proclaim the truth heretofore. For this reason the eleventh hour laborers will receive their penny. These will see the battle coming and will give the trumpet a certain sound. When the crisis is upon us, when the season of calamity shall come, they will come to the front, gird themselves with the whole armor of God, and exalt His law, adhere to the faith of Jesus, and maintain the cause of religious liberty which Reformers defended with toil and for which they sacrificed their lives.” {Ms30-1889.78}
“Godliness, which the gospel enjoins, never bears briars and thorns, never—because all do not see exactly alike—breaks the closest links of association, dividing those who have been one in faith, one in heart, in their relationship. But a difference in the application of some few scriptural passages makes men forget their religious principles. Elements become banded together, exciting one another through the human passions to withstand in a harsh, denunciatory manner everything that does not meet their ideas. This is not Christian, but is of another spirit.” {Ms30-1889.84}
“The message we have to bear is not a message that men need cringe to declare. They are not to seek to cover it, to conceal its origin and purpose. Its advocates must be men who will not hold their peace day nor night. As those who have made solemn vows to God, and who have been commissioned as the messengers of Christ, as stewards of the mysteries of the grace of God, we are under obligation to declare faithfully the whole counsel of God. We are not to make less prominent the special truths that have separated us from the world, and made us what we are; for they are fraught with eternal interests. God has given us light in regard to the things that are now taking place in the last remnant of time, and with pen and voice we are to proclaim the truth to a world, not in a tame, spiritless way, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power of God.”  {HM November 1, 1893, Art. A, par. 10}
“The Lord has a work for every one of His loyal people to do to bring the faith of Jesus into the right place where it belongs—in the third angel’s message. The law has its important position but is powerless unless the righteousness of Christ is placed beside the law to give its glory to the whole royal standard of righteousness. “Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.” Romans 7:12. A thorough and complete trust in Jesus will give the right quality to religious experience. Aside from this the experience is nothing. The service is like the offering of Cain—Christless. God is glorified by living faith in a personal, all-sufficient Saviour. Faith views Christ as He is—the sinner’s only hope. Faith takes hold of Christ, trusts Him. It says, “He loves me; He died for me. I accept the sacrifice and Christ shall not have died for me in vain. Nothing will God accept of you but an indwelling Jesus; Christ alone, Christ all and in all.” {Ms30-1889.69-70}
“Instruction has been given me that the message should go again with power in the cities in the Eastern States. In many of the large cities of the East the first and second angels’ messages were proclaimed during the 1844 movement. To us, as God’s servants, has been entrusted the third angel’s message, the binding-off message, that is to prepare a people for the coming of the King. We are to make every effort to give a knowledge of the truth to all who will hear, and there are many who will listen. All through the large cities God has honest souls who are interested in what is truth. Time is short; the Lord desires that everything connected with His cause shall be brought into order. He desires that the solemn message of warning and of invitation shall be proclaimed as widely as His messengers can carry it. Nothing that would hinder the advance of the message is to be allowed to come into our plans. “Repeat the message, repeat the message,” were the words spoken to me over and over again. “Tell My people to repeat the message in the places where it was first preached, and where church after church took their position for the truth, the power of God witnessing to the message in a remarkable manner.” {9T 98.1-2}
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✓ “Get the young men and women in the churches to work. **Combine medical missionary work with the proclamation of the third angel’s message.** Make regular, organized efforts to lift the church members out of the dead level in which they have been for years. Send out into the churches workers who will **live the principles of health reform.** Let those be sent who can see the **necessity of self-denial in appetite,** or they will be a snare to the church. See if the breath of life will not then come into our churches. A new element needs to be brought into the work. God’s people must realize their great need and peril, and take up the work that lies nearest them.” {6T 267.1}
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✓ “The law of God is to be magnified. Its claims must be presented by our workers, in our books and papers, and through the spoken word. The knowledge of its holy character is to become widespread. The message of Christ’s righteousness must be proclaimed from one end of the earth to the other. Our people are to be aroused to prepare the way of the Lord. The third angel’s message—the last message of mercy to a perishing world—is so sacred, so glorious. Let the light go forth as a lamp that burneth. Mysteries into which angels have desired to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to know, the church of God is now to unfold.” {SpM 420.2} {Lt404-1907.7} {Lt32-1908.3}

✓ “Many are still in darkness who might now be rejoicing in the knowledge of the truth. The talents and special efforts have been drawn to one locality. This is not as the Lord would have it. He designs that the warning, testing message should be given to the world, and that His people, who are the light of the world, should be scattered as witnesses amid the moral darkness of the world; that their lives, their testimony, and their example may be a savor of life unto life or of death unto death.” {2T 669.1}
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✓ "At this meeting I bore testimony that the most precious light had been shining forth from the Scriptures in the presentation of the great subject of the righteousness of Christ connected with the law, which should be constantly kept before the sinner as his only hope of salvation." {Ms24-1888.27}

