

## **Three Angels Messages Revelation 14:7-9**

### **1st Angel**

**Revelation 14:7, "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."**

The 1st angel's message began after 1798, in the 1830's. The hour of His judgment began when the 2,300-year prophecy terminated, in the seventh month of the Jewish calendar; the autumn of 1844. This is when the final investigation of the books of record, including the book of life, kept in the heavenly sanctuary will be reviewed. Will your "life's records" reveal unconfessed and unforgiven sin that will cause your name to be removed from the book of life? This is the most solemn question one could ask himself today.

### **2nd Angel**

**Verse 8, "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."**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> angel's message began in 1844-45. The wine here spoken of as "fornication" is false doctrines, which is truth mixed with error. Being drunk on this "wine", the wicked are at once sincere and sincerely mistaken. They believe they are doing God's work even when they support civil and religious laws demanding the harshest punishment for those who fail to honor them.

The first beast was Papal, the "little horn", which rose to power in 538 AD and persecuted God's people for the next 1,260 years. This power received a "deadly wound" in 1798. It was this power that changed the law of God, the fourth commandment, from the seventh to the first day of the week, Sunday. Its time has passed and now the second beast will carry on the work of the first in the New World. The first beast, Papal, will remain active in the Old World. The Papacy is little more than paganism "baptized" to appear as Christian.

The second beast is Apostate Christianity, the "false prophet", and is found primarily in America. This second beast is the "two-horned beast" and is also called the "false prophet". Those who continue to honor the first beast by worshipping its "image", its false Sabbath, which is Sunday, have morally fallen. Babylon is not literal, but a spiritual condition of these two combined beast powers, who oppose the commandments of God.

### 3rd Angel

**Verse 9, “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, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,”**

The third angel’s message began in 1844-45. The first beast, Roman Catholicism changed God’s holy day of worship from the seventh day to the first day, Sunday. This is a violation of the law of God, as seen in the fourth commandment. The commandments, written by the finger of God in stone are unchangeable. Apostate Christianity has followed this first beast power, in also disregarding God’s holy day by worshipping on Sunday. Thus they became an “image” of the first beast.

The image of the beast then is worshipping on a false Sabbath. Laws demanding that people honour Sunday as a day of rest, by refraining from labour have been, and will once again be established. Violation of these laws has, and will again result in arrest and punishment by civil authorities. Sunday worship then, is the “image” to the first beast. Those who honour the first day of the week over the seventh will receive a “mark”. Not a mark that can be seen by man, but by the angels. By this mark, they will know who stands with God and who does not. This is the final test for all the world just before Christ returns. The second beast, America, will do as the first had done. Apostate Christianity will **“change times and laws”**, Daniel 7:25. This national apostasy will be followed by national ruin.

The true and foundational message of the Third Angel is that salvation is found in the gospel message, in connection with the Ten Commandments. The law has no power to save, it simply points out the high standard (which is perfection) that is required of us all. The law makes it clear that no sin of even the smallest nature (a single bite of a single forbidden fruit, for instance) can be overlooked by the Creator. The law itself is perfect, even as the Creator is perfect. Only one person on earth, Jesus Christ, has met the righteous and true demands of the law; perfection is rendered in complete harmony and obedience to that law.

Since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, all are condemned by the law. Our hope lays not in the law, but in Christ and His righteousness to replace our filthy rags and make us acceptable to God. This does not render the law as a non-requirement, quite the opposite. We see that the demands of the law are so high, that only the death of God’s Son could intercede on our behalf. How sacred is the law? What does it require? The scars in the handprints of Jesus answer that question.