

# GOD'S LAST MESSAGE TO THE

## The Great Commission

**Matthew 28:18** “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

**Matthew 24:14** “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.”

Talking to His disciples Jesus said that the gospel would be preached to the entire world before His return. The end He referred to is the end of the age. The new age is to begin at the Second Coming of Christ. In one of His parables Jesus likened His return at the end of the age to a harvest.

**Matthew 13:36-42** “Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field’. He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire.”

According to Jesus the gospel will be proclaimed to the entire world as a witness to all nations and then the harvest of the earth will take place at His return. In the book of Revelation we have an interesting picture of just such an event. Known as the three angels’ messages and the harvest.

## THE THREE ANGELS’ MESSAGES

**Revelation 14:6-20** “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 - saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgement has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

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.’

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, 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. 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.’ Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 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 labours, and their works follow them. 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. 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’. So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another

*angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 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,' 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. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, and for one thousand six hundred furlongs."*

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. They describe exactly what God himself wants his people to know and understand to be ready for the harvest of the earth at the Second Advent of Christ. ***God's last true church and last true messengers will know, understand, and preach these last messages proclaimed by the three angels.***

God wants us to know about

- (1) The Everlasting Gospel. (Righteousness by Faith)
- (2) The Judgement.
- (3) End time Babylon (false religion).
- (4) The Beast and his Image. (The 666 Antichrist).
- (5) The Mark of the Beast.
- (6) The keeping of the commandments of God.
- (7) The Correct knowledge of the Second Advent of Christ-The harvest.

The fearful judgements denounced against the worship of the beast and his image, 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. We need to accept the everlasting gospel; prepare for the judgement; come out of Babylon (false religion); and to oppose the Beast and his Image to avoid receiving the Mark of the Beast. Those people who accept these three last heaven sent messages are described in Rev 14:12 as

***Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."***

### ***The First Angel's Message***

***Rev 14:6-7 Having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth - to every nation, tribe, tongue and people. "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgement has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."***

**The Everlasting gospel.** It is not something new or strange, not something man has invented. It is the truth of *Righteousness by faith*. Righteousness through the Spirit of God purchased for us by the sacrifice of Christ.

**His Judgement has come.** The statement "has come" is very significant. It indicates the arrival of the judgement. Not something to occur in the future. The judgement (Gk. Krisis) mentioned here refers to a decision that is handed down by a judge in a court. Thus the judgement that has arrived is the Judgement where God Himself is the Judge. This judgement is pictured in Daniel 7:9-10, &22, 26-27. The "Ancient of Days", God himself, is seated on His throne ready to judge just prior to the Second Advent of Christ.

***Worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.*** Worship the Creator who made heaven and earth. The fact that God is Creator is the foundation of all true religion. Any church that does not teach a literal six day creation does not teach the gospel. At a time when most of the world believes in the theory of evolution God calls us back to worship Him. Also the religious world will be involved in worshipping the Beast and his image, and stealing from God His right to be worshipped as Creator.

### ***The Second Angel's Message***

***Rev 14:8 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.'***

**A call to come out of Babylon.** What is Babylon? In the Old Testament ancient Babylon was a powerful city that not only opposed God's people but was also the home of false religion. In Revelation end time Babylon describes a worldwide system of false religion and worship.

### *The Third Angel's Message*

***Rev 14:9-10*** “***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, 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.’***”

Here is a warning against the worship of the beast and his image and receiving his mark. This is the most fearful warning in the entire bible. Those people who receive the mark of the beast suffer the wrath of God poured out without mercy and are lost forever. It is important that we understand who the beast is and what the mark is so that we can avoid them both.

### *Keeping the Commandments of God.*

The people who accept the three angels' messages are described as keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. They stand out in marked contrast to the rest of humanity who receive the mark of the beast.

### ***THE LOUD CRY***

***Revelation 18:1-4*** “***After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison of every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”***”

In Revelation chapter 18 we see another picture of the proclamation of the 3 Angels messages. This scene is known as the “The Loud Cry”. The three angels proclaim their message as described below.

The first angel says ***‘with a loud voice’***

The second angel is ***‘saying’***

The third angel says ***‘with a loud voice’***

But the mighty angel of Revelation 18:1-4 having great authority illuminates the earth with his glory and ***cries mightily with a loud voice.***

This same message is preached again only this time in such a mighty way that the entire earth hears it, calling God's people out of false religion and false worship. This must mean that the entire Christian world is also involved in false religion, with the exception of those people who preach the three angels messages calling God's people out. It is this false system of religion that forces the world to receive the Mark of the Beast.

### *The Harvest of the Earth.*

The harvest of the wicked and the harvest of the righteous. Both take place at the same time, at the Second Advent of Christ. This is in fulfillment of the words of Christ who spoke of the harvest at the end of the age.

***The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom***

*all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire.”*

***Rev 14:14-16*** “*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. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud. ‘Thrust in you sickle and reap, for the time has come for you to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe’. So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.”*

This describes the harvesting of the people of God by Christ. These people are saved and will live with God forever. The next few verses describe the harvest of the wicked, which takes place at the same time.

***Rev 14:16-20*** “*Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 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,’ 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. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, and for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”*

The reference to blood rising up to the horses bridles stresses the severity of the execution of God's wrath. Its world wide in its scope and extends to all the people on the earth who find themselves outside the umbrella of the protection of God. It is highly important for christians who live in the last days to understand and obey these last messages. The purpose of this impressive picture is to drive out the fear of the beast and his image by a stronger fear that the day of God's mercy is nearly closed. Christ is returning 'clothed in a robe dipped in blood.' (Rev 19:13) accompanied by the heavenly armies. He will tread the winepress of the wine of the anger of the wrath of God Almighty. And he has on his thighs a name written: 'King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.' (Rev 19:16).

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