

them if they are the angel who had the sharp sickle (Rev. 14:17). You have a perfect right to ask them if they had something to do with the Revelation which was given to John (Rev. 1:1). Be sure to ask them if their church is the angel which came down from heaven to lighten the earth with his glory (Rev. 18:1).

Dear brother, sister, and friend, take heed that no man deceive you (Matt. 24:4). These angels of the book of Revelation are REAL living angels, sent forth from above to do the work which man could never do. Paul said the angels were ministering spirits sent forth to minister FOR them who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). Paul also said, "Consider what I say" (II Tim. 2:7). (Do they?). Paul said judgment would begin at the appearing of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 4:1), and not in the beginning of the gospel age, nor in 1844. These men don't even consider what Paul told the Galatians, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye received, let him be accursed. If you are supporting such with your tithes and offerings, don't you think you will be among those who promote falsehood? Don't you think it is high time to awake out of sleep (Rom. 13:11). Let us not be among those who are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (II Tim. 2:7). (Elder A. C. Olson)

About Mr. Olson: as he related it to Joe Handberg, Bar. in Sandston, Va. in his own words. An old man with whiskers came to the SDA meetings where were 6 or 7 families. He was a real Bible student and showed them how the SDA doctrine was not right. A German named Simons (Joe pronounced it Simonson?) Olson sister was at an SDA rally in Calif. Old man had him ask her to look up original readings in the old SDA tracts re things the SDA ministers were then denying they ever believed. Old man gave her tracts - if ever 1935-37. He didn't know if he was deluged in any church as he started looking around for a [Sabbathkeeping] New church & finally found Stenberg of a minister about 300 miles away came to see him. Some fine literature written by E. E. Friesen a noble scholar from N.Y. from whom Olson still has hundreds of letters. F. founded a church in Portland, Me., also.



WHEN ARE THE VOICES OF  
**THE THREE ANGELS**  
OF REVELATION 14:6-10  
**TO BE HEARD?**

IN THE  
**PAST,**  
**PRESENT,**  
OR IN THE  
**FUTURE?**

## THE THREE ANGELS OF REVELATION 14:6-10

This little leaflet is written for those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness (Matt. 5:5, 6) and for those who are willing to read and study the book of Revelation. It is written: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand" (Rev. 1:3).

These three angels of Revelation 14:6-10 and their work have been greatly misrepresented. Some church organizations have sent out books and tracts stating that the judgment hour started in the beginning of the gospel age. One large organization still teaches that the judgment started in the year 1844. If you are a Bible student, we ask you the question, "Has the hour of God's judgment already come?" We wonder if these folks who teach such have read the teachings of the apostle Paul? He told Timothy, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things" (II Tim. 2:7).

Now let us hear what he told Timothy about the judgment, "I CHARGE thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom" (II Tim. 4:1). Did you hear what Paul said? He did not say it started at the beginning of the Gospel age, nor did he say it started in 1844, but he did say judgment would begin at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

He definitely told the Corinthians to judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come (I Cor. 4:5). Who do you suppose the Lord Jesus would ask us to believe—Paul or the false prophets?

The apostle Peter realized this would happen so he said, "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of" (II Peter 2:1, 2).

It is the angel sent from the Lord who preaches the everlasting gospel and this is his message: The hour of his judgment is come. As we have quoted before, Paul told Timothy in plain words that the judgment did not begin until the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (II Timothy 4:1).

**GOD HATH APPOINTED A DAY TO JUDGE THE WORLD**

Paul said, "He (God) hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained (Acts 17:31). Jesus also said: "For as the Father judgeth NO MAN, but hath committed all judgment unto his Son (John 5:22).

There are also many false teachers in our day who teach and believe that when Jesus returns to this earth, He will destroy all the wicked with the brightness of His coming (II Thess. 2:8). If they will study this chapter they will find in verse 9 that this has reference to a certain Wicked. Those who teach such are more to be pitied than censured. The purpose of the coming of the Lord is not to destroy the sinners, but to punish them for their iniquity.

**LET US SEE WHAT THE PROPHETS DID SAY:**

Isaiah by the Spirit of the Lord wrote this: For behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity (Isa. 26:21). Again he wrote: For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke will the Lord PLEAD with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many (not all). They that sanctify themselves in the garden behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abominations, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord (Isaiah 66:15-17).

Here we have a class of people which will be slain by the Lord at His coming. In verse 18 the prophet tells us why. Again we have the statement from this prophet telling us why the Lord comes with judgments upon the inhabitants of the earth: "For when thy judgments are in the earth, the in-

Those who teach that the judgment began in the beginning of the gospel age base their teaching on I Peter 4:17 which says, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God." Any Bible student should know by reading the message of the three angels that Rev. 14:6-10 has nothing to do with the house of God (Read them and see).

