

Revelation 14b – The Three Angels Messages

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS OF E.G. WHITE WRITINGS

AA.....	Acts of the Apostles.
1-7BC.....	SDA Bible Commentary, vol 1-7.
CH.....	Counsels on Health.
COL.....	Christ's Object Lessons.
CT.....	Counsels to Parents and Teachers.
DA.....	Desire of Ages.
Ed.....	Education.
Ev.....	Evangelism.
EW.....	Early Writings.
FCE.....	Fundamentals of Christian Education.
FLB.....	Faith I Live By.
FW.....	Faith and Works.
GC.....	Great Controversy.
GW.....	Gospel Workers.
LHU.....	Lift Him Up.
LS.....	Life Sketches of Ellen G. White.
MB.....	Mount of Blessings.
MH.....	Ministry of Healing.
MLT.....	My Life Today.
MM.....	Medical Ministry.
MYP.....	Messages to Young People.
OHC.....	Our High Calling.
PK.....	Prophets and Kings.
PM.....	Publishing Ministry.
PP.....	Patriarch and Prophets.
1-6RH.....	Review and Herald Articles, vol 1-6.
SC.....	Steps to Christ.
SD.....	Sons and Daughters of God.
SL.....	Sanctified Life.
1-3SM.....	Selected Messages, book 1-3.
1-4SOP.....	Spirit of Prophecy, vol 1-4.
ST.....	Signs of the Times Articles, vol 1-4.
1-9T.....	Testimonies for the Church, vol 1-9.
TM.....	Testimonies to Ministers.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS OF NON- E.G. WHITE WRITINGS

AR.....	Adventist Review.
AS.....	Angry Saints.
2BEM.....	Churches Respond to BEM, vol 2.
CCYQ.....	Cornerstone Connections Youth Quarterly.
27 Doc.....	Seventh-day Adventist's Believe.
FTW.....	Faith That Works.
Mkd.....	Marked.
MOD.....	Movement of Destiny.
OOF.....	Obedience of Faith.
PUR.....	Pacific Union Recorder.
QOD.....	Questions on Doctrines.
ROE.....	The Return of Elijah.
SBF.....	Salvation By Faith.
SOT.....	Signs of the Times.
TKG.....	To Know God.
VOP News.....	Voice of Prophecy News Magazine.

THE THREE ANGELS

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6-7.

The Everlasting Gospel is the "Good News" about Jesus and the plan of redemption and salvation from sin through faith in Jesus Christ--the connecting link between God and man (John 14:6, Genesis 28:12-13). This glorious gospel declares that we can be freely justified before God (Isaiah 45:25, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:24, Titus 3:7, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 5:9, 3:4, Matthew 12:37, Romans 2:13, James 3:20-24), obtain grace and strength to stand (Romans 5:1-5, Ephesians 6:10-18, Galatians 5:1), warring against and victoriously overcoming all temptations and sins (Romans 8:1-2) unto righteousness (Romans 6:16, 5:21) and continued sanctification through Christ and His Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 23:6, Isaiah 61:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13) which strengtheneth us (Philippians 4:13). This gospel is not "all faith" or "all grace" which shuts out our efforts, nor is it "all works" which shuts out Jesus. It is the uniting of divinity and humanity--God working and us working for our salvation (Phil 2:12-13, Rev 22:14).

Several questions are answered by this gospel message, such as:

--What is the Plan of Redemption or Salvation? It is the "conditional" process (2T 691, 5T 692, 3T 481, 1T 440, PP 431, 7BC 931) whereby fallen humanity can be reconciled back to God (PP 331) by their working participation and union with God (AA 482, 6T 372, Ev 596, DA 296-97, 4T 464) in the keeping of His laws (1SM 218, 225, 5T 515), and in the subduing of every sin in their life through the force of their will (1SM 82, DA 311, SC 15, PP 248, MB 61, 5T 513, Matthew 11:12, 1BC 1095-96) to reflect God's righteousness and to vindicate His character before all peoples (PP 68). Jesus Christ made possible this glorious plan by being born of a virgin, clothing His divinity with, and becoming one with humanity (DA 363), taking man's fallen sinful nature upon Him (FE 408, 5T 235, DA 49, 117, 4BC 1147, 1RH 140, 3RH 421, 2SOP 39), and then engaging the strong foe's temptations with the inward pulling and drawing towards sin, but never giving in to this (5T 177, 7BC 929, Hebrews 4:15, 3ST 264). This was necessary in order for Christ to experience and overcome the strong temptations with which Satan tempts fallen humanity, and thus Christ broke Satan's hold upon man (PK 586), and provided humanity with a perfect example and pattern of how they can also