✓ "Study Christ. Study His character, feature by feature. He is our Pattern that we are required to copy in our lives and our characters, else we fail to represent Jesus, but present to the world a spurious copy. Do not imitate any man, for men are defective in habits, in speech, in manners, in character. I present before you the Man Christ Jesus. You must individually know Him as your Saviour before you can study Him as your pattern and your Example." {Ms24-1888.32}

✓ "God is leading a people out from the world upon the exalted platform of eternal truth, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.... God is leading out a people and establishing them upon the one great platform of faith, the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus. He has given His people a straight chain of Bible truth, clear and connected. This truth is of heavenly origin and has been searched for as for hidden treasure. It has been dug out through careful searching of the Scriptures and through much prayer." {3T 446.3-447.1}
“The third angel’s message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness. The faith of Jesus.” [Revelation 14:12.] 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 Saviour. 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.” {Ms24-1888.42-43} {1888 217.3-4}
“Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing scenes of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will then be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control even of many professing Christians. But here is a little company who are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. Men will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law.” {PK 587.2}
“Obedience is the test of discipleship. It is the keeping of the commandments that proves the sincerity of our professions of love. When the doctrine we accept kills sin in the heart, purifies the soul from defilement, bears fruit unto holiness, we may know that it is the truth of God. When benevolence, kindness, tenderheartedness, sympathy, are manifest in our lives; when the joy of right doing is in our hearts; when we exalt Christ, and not self, we may know that our faith is of the right order. “Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 2:3. {MB 146.3}

“The nature and the importance of the law of God have been, to a great extent, lost sight of. A wrong conception of the character, the perpetuity, and the obligation of the divine law has led to errors in relation to conversion and sanctification, and has resulted in lowering the standard of piety in the church. Here is to be found the secret of the lack of the Spirit and power of God in the revivals of our time.” {GC 465.1}
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✓ “...if it were not possible for human beings under the Abrahamic covenant to keep the commandments of God, every soul of us is lost. The Abrahamic covenant is the covenant of grace. “By grace ye are saved.” [Ephesians 2:5.] “He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” [John 1:11, 12.] Disobedient children? No, obedient to all His commandments. If it were not possible for us to be commandment-keepers, then why does He make the obedience to His commandments the proof that we love Him? (Verse 14) reads, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” [1 John 3:4.]” {Lt16-1892.8-9}
“The law and the prophets are God’s appointed agencies for the salvation of men. Christ said, Let them give heed to these evidences. If they do not listen to the voice of God in His word, the testimony of a witness raised from the dead would not be heeded.” {COL 265.2}

“The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth. The precepts of Jehovah would be despised and set at nought. Millions in bondage to sin, slaves of Satan, doomed to suffer the second death, would refuse to listen to the words of truth in their day of visitation. Terrible blindness! strange infatuation!” {GC 22.2}

“No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God’s law is no longer binding upon men.” {GC 584.1}
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✓ “There are, in the various denominations, men eminent for their piety, by whom this fact is acknowledged and deplored. Professor Edwards A. Park, in setting forth the current religious perils, ably says: “One source of danger is the neglect of the pulpit to enforce the divine law. In former days the pulpit was an echo of the voice of conscience.... Our most illustrious preachers gave a wonderful majesty to their discourses by following the example of the Master, and giving prominence to the law, its precepts, and its threatenings. They repeated the two great maxims, that the law is a transcript of the divine perfections, and that a man who does not love the law does not love the gospel; for the law, as well as the gospel, is a mirror reflecting the true character of God. This peril leads to another, that of underrating the evil of sin, the extent of it, the demerit of it. In proportion to the rightfulness of the commandment is the wrongfulness of disobeying it.... {GC 465.2}

✓ “The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification.” {GC 469.2}
“The sanctification now gaining prominence in the religious world carries with it a spirit of self-exaltation and a disregard for the law of God that mark it as foreign to the religion of the Bible. Its advocates teach that sanctification is an instantaneous work, by which, through faith alone, they attain to perfect holiness. “Only believe,” say they, “and the blessing is yours.” No further effort on the part of the receiver is supposed to be required. At the same time they deny the authority of the law of God, urging that they are released from obligation to keep the commandments. But is it possible for men to be holy, in accord with the will and character of God, without coming into harmony with the principles which are an expression of His nature and will, and which show what is well pleasing to Him?” {GC 471.3}

