

The Final Message



Week Twelve

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Read This Week's Passage:
Revelation 14:6–12

A GLOBAL MESSAGE

The SDA Church is present in 218 of the 235 countries recognized by the United Nations. This is somewhat deceptive, however, because even in countries where our church is present, there are billions of people who have never even heard Christ's name. Our global mission is driven by a unique message that no other church preaches.

Our message is summarized in the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6–12. The first angel announces that God's judgment has arrived (understood through the 2,300-day prophecy). The second exposes Babylon's sins. The third instructs us to avoid the mark of the beast, keep God's commandments, and have the faith of Jesus. The third also declares that no nation may enforce a form of worship that goes against God's Word. Religious liberty underlies the warning against receiving the mark of the beast. Revelation 14 clarifies the doctrine of death (v. 13) and aims to prepare people for the Second Coming (v. 14). The church properly understood and officially adopted each of the messages' topics in the years following 1844.

An overview of these three messages was first printed in the 1846 tract *A Word to the Little Flock* by Joseph Bates and the Whites. Since then, our understanding of these important verses has deepened but not changed. They summarize Revelation's final warning and invitation and explain the mission and message of the SDA Church. This week's study will unpack their meaning and significance.



inScribe

Write out Revelation 14:6–12 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out a portion of the primary passage. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How can you show from Revelation 14 what the purpose of the three angels' messages is?

What was the impact of preaching the judgment hour message leading up to 1844?



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inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How can we preach about topics such as Babylon and the mark of the beast without immediately driver people away?



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What relationship do the following verses have with Revelation 14:6–12?

- Matthew 24:14
- Revelation 4:11
- Exodus 20:8–11
- 2 Corinthians 6:14–18
- Revelation 18:1–5
- Revelation 13:11–17

What other verses come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Revelation 14:6–12.



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Meditate on the primary passage again and look for where Jesus is.



What are some ways our daily lives are impacted by only focusing on God's love and not remembering His justice?

Are there certain aspects of the three angels' messages that you believe we do not understand or teach enough? If so, which areas do you think are underemphasized?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

Prayer Response:



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study of the
chapter, what are some personal
applications you are convicted
of in your life?

What are some practical
applications you must make in
your school, family, workplace,
and church life?



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



How can we preserve the urgent nature of this message without having a date to rally around?

The angel messenger spoke with a "loud voice." Why does this message need to be shared loudly?

How will the three angels' messages ever reach the whole world if at least three billion people still haven't heard Christ's name?

How is the Sabbath included in the three angels' messages?

How do the three angels' messages prepare us for the second coming?

What other ways are the gospel message and doctrinal truth connected? What would some of the consequences of separating them be?

How can we find the right tone in sharing some of the more offensive parts of our message such as coming out of Babylon?

What biblical promises can you claim when you're patiently waiting for something?

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