overcome (Revelation 3:21, 4T 45, 86, DA 49, SD 23, 7BC 925, 5BC 1082, AA 531, MH 180-81).

Christ never once used His own divine power while on earth (4T 45, CT 276-77, DA 119, 5BC 1124), not even for others (angels did the miracles--DA 143), but completely worked with and relied upon His Father for help to overcome the great temptations and to sustain Him in His work (DA 24, 147, 674-75, Ed 80, MYP 58). Thus Christ had no advantage over humanity, and we can, by uniting with God through Christ by faith, exercise the same powers which Christ had in order to live a pure spotless life out of love for God (DA 24, 664). Christ bore, suffered, and died upon the cruel cross, rose the third day, and ascended to heaven to minister as our High Priest before God in securing for humanity the choice to serve God or Satan. Thus the "humanity of Christ means everything to us" (OHC 48), because if Christ did not take on Him our fallen sinful nature, but had an unfallen nature like Adam before the fall or of the angels, then He could not have suffered by being tempted, and would not know what you or I are going through when we are tempted. Thus He could not know how to succor or help us out of the temptation! But praise God this is not the case. Christ did have our fallen sinful nature upon Him, and He did suffer by being tempted. Thus He can help us in every time of need (Heb 2:10, 16, 18, 5:7-9, 5T 177).

What is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" of God, or the ten commandments (1 John 3:4, 2:7, Exodus 20:1-17).

What is Justification? Justification is the gift from God of full and complete pardon from passed acknowledged, confessed, and forsaken sins (Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:9, 1SM 391, 6BC 1071). Justification is manifested by the transformation of character (6BC 1071), and is not given or retained while transgressing God's law (1SM 213, 366, James 2:24). It is not "once justified (saved) always justified (saved)!"

What is Sanctification? Sanctification is the continual growing in grace (7BC 947) by daily studying God's word (1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 Timothy 4:5, John 17:19) and daily dying to self by conforming to God's will (4T 299). We must keep God's law to attain and maintain sanctification (CH 69, GC 467, 2T 472). Thus it means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to God's will (Isaiah 5:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, AA 565).

What does it mean to "fear God"? To fear God means to love (Deuteronomy 10:12), reverence (Psalms 89:7), trust (Psalms 115:11), serve (Joshua 24:14, 1 Samuel 12:14, 24), hope (Psalms 33:18-22, 147:11), keep His commandments (Deuteronomy 31:12-13, 17:19, 5:29, Psalms 112:1), and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:7, 16:6, 2 Chronicles 19:7, Exodus 20:20, Psalms 34:11, 14, Job 28:28, Proverbs 8:13).

What does it mean to "give glory to Him"? To give glory to God means to reflect His righteous character in your own life and actions (Exodus 33:18-

23, 34:5-8, Acts 10:35, 1 Corinthians 15:33-34, Psalms 29:1-2, 86:7-13).

What does it mean that "the hour of His judgement is come"? This means that the day of God's judgment had arrived on October 22, 1844 (Ev 223, 1SM 125, 5T 692). Those who have chosen to serve God and continued faithful to Him would be judged worthy of everlasting life (GC 480, 4T 384), but those who choose to reject God and His means of salvation, and to continue in sin, would be judged unworthy of everlasting life (1 Peter 4:17, Romans 2:5-9, GC 482-86, EW 280). All our sins are being written down in the record books of heaven for the purpose of the judgment (Dan 7:9-11, GC 487, COL 310), and it starts first with the dead, and then with the living (GC 436, 1SM 125). The judgment does not free us from sin, but awakens us to the urgency that time is short, and that we must be delivered through Jesus from sin's prison house before we are individually judged and can stand in the judgment (GC 436), or we will face eternal destruction (Revelation 20:11-15).