“Let none deceive themselves with the belief that they can become holy while willfully violating one of God’s requirements. The commission of a known sin silences the witnessing voice of the Spirit and separates the soul from God.” {GC 472.3}
“They might have honestly believed that they had done all that was necessary, but their sincerity would not have saved them. All who failed to heed the Lord’s directions would lose their first-born by the hand of the destroyer. By obedience the people were to give evidence of their faith. So all who hope to be saved by the merits of the blood of Christ should realize that they themselves have something to do in securing their salvation. While it is Christ only that can redeem us from the penalty of transgression, we are to turn from sin to obedience. Man is to be saved by faith, not by works; yet his faith must be shown by his works. God has given His Son to die as a propitiation for sin, He has manifested the light of truth, the way of life, He has given facilities, ordinances, and privileges; and now man must co-operate with these saving agencies; he must appreciate and use the helps that God has provided—believe and obey all the divine requirements.” {PP 278.2-279.1}
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✓ “To substitute external forms of religion for holiness of heart and life is still as pleasing to the unrenewed nature as it was in the days of these Jewish teachers. Today, as then, there are false spiritual guides, to whose doctrines many listen eagerly. It is Satan’s studied effort to divert minds from the hope of salvation through faith in Christ and obedience to the law of God. In every age the archenemy adapts his temptations to the prejudices or inclinations of those whom he is seeking to deceive. In apostolic times he led the Jews to exalt the ceremonial law and reject Christ; at the present time he induces many professing Christians, under pretense of honoring Christ, to cast contempt on the moral law and to teach that its precepts may be transgressed with impunity. It is the duty of every servant of God to withstand firmly and decidedly these perverters of the faith and by the word of truth fearlessly to expose their errors.” {AA 387.1}
“Another deception was now to be brought forward. Satan declared that mercy destroyed justice, that the death of Christ abrogated the Father’s law. Had it been possible for the law to be changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have died. But to abrogate the law would be to immortalize transgression, and place the world under Satan’s control. It was because the law was changeless, because man could be saved only through obedience to its precepts, that Jesus was lifted up on the cross. Yet the very means by which Christ established the law Satan represented as destroying it. Here will come the last conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. That the law which was spoken by God’s own voice is faulty, that some specification has been set aside, is the claim which Satan now puts forward. It is the last great deception that he will bring upon the world. He needs not to assail the whole law; if he can lead men to disregard one precept, his purpose is gained. For “whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10. By consenting to break one precept, men are brought under Satan’s power. By substituting human law for God’s law, Satan will seek to control the world. This work is foretold in prophecy. Of the great apostate power which is the representative of Satan, it is declared, “He shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand.” Daniel 7:25. Men will surely set up their laws to counterwork the laws of God. They will seek to compel the consciences of others, and in their zeal to enforce these laws they will oppress their fellow men.” {DA 762.5-763.2}
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✓ “We can never be saved in indolence and inactivity. There is no such thing as a truly converted person living a helpless, useless life. It is not possible for us to drift into heaven. No sluggard can enter there. If we do not strive to gain an entrance into the kingdom, if we do not seek earnestly to learn what constitutes its laws, we are not fitted for a part in it. Those who refuse to co-operate with God on earth would not co-operate with Him in heaven. It would not be safe to take them to heaven.” {COL 280.2}

✓ “The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way. Justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ are the themes to be presented to a perishing world.” {Lt24-1892.41}
“Dear Afflicted Brother Andrews: We deeply sympathize with you in your great sorrow, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. The news which reached us last night was sad indeed to us all, but not unexpected to me. I did not expect Mary would get well, but I knew that God would sustain you under your great loss. You came to America to bury your dear child whom you longed to have remain with you. But God knew what was best for her and for you. We have drunk at the same cup of sorrow, but it was mingled with joy and rest and peace in Jesus. He doeth all things well. Our heavenly Father doth not willingly afflict and grieve the children of men.” {Lt71-1878.1} See through {Lt71-1878.11}
“There are living upon our earth, men who have passed the age of four score and ten. The natural results of old age are seen in their feebleness. But they believe God, and God loves them. The seal of God is upon them, and they will be among the number of whom the Lord has said, “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.” With Paul they can say, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” There are many whose gray hairs God honors because they have fought a good fight and kept the faith.” {Lt207-1899.8}
• “I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, “Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.” Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, “My Father, give us Thy Spirit.” Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.” [EW 55.1]
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- Referencing Joel 2:28-32: “The calling on the name of the Lord, and the deliverance of the remnant, spoken of in close relation to the great day of the Lord, evidently refer to the closing scenes of the history of the church in this mortal state. The oppressed people of God are yet to raise to heaven one united day and night cry for deliverance. Luke 18. **This is symbolized by the message of prayer of the fourth angel of Revelation 14:15.** And in answer to this prayer, **the remnant which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus, will find deliverance.**” {3SG 23.4}

- “The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and **the harvest is the end of probationary time.**” {COL 71.3}

- “The fact that men are in the church does not prove them Christians.” {COL 74.2}
“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” Galatians 5:22, 23. This fruit can never perish, but will produce after its kind a harvest unto eternal life. “When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. **When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.** It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and **Christ** would come to gather the precious grain.” {COL 68.1-69.2}
“Then I saw that Jesus’ work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud....” {SpM 2.1}

“The great white cloud I saw was not the holy place, but entirely separate from the holy and most holy place, entirely separate from the sanctuary.” {SpM 2.2}