



# PROPHECY EXPO

## The Three Last Messages of God

I. The ultimate focus of Bible prophecy and biblical history is the reestablishment of the kingdom of God on earth

- A. Genesis opens with God the Creator and His perfect world, inhabited by perfect people and in perfect communion between God and man and quickly explains how that beauty, harmony, and happiness was lost.
- B. On the other hand, the Bible ends with the prophecies of Revelation with the restoration of the kingdom of God, including reestablished visible presence of God

“I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.  
<sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb”.  
(Revelation 21:22-23; NASB200; SP1226)

C. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for the coming of God’s kingdom

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.”  
(Matthew 6:10: NASB4; SP936)

- D. The book of Revelation centers on the consummation of Jesus’ mission as Judge and Restorer in the time of the end. In the last Bible book all the other books of Scripture meet and find their ultimate glorious fulfillment.
- E. The theological core and literary center of John’s Apocalypse is Revelation 12-14, which includes the messages of the three angels

II. To best understand these three messages, we need first to understand the larger issue of the role of God’s people within history

A. Best expressed by Moses to Pharaoh in Exodus 4:23. Israel’s purpose was to worship and serve God

“Let My son go that he may serve (‘worship,’ NIV) Me.”  
(Exodus 4:23; NASB43; SP59)

B. It was for the purpose of serving God and binding them to Him that God redeemed the Israelites from bondage

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”  
(Exodus 19:4-6; NASB55; SP76)

C. Divine grace is the basis of all activities between God and Israel. Israel was saved from Egypt, therefore they should faithfully serve God

“Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, “Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God. You shall therefore obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.”  
(Deuteronomy 27:9-10; NASB152; SP213)

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.  
<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.  
(Exodus 20:2-3; NASB56; SP77)

D. His purpose in having a people was so that they could share in the task of the coming Messiah, that is, to be witness to the nations around

“Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her. But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.’”  
(Ezekiel 5:5-6; NASB591; SP814)

“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,  
(Isaiah 42:6; NASB516; SP724)

“He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’”  
(Isaiah 49:6; NASB522: SP730)

III. The Israelites were not faithful to God. They worshipped other gods and were wicked to the weak and He sent them into captivity

“Because you have not obeyed My words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and *I will send to* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.”  
(Jeremiah 25:8-9; NASB556; SP769)

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water”.  
(Jeremiah 2:13; NASB536; SP745)

“Then the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king, ‘Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there.’ I thought, ‘After she has done all these things she will return to Me’; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also. Because of the lightness of her harlotry, she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception.’ declares the LORD.”  
(Jeremiah 3:6-10; NASB537; SP746)

IV. Despite Israel’s waywardness, God promised to bring them back from captivity and restore them as His people

“Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwelling places; And the city will be rebuilt on its ruin, And the palace will stand on its rightful place. From them will proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who celebrate; And I will multiply them and they will not be diminished; I will also honor them and they will not be insignificant.’”  
(Jeremiah 30:18-19; NASB561; SP775)

V. When they came out of captivity, they didn’t do any better, so a “new Israel” arose

“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.”  
(Matthew 21:43-46; NASB18; SP957)

“What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened. . . . I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. . . . But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree.”  
(Romans 11:7, 11, 17; NASB126; SP1114)

“And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God [the Galatia gentiles].”  
(Galatians 6:16; NASB150; SP)

VI. Revelation’s final message brought by three angels is a call to renounce every form of idolatry and falsehood and to worship the Creator and accept His everlasting gospel in the face of the final threat of the antichrist. God requires a two-fold fidelity: faithfulness to Jesus’ testimony and obedience to God’s commandments

“Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”  
(Revelation 14:12; NASB196; SP1220)

A. The First Angel’s Message announces a final judgment, which is related to the judgment messages of Daniel 7 and 8

“And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, `Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”  
(Revelation 14:6-7; NASB196; SP1220)

1. This message is reflective of Daniel 7:9, 10

"I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took *His* seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened."  
(Daniel 7:9-10; NASB; SP)

2. This message comes only after the beast has ruled for 1260 years

3. God speaks out as the Creator

B. The Second Angel's Message announces the fall and end of the dragon, the beast and all represented by Babylon

"And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality.'  
(Revelation 14:8; NASB196; SP1220)

"She who is in Babylon [Rome], chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so *does* my son, Mark."  
(1 Peter 5:13; NASB182; SP1199)

"Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in pairs." And one said, 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the images of her gods are shattered on the ground.'  
(Isaiah 21:9; NASB500; SP706)

1. Babylon was the arch enemy of Israel

"Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, For this is the LORD'S time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her. Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, Intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; Therefore the nations are going mad."  
(Jeremiah 51:6-7; NASB580; SP800)

2. Babylon was going to pay for its evil against Israel

C. The Third Angel’s Message

“Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, `If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”  
(Revelation 14:9-10; NASB196; SP1220)

“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.”  
(Revelation 15:1; NASB196; SP120)

“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, `Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”  
(Revelation 16:1; NASB196; SP1220)

“Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”  
(Revelation 14:12-13; NASB196; SP1220)