What does it mean to "worship Him"? To worship God means that we honor, serve and obey God and Him alone (Psalms 96:9, 29:2, 5:7, 1 Chronicles 16:29, Matthew 4:10, John 4:23-24), that our spiritual allegiance is to God and Him alone and not to any man or church or government or nation or power (Acts 5:29, Galatians 1:10, Psalms 118:6, 8-9).

These are some of the truths contained in the First Angel's Message upon which the SDA church was raised up and founded upon.

The Second Angel's Message

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

Babylon fallen represented the fall of the Protestant churches in 1844 because they rejected the light and truth from heaven of the First Angel's Message (4T 13, EW 274, GC 381-83).

The Roman Catholic church had already become Babylon many centuries before 1844, and God had chosen the Protestant churches to reveal His truths to the world. But they had, as a corporate body, chosen to depart from the side of Christ--her Husband, and to unite themselves with the world. God mercifully sent the First Angel's Message to break their harlotrous love affair with the world, and to bring them back to His side as a faithful bride once again. But they refused, and thus became Babylon fallen (4SOP 230-240). And the wine of Babylon is her false doctrines which she is founded upon--namely Sunday observance and the immortality of the soul (Ev 365, 6T 317, GC 536, 2SM 118, 7BC 979).

The Third Angel's Message

"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: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name....

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, 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 are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 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 has remembered her iniquities" Revelation 14:9-11, 18:1-5.

The Third Angel's Message basically repeats the messages of the First and Second Angels. It does not stop here though, but reveals quite a few more areas of truth.

Truths such as:

The Seventh-day or Saturday being the only Lord's day of worship as the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3, Revelation 1:10, 6T 128), that it is the sign or seal of God (Ezekiel 20:12, 20), and there is no biblical truth supporting a change to Sunday as the Lord's day (Exodus 20:8-11, Hebrews 4:3-11, Ezekiel 20:12-20, 1 Chronicles 17:27), hence we must keep the Sabbath if we would see heaven (EW 37, DA 206, 8T 196-98, GC 455, 6T 349, PK 182, 7BC 949, 3T 392, Ev 290, 1T 532, 2T 705, LS 117-18).

Religious Liberty, being the God-given right to study, stand by, and proclaim only His truth, and to expose error (GC 563-66, 5T 714-16, TM 200-03, 6T 402-03).

The Beast, being Roman Catholicism (Revelation 13:1-8, Daniel 7:8-14, 20-21, 24-27, 8:9-14, 23-25, GC 438-50, 7BC 972), with the foundation of this church being the Eucharist--a most "blasphemous" and "heaven-insulting heresy" (4SOP 63). Also the Pope and the Catholic system as Anti-christ (GC 142-43, TM 37), and our duty is to expose him and the papacy (Ev 233, 1SM 196).

The Lamb-like Beast, being the United States of America, which gives life to the Image of the Beast (Revelation 13:11-17, GC 440-45).

The Image of the Beast, being the Protestant Churches which image Catholicism, including the World Council of Churches (Revelation 13:15-18, GC 443-50, 3SM 385). It is formed when the churches unite together upon a platform of common belief in Christ, and "influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions" (4SOP 277-78).

The Mark of the Beast, given to those who worship on Sunday after it has become a law, when they know that it is not God's Sabbath (Revelation 13:16-17, 7BC 976-80, 6T 17, 8T 159, GC 449-50, 578-79); thus we are not to obey the civil authorities in regards to this law (2SM 375, 380, TM 473, 7BC 910, 6T 193, FE 287, GC 449).

