

The *Third Angel's Message* of Revelation 14 first arrived on October 22, 1844, the day of the **Great Disappointment** for the Advent Movement. This day bears significance for a number of related prophetic events occurring on earth and in heaven, namely:

1. The culmination of all time-prophecies in the Bible such that "*time would be no more*"; in other words, no future prophecies would be contingent upon, nor decipherable by time (Revelation 10:4-6)
2. The **Antitypical Day of Atonement**: Jesus, as High Priest of the heavenly sanctuary, was brought upon clouds to the *Most Holy Place* to begin His third phase of ministry (Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14; Matthew 25:31-33) [see [Lesson #17](#)]
3. The door to the *Most Holy Place* of the sanctuary is opened to those, who by faith, follow Christ to receive the blessings of His mediation (Rev 3:7, 8, 11:19; 1 Joh 2:1)
4. Jesus, presiding over the heavenly court scene, began the pre-Second Advent **Investigative Judgment** of the world

The Third Angel's message, when paired with the First Angel's Message, is given to draw all men to worship the God of Creation; honor His 10 Commandments (including the seventh-day Sabbath), and prepare men to receive Christ's character by faith while still on earth. This final work produces people ready to be translated to heaven at Christ's Second Coming. The Third Angel's message in conjunction with the Second Angel's message, calls all to flee from Babylon, "*the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird*" Revelation 18:2. Herein, we see

the mercy of God to the last generations of the earth through the simultaneous sounding of the Three Angels. The Third Angel's message is comprehensive in that it delineates the fate of those who reject the warning, as well as for those who give it heed. We will better understand this most solemn admonition in the entire Bible, in this and in the following lesson.

The Third Angel sounds his message with a loud voice for the last generations upon the earth, forecasting destructions upon all who, "*worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand*". Recall, the beast referenced by the Third Angel is the Beast from the Sea of Revelation 13, the *Papal System*. *The Papacy*, by way of its accomplice, the Beast from the earth, *Protestant America*, will draw the inhabitants of earth to create an **Image to the Beast**, an ideological likeness of itself [see [Lesson #34](#), for details]. The Beast's image, a doctrine of pagan origin, namely, sun-worship on Sunday, will be empowered and enforced by the accomplice, the Beast from the Earth. All who dwell upon the earth, whose names are not written in the *Lamb's Book of Life*, will receive the **Mark of the Beast** upon his right hand or his forehead. Here draws the line between those who worship God, and those who worship Satan, the just versus the unjust, the wheat and the tare. The *Mark of the Beast* is the challenge to the *Seal of God*, the Fourth Commandment that affirms God's authority to reign over "*heaven and earth, the seas, and all that in them is*". The final conflict between God and Satan will be enacted in the

last generations of earth through a test of loyalty. The test will be whether to obey God by keeping His commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath, or to obey Satan by rejecting the Sabbath for a spurious day created by men.

For those who choose to heed the Three Angel's messages and remain faithful to Christ, a glorious word of hope by the prophet Isaiah has been written:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, [from] doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking [thine own] words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it]." Isaiah 58:13, 14

Spoken directly from God, He promised to prosper those who keep holy His Sabbath while on earth, and ultimately give them the heritage of Jacob their father, namely, **Eternal Life**. However, to those who spurn God's promises and the Three Angel's messages are given a frightful declaration of drinking the *wine of the wrath of God*.

Q: *What does the Bible say concerning the "wine of the wrath of God"? What is meant that it "is poured out without mixture"? Read Psalm 75:8; Jeremiah 25:15-33, 49:12; Daniel 12:1; Revelation 22:11, 12*

A: *The wine of the wrath of God symbolically embodies His complete hatred for sin and the impenitent, who by their*

*choice practice it. Concentrated wine was once stored in wineskins and would contain particle sediments that were drawn from the wine press. In order to be potable, the wine would be diluted and filtered of any unsettled sediment. That God's wrath is poured out without mixture implies; no mercy is to be mixed with His punishment upon the wicked. Jesus will judge all men in righteousness, determining their fate. Once judgment is completed, He will stand up from His judgment seat in heaven, and a *Time of Trouble* will proceed upon the earth. All of the wicked, from one end of the earth to the other, are in that day to drink of God's punishment, full strength, including the dregs, for their rebellion.*

Q: *Besides the wicked who will taste of the wine of the wrath of God in time, Who else has tasted of this wine? Read Isaiah 51:22, 23; Matthew 20:22, 26:39-44; Isaiah 53; Heb 10:5-7*

A: *Jesus Christ, Who bore the sins of the entire human race upon Himself, drank the cup of the wrath of God from the Garden of Gethsemane to the cross of Calvary. Yielding His will to the Father, Jesus drank deep the accumulated curse and punishment for sin, **the Second Death**, reserved for humankind since Adam's rebellion, and demanded by the law of God. With full knowledge of His mission, Jesus came to drink of that cup for all mankind, but especially for those who would accept His works by faith [see [Lesson #4](#)].*