In vision, the prophet John saw the first angel flying "in the midst of heaven (not on the earth), having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come" (Rev. 14:6, 7). Do you think this was a REAL angel sent by the Lord to do this work or do you think it was a group of ministers who disagreed about the time and also disagreed with the apostle Paul, and still believed they were doing the work of the three angels of Rev. 14? Have they forgotten that it was a REAL angel from heaven who was sent to proclaim the first coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Saying, "Fear not: For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:8-13). Again we ask the question, "why should men want to preach something that the Lord has never told them to preach?" The Apostle Paul warned the Galatians about this.

"If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let HIM be accursed" (Gal. 1:7-9). Men have never been instructed to preach the everlasting gospel, but we are instructed to preach the gospel of the kingdom; then shall the end come (Matt. 24:14). There is a vast difference between the "everlasting gospel" and the "gospel of the kingdom."

Jesus said this kingdom was within (Luke 17:20, 21). Paul said this kingdom was the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). To the Corinthians he said, the kingdom was the power of God (I Cor. 4:20). This was the mystery which was hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to all saints (Col. 1:26-29). Paul said we are SEATED with the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30). When the day of redemption comes, the gospel of the kingdom ends, because at that time we will put on immortality (I Cor. 15:51-53).

let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written. This honour have all the saints. Praise ye the Lord." (Ps. 149:5-9). It is written in the book of Revelation, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the Nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they (the nations) be broken to shivers" (Rev. 2:26, 27).

The apostle Paul also said that the saints shall judge the world (I Cor. 6:2) and so it is written in Jude, verses 14 and 15.

**THE APPEARING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
IN**

**THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL  
(Rev. 6:12-17)**

John said, "I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake." This is evidently the same earthquake of which Paul spake: "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven" (Heb. 12:26). After the great earthquake, "the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell upon the earth." (It will not be just a display of celestial fireworks as that which was seen in the year, 1883). In this sixth seal we are told by John that "stars fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens (evidently bomb shelters) and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, For the great day of his wrath is come (Rev. 15:1); and who shall be able to stand?"

habitants of the world will learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:9A).

This verse is something to think about and as we go along with our study, the plan of salvation will be made more clear to us.

**ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM**

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ said, "And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied these things: Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14-15).

Peter told us to be mindful of the words spoken by the Holy prophets (II Peter 3:2). After the flood the Lord promised that he would never again destroy (or smite) anymore every thing living, as he had done. See Gen. 8:21-22. When the Lord returns this time, we are told by his prophets that He is coming to punish the earthly inhabitants for their iniquity.

**"HIS REWARD IS WITH HIM AND HIS WORK  
IS BEFORE HIM"**

The prophet Isaiah said, "Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work is before him" (Isa. 62:11). Yes, the Lord has indeed a great work to do when He returns to this earth. As the prophets said, He will plead with all flesh, He is going to convince the ungodly which have spoken against him, and the slain of the Lord will be many.

The apostle Paul knew about this because he told the Romans "For he (Christ) will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth (Rom. 9:28). Again Paul said, "For He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet" (I Cor. 15:25). Those who have been faithful will reign with Him, as kings and priests on the earth (Rev. 5:9, 10).

David said, "Let the saints be joyful in glory:

Why are not the saints of God mentioned in this sixth seal? Because they are caught up to meet the Lord in the air, so shall they ever be with the Lord. For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first (I Thess. 4:16-17). If you are in Christ, you have no need to worry about His coming, but we should look up and lift up our heads when our redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28).

Paul said we would ever be with the Lord when we are caught up to meet Him in the air. John wrote the words of Jesus, and he said: "where I am, there ye may be also." Jesus explained this to John on the isle that is called Patmos (Rev. 1:9) and told him, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." Here we have three statements that the overcomer will always be with the Lord. Rev. 3:12 tells us where this will be.

Jesus told us that when He comes again, then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other one left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other one left (Matt. 24:40, 41). One is taken up in the air to meet the Lord, the other is left to be punished.

**"WHEN THY JUDGMENTS ARE IN THE EARTH,  
THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WILL  
LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

(Isaiah 26:9)

Let us have the apostle Paul give us a little light upon this subject. He told the Romans, "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds... But unto them that are contentious, and do NOT obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath" (Romans 2:5-9).