The non-immortality of the soul (Job 4:17, 1 Timothy 6:15-16, Hebrews 9:27), that there is only a grave to rest in death, but no hell to descend into (1 Corinthians 15:51, Acts 13:36, Psalms 88:10-12, Ecclesiastes 9:5-6). And the gift of immortality only given to the righteous at Christ's second coming (2 Timothy 2:11-12, Job 19:26-27, Revelation 20:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, GC 549-51, 586-87, 1T 344, GW 119-20).

The wrath of God, being the literal seven last plagues (Revelation 16, EW 44, 64, 289-90, 5T 211, 634, 9T 234-35).

The Sanctuary in heaven (GC 324-29, 351-53, 398-400, 409-36, PP 351-58) with 2 apartments (Hebrews 9 & 10)--the holy place (Revelation 4:1-5, Hebrews 9:2, 6, 12, 6:19, Leviticus 16:15) and most holy place (Revelation 11:19, Hebrews 9:3-5, 7, Psalms 28:2, 1 Kings 6:16, 8:6, 2 Chronicles 5:7, Exodus 40:3).

Christ's work of atonement in the most holy place, or the 2nd apartment of heavenly sanctuary, going on since October 22, 1844 at the ending of the 2300 days, and not final until He finishes His work just prior to His coming (GC 400, 419-22, EW 251-54, 7BC 933, PP 355-58, 5T 472-73).

Christ as the Head or first Minister of His church (6BC 1083, AA 360, 1SM 93, 1T 78, 4T 393, DA 288, SD 303), also our high Priest, and Mediator between God and man (Hebrews 7, 8 & 10, 5BC 1145, 6BC 1061, 1077-78, 1116, 1SM 243, 332).

The true church of God, being founded only on Christ and His truth (DA 413, AA 175-76, 595-96, 9T 147, PK 595-96), with the marks of the true church listed in Revelation 12:17 and 14:12; which "keep the commandments of God," the "faith of Jesus," and the "testimony of Jesus Christ" (GC 453-54) which is "the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10) or the writings of Ellen G. White (TM 114, 1SM 27, 41, Ev 257, 4T 13). Hence these writings have their continuing purpose, and are still to be followed today (1SM 48-50, LS 198, Publishing Ministry, p 361, 5T 64, 654, 672-91, 3T 257, 260)!

The Righteousness of Christ: this precious conditional gift (SD 189, 1SM 377, COL 223, PK 591, SD 369) is imputed by faith to every repentant sinner (6BC 1071-72, 1SM 392, 397, 317, 363, SD 240, 5T 469, 3T 371-72, GW 161, 8T 208-09, MLT 311, MB 115-16, MM 115), and enables us to be accepted back to God (PP 353), and then to receive His grace (PP 431, 1SM 351). This grace enables us to overcome all sin, perfecting holiness in the fear of God before Christ's second coming (PK 175, 4T 567, TM 92, 150, 3T 528, DA 555-56, 1SM 395, AA 531, SD 315, 5T 744). We must use our will power to take the first step in obedience to God before His grace comes to help us overcome (Joshua 3:13, 15-17, MLT 100) and Christ's righteousness imparted to us (7BC 972, Ev 596, 6BC 1096, 1SM 241, TM 92, MYP 35, DA 439). The law of God is still binding upon the Christian today, and Christ's keeping of it does not free us from having to keep it also (TM 94, SD 240, TM 131, 6BC 1073). Perfection is not instantaneous (SL 10, 92, MYP 114, 3T 325, 8T 312-13, 1T 340, 2T 472, AA 560-61, 7BC 947, COL 65-66, 1SM 317), but is progressive throughout the lifetime while striving and advancing upward on the straight and narrow pathway to heaven (AA 533, 560-61, 2T 170, 408-09, 479, MYP 73, 144-45, 1SM 28, FE 218, COL 315, 5BC 1085, TM 150). Thus while we are on the earth, no one is saved, or can they say or feel that they are saved until they are in heaven (1SM 314, 3SM 354). Christ's robe of righteousness will not cover any unrighteousness nor one unconfessed sin. Hence no one can find salvation in Jesus while continuing in sin (FLB 113, COL 312, 2RH 232, 2ST 307, 3ST 363, 1SM 396, LHU 150, 6BC 1072, DA 555-56).