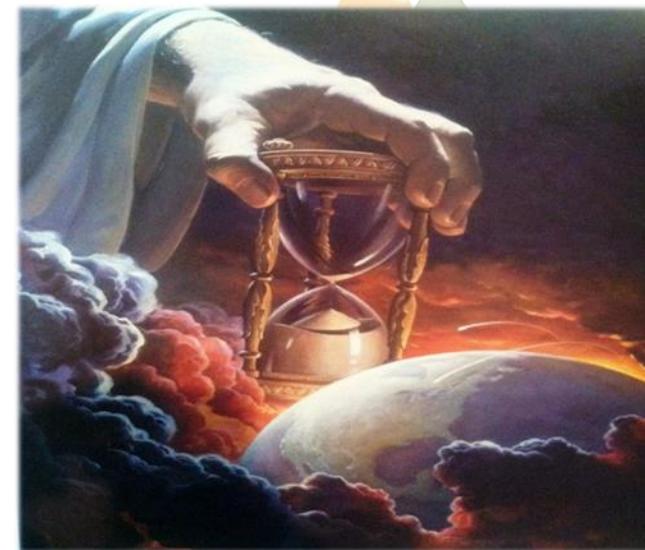
Q: *What specifically is embodied in the wrath of God? Read Revelation 15:5-8, 16:1-21*

A: *The wrath of God to be poured out upon the world is embodied in the **Seven Last Plagues**. The plagues will be*

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[Based on Revelation 14:9-11; 15:5-8; 16:1-21]



Lesson 42

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

It is Jesus Christ and His gift of eternal life that the wicked spurn in rebellion, worshipping the Beast and his Image, and receiving his Mark. Further, the wicked that practice sin and lawlessness according to the verses must *perish*. A statement from Jesus when speaking of the fate of the two classes of people helps to clarify the misunderstanding:

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matthew 25:46

Jesus stated that the fate of the wicked will be everlasting punishment, versus everlasting punishing. In other words, the effect of the punishment upon the wicked will be eternal, that is, their utter destruction; versus a punishing that continues on for eternity. The prophet Malachi wrote that the righteous would tread upon the wicked for they shall be ashes under the soles of their feet (Malachi 4:1, 3; Psalm 37:20, 104:35; Isaiah 47:14). This destruction implies finality, as ashes have no fuel to burn!

The Third Angel's message is to be borne to the ends of the earth by the *remnant*, God's Last Day Church. The message presents a solemn warning to avoid the Beast, his image, and his mark, and to embrace God's gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. This crucial warning is to be given in haste, as Christ's judgment in heaven is soon to end! In our next lesson, we will understand God's character, ultimately demonstrated by the *remnant* while still on earth.

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the wrath of God, are said to be, "tormented [forever and ever] with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb". In the time of Abraham, fire and brimstone were rained down from heaven by God, consuming the sinful nations of Sodom and Gomorrah, leaving them as ash heaps (Genesis 19:24; 2 Peter 2:6). So too, the Lord shall consume the wicked, first with the brightness of His Second Coming, and ultimately as part of the *Second Death*, after the *millennial period*.

Q: Does not the Bible state that the smoke of the wicked's torment will ascend "forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night"? Compare *Jude 1:7; 1 Samuel 1:22, 26, 27*.

A: Satan's goal is to besmirch the character of God; therefore, he often leads men to misapply Scriptures. The text, Revelation 14:10, 11 and other such verses, describing the destruction of the wicked, were once the basis for sermons and books such as, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, by Jonathan Edwards. This sermon by a professed Christian, ultimately did more to alienate people from God than to draw them to Him. A premise of the sermon and the misaligning doctrine is that God, in His fierce wrath, will cause the wicked to suffer eternal punishing, a cruel and excessive act. Implicit with such teachings is that the ones enduring the *eternal punishing*, themselves have *eternal life*. This, however, is contrary to the Word of God which states:

"For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten

issued by angels from heaven and will end in the destruction of the wicked at Christ's 2nd Coming. Like the last seven of ten plagues upon Ancient Egypt that were reserved for the enemies of God alone, the scourge bears no effect upon God's people (Ex 8:21-23; 2 Pet 2:9). However, unlike the plagues of Egypt that were given individually and nationwide, the 7 last plagues upon the wicked of the earth appear to be cumulative but dispersed. The table below compares the plagues upon Egypt to the Seven Last Plagues:

	Plagues of Egypt	Verses (Exodus)	Seven Last Plagues	Verses (Rev 16)
Upon All Men	Rivers/streams made blood	7:14-22		
	Frogs	8:3-14		
	Lice	8:16-20		
Upon Egyptians or Wicked Only	Flies	8:21-32	Grievous sores on those with the Mark of the Beast	v2
	Sores upon livestock	9:1-7	Seas are made blood	v3
	Boils upon men and animals	9:8-12	Rivers/fountains made blood	v4
	Hail and fire	9:18-25	Scorching sun	v8, 9
	Locusts	10:4-15	Darkness upon the seat of the Beast [Rome]	v10, 11
	Darkness upon the land	10:21-23	Drought upon the Euphrates	v12
	Death of the first born	Chapters 11, 12	Hail weighing +60lbs	v17, 20, 21

The wicked who receive the seven last plagues, the wine of