Indignation and wrath is explained in Rev. 15:1 as the seven last plagues. They are poured out upon those who obey not the truth. These plagues are called trumpets in Revelation the 8th, 9th and 10th chapters. They begin in the beginning of the

seventh seal. As you will know, the seventh seal opens in the 8th chapter of Revelation with silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets begin to sound. When the seventh angel begins to sound, the mystery of God should be finished (Rev. 10:7).

The seven angels who had the seven vials go through the same period of time, starting with Rev. 16:1 and continue through the Battle of Armageddon. When the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air, the word came from heaven saying, "It is done" (Rev. 16:17). The trumpets are called plagues in Rev. 9:20 and also in Rev. 16:9).

**WHO WILL BE PUNISHED BY THESE  
PLAGUES?**

In the fifth plague the command was not to hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men which have not the seal of God in their forehead. "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Rev. 9:4-6).

Revelation 16:1-10 gives the first plague as a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. The reason for this judgment was that they had shed the blood of saints and prophets, so the Lord gave them blood to drink. John heard another angel say, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments." These men blasphemed the name of God, which had power over these plagues.

Now let us go to other chapters of Revelation, and really see who these plagues are for. The seven last plagues is the judgment of the great whore (Rev. 17:1). "True and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth" (Rev. 19:2). A voice was heard from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of HER plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

This whore said in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her (Rev. 18:7-10).

**THE SECOND ANGEL SAID,  
"BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN"**

This is something that we should know. What is Babylon? Has Babylon fallen? Or is Babylon going to fall? If Babylon has not fallen, when does Babylon fall? As we study these questions, let us trust that the Word of God will tell us the truth about when she falls, and who she is.

The word Babylon means a vicious city. The word vicious means corrupt, wicked, unruly, tricky, impure. To prove to you that the Babylon to which the angel had reference is that vicious city, we shall quote what the God of heaven told John to write about this wicked city. First of all, the angel which gives the message to all the world, gives as the reason for her fall that she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

The angel told John who the great city Babylon was in Rev. 17:18. He said the woman that he saw is that great city. In other words Babylon is the woman of Revelation 17:1-18. In the first verse, she is called the great whore, and was sitting upon many waters. In verse 15, John was told that the man is sitting among the people.

The term "woman" in Bible prophecy has reference to a church (Jeremiah 6:2). He wrote, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman." You will find the pure and delicate woman in Rev. 12:1-17, but this wicked woman of Revelation, of whom we are writing about is explained in Rev. 17:1-18. This wicked woman was found drunken with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Jesus (verse 6). John heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues."

This woman has for many years said in her

heart, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her (Rev. 18:8). This woman is called a whore, the Mother of Harlots, Babylon, the great city.

"John heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4). The seven last plagues are her plagues and she is going to be burned with fire for strong is the Lord God, who judgeth her (Rev. 18:8). "In her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and all that were slain upon the earth (Rev. 18:24).

This church has thousands of bishops and priests walking about in robes of scarlet, purple, silk, satin, and fine linens, decorated with gold chains and crosses set with costly jewels, with diamond rings on their fingers worth millions, living in pomp and splendor, smoking their fine cigars, drinking their wines with women housekeepers instead of men servants. Do you think that the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth will let this go on forever?

The prophet John saw this church clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls (Rev. 18:16). Yes, she can now say in her heart, "I sit a queen, and shall see no more sorrow," but her plagues shall come in one day, for strong is the Lord God that judgeth her.

When the last seven plagues are poured out upon her, then, and not until then, can the angel of Revelation 14:8 say, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."

After the great city Babylon (the woman) had fallen, the "mighty angel took up a stone like a millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all" (Rev. 18:21).

Those who teach that Babylon has fallen, surely don't get their teaching from the Bible. Neither do they get it from our newspapers, nor from T.V. for we all should be able to see that this woman of Reve-

### A BRIEF OUTLINE OF WHAT MUST BE DONE BEFORE JESUS BECOMES KING OVER ALL THE EARTH

The first angel's message must go to every nation, and kindred and tongue, and people, saying, "For the hour of his (the Lord's) Judgment is come" (Rev. 14:6, 7).

Paul told Timothy that Judgment would begin at the appearing of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 4:1). This first judgment will be upon the woman, the great whore, the mother of harlots and the abominations of the earth (Rev. 17:1-18). Her punishment is the seven last plagues (Rev. 18:7, 8). Her destruction is completed in the seventh plague (Rev. 16:17-21). After this destruction there will be NO VICIOUS CITY Babylon (Rev. 18:21). After Babylon, the Great City, is burned up (and not before). The second angel can go forth with his message, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen" (Rev. 14:9).

