

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

God's Last Message To Humanity, Part One

IN REVELATION 14:6-12 WE HAVE GOD'S LAST MESSAGE to man, called the Three Angel's Messages. We know this is the final message because following its proclamation John was shown the "harvest of the earth" at the second coming of Christ. In this study we will explore the contents of the First Angel's Message.

The End-time Message

Revelation 14:6-7—⁶ 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—⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Revelation 14:14-16—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. 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." ¹⁶ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

In **Matthew 24:14** what did Jesus tell would happen once the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world? _____.

The Everlasting Gospel

The word "gospel" is from a Greek word that literally means _____.

Romans 1:16-17—¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Ephesians 2:8-10—⁸ For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ _____, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Fear God

Psalms 89:7—God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

Psalms 147:11—The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.

Exodus 20:20—Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

Compare **Gen. 3:9-10** and **1 Jn. 4:16-19** to understand positive and negative fear. Negative fear causes us to _____ from God. Positive fear gives us _____ before Him.

Give Glory To Him

Exodus 33:18-19—¹⁸ And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”¹⁹ Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

Romans 3:23—All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2—¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 8:18—For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 10:31—Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

The Hour of His Judgment Has Come

Daniel 7:9-11, 22—⁹ I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;¹⁰ a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.¹¹ I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame...²¹ I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:10—For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Peter 4:17—For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 John 2:1, NIV—My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 4:16-19—¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

Zechariah 3:9, NASB—For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

NOTE: “Upon that one stone are seven eyes or facets”(AB). The idea here may be that the stone had seven facets or sides, a heptagon hewn stone, and the words engraved on each of the seven sides were the same: “I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.” The removal of the world’s sin “in one day” here foretold was accomplished in Christ. See Hebrews 1:3; 10:12.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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