The seven last plagues do not kill all men upon the earth for we are told "the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented NOT" (Rev. 9:20), but we are told how many would be slain (Rev. 9:13-19). John said "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone." Do you remember what the Prophet Isaiah said? He foretold that the slain of the Lord shall be many (Isa. 66:16). If you would like to read the prophetic view of this great battle, read Joel 2:1-11. This army is recorded in Rev. 19:11-21. John heard the number of horsemen, two hundred million (see Rev. 9:16, 17). This great battle is also foretold in Zech. 14:1-3. John saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gather together to make war against Him (Christ) that sat on the horse, and against His army (Rev. 19:19). Christ on the white horse (Rev. 19:11) and the saints on white horses (verse 14) indicate power and purity.

In Rev. 16:13 and 14, we learn that the dragon and the beast, and the false prophet, were the ring-leaders of the kings of the earth, to gather them to battle of that great day of God Almighty.

At the end of the battle, the beast was taken, and the false prophet that wrought miracles before

lation 17:1-18 is still reigning over the kings of the earth, and she is trying to get back the power she lost in the year 1798. It has taken her one hundred and sixty-two years to elect a leader of her own choice for the U.S.A.

Let us study God's Holy Word and pray always that we "be not partakers of her sins, and that we receive not of her plagues."

### THE THIRD ANGEL FOLLOWED THEM, SAYING

"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The SAME shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (Rev. 14:9, 10).

I want to call your attention to the fact that the punishment promised by the third angel will occur when the Holy Angels and the Lamb are present. This is what the angel said. The word "presence" means "nearness" or "immediate neighborhood." The second angel which said, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen" did not go out with his message until Babylon fell. Babylon falls in the end of the seven last plagues; therefore, it is impossible for the third angel to give his message before the coming of Jesus Christ and His angels. As we have stated before, those who are in Christ are caught up to meet the Lord in the air in the sixth seal (I Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 6:12-17). The seven last plagues occur in the SEVENTH SEAL.

There are many who preach the coming of the Lord in the sixth seal, but they never say what happens in the seventh seal. To make it plain to you, we will say the sixth seal is the coming of the Lord SEAL; the seventh seal is when the plagues fall on those who worship the beast and his image and receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hand.

As we have stated before, all mankind is not killed by the plagues (Rev. 9:20).

him . . . these both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone and the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse" (Rev. 19:20-21). "And the dragon was cast into the bottomless pit, to stay there for a thousand years, so he could deceive the nations NO MORE, till the thousand years should be fulfilled" (Rev. 20:1-3).

This beast which was cast alive into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20) is the same beast that Daniel said would be given to the burning flames (Dan. 7:11). It was this great power that would speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws (verse 25).

To prove who changed the law of God, let us see what the magazine *The Catholic Mirror* has to say in Sept. 1893: "The Catholic Church for over one thousand years, before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday." Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man (Jesus) is Lord also of the sabbath" (Mark 2:27, 28). Do you think it pleased the Son of man to have someone change His day to some other day? Just think of it! What will the heavens and the holy apostles and prophets have to say about her judgments when it is all completed? (Rev. 18:20).

Let us learn something about the image of the beast. Who is HE? If he is the image of the beast, he must have done something that the beast did. The image is also called the false prophet. Many Bible students teach that Mohammed is called a false prophet. History does say he was called a prophet (World Book Encyclopedia, Book M, page 694). Mohammed once preached and kept the ten commandments (page 574). Mohammed tried to make alliance with the Jews, but failed so he broke the alliance and rejected them, and developed his own customs and ceremonies. Instead of worshipping the Creator of heaven and earth on the seventh day sabbath, the day made at creation, he changed it to Friday, as their holy day of rest (Friday, World Book F, page 459). This great change of worship from the seventh day to the sixth day automatically made HIM the false prophet. This change came about in 622 A. D., about 286 years after the Roman

church changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. In other words, the Roman church is responsible for keeping Sunday the first day of the week, and the Mohammedans were responsible for their large body of people keeping Friday, the sixth day of the week, as their day of rest.

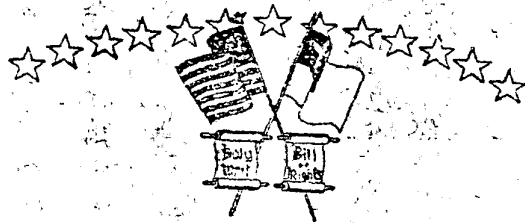
After the battle of that great day of God Almighty, Jesus will become King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16). He will then be king over all the earth (Zech. 14:9). After this there will be no Sunday worship. Neither will there be any Friday worship, for it is written: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall ALL FLESH come to worship before me, saith the LORD (Isa. 66:23). Jesus will then rule the nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 12:5) and him that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations (Rev. 2:26, 27).

For this reason the third angel goes out with his message after the fall of Babylon, saying, "If any man worship the beast (keep Sunday) and his image (keep Friday) the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation: And He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb" (Rev. 14:9-10). The prophet Nahum said, "What do ye imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. For while they be folded together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry (Nahum 1:9, 10).

If you are a member of a church that teaches they are preaching the third angel's message, you have a right to ask the ministers if they are also the angel which comes down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand to bind Satan for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

Ask them if they are the seven angels with the seven vials of the wrath of God (Rev. 16:1). Ask them if they are one of those angels who showed John the judgment of the great whore (Rev. 17:1). Ask them if they are one of the angels who showed John the bride, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:9, 10). Ask





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### LAW vs GRACE

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5: 17 - 19.

"Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." I John 3: 4.

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes." Rom. 10: 4.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace." Romans 6: 14.

These four passages from the New Testament seem very contradictory. Does Paul disagree with both Jesus and John? Did the cross nullify Jesus' statement? If so why did John not know it as well as Paul? Why, in the book of Romans, does Paul seem to contradict even himself concerning law and grace?

The controversy of "law vs. grace" brought about a confrontation of Peter by Paul, and continues to this day. Actually there is no conflict and no contradiction. There is only lack of knowledge and understanding.

The key to the answers is found in II Tim. 2: 15. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The penalty for failure to follow this word of wisdom is given in Hosea 4: 6. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, - - - -: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children."

The truth and immutability of the last quoted verse is emphatically demonstrated daily by luke warm Christians, statistics on crime, race riots, anarchy (e.g. Los Angeles), communism, wars, etc.

Christians, under the teaching of well meaning and zealous though ill informed preachers, have taken Rom. 10: 4 to mean that ALL the law of God was fulfilled, nullified, and made of no effect by the life and death of Jesus Christ. Therefore there has been little or no study of the law of God. Christians have, in their minds, tried to place all humanity under the same rules of conduct as those to which they themselves adhere. Can one expect the rules of conduct for a dedicated Christian to be the proper means

of dealing with a vicious criminal?

There is a great diversity of opinion among Christians as to just what is sin and what is not sin. Some Christians condemn as sin such trivialities as the manner of one's hair styling, whistling, or the use of musical instruments in worship. Others condone the charging of interest, cheating, and adultery.

The rules of conduct for individuals and society, as set forth in the law, are a safe guide for the Christian; for Paul says, "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just and good." Rom. 7: 12. Also "that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in oldness of the letter." Rom. 7: 6. And "sin is the transgression of the law." I John 3: 4.

Let it be stated here, emphatically, that observance of the law is NOT the means of salvation. "For by grace are you saved thru faith", Eph. 2: 8. After having been justified by grace thru faith, the spirit (not the letter) of the law becomes the blueprint for a consecrated walk with God. One can no more obey the spirit of the law without a study of the law than can a builder build according to a plan he has not seen.

The law of God is in four divisions. (1) The "commandments", expressing the righteous will of God. (2) The "statutes", for the government of the nation. (3) The "judgements", governing the social life of the nation. (4) The "ordinances" governing the religious life.

The ordinances, i.e. the ceremonial and sacrificial laws, were the "law for righteousness" referred to by Paul in Rom. 10: 14, and were "put away" by the Lord Jesus. He also fulfilled by His death, and only in the national application, the law binding the divorced wife to her husband "so long as the husband shall live". Of the rest of the law - "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law".

National righteousness is in direct proportion to a nation's obedience to God's laws (statutes) for the government of the nation. We Christians, by our lack of knowledge of God's law, have allowed our government to depart far to the left of God's statutes.

Think ye not that God will hold the ministers of the Gospel, the church membership and the national leaders equally responsible when He judges the nation? For the nation shall be judged, and judged by God's law for the nation.

Grace is for individual salvation: the commandments and judgements the guide for the Christian's conduct; the statutes (one jot or tittle shall not pass) are for the government of the nation.

If we feel concern for the future welfare of our children and our nation it is for good reason. Consider again, and very thoughtfully, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, - - - - -: seeing you have forgotten the LAW of your God, I will also forget your children".

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Jesus said, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and rend you". Matt. 7: 6. After the passing of the civil rights bills the riots in Springfield, Chicago and Los Angeles makes one wonder, just what was Jesus talking about?

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