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4th angels message: "mighty angel"

Revelation 18:1 And after these things I saw <u>another angel</u> come down from heaven, having great power; and <u>the earth was lightened with his glory</u>. **18:2** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. **18:3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. **18:4** And I heard <u>another voice</u> 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. **18:5** For her sins have reached unto heaven,



and God hath remembered her iniquities. 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 18:8 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. 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in <u>one hour</u> is thy judgment come.

I saw <u>another mighty angel</u> [4th angel- Rev 18:1-2] commissioned to descend to earth, and <u>unite his voice with the</u> <u>third angel</u>, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, <u>the earth was lightened with his glory</u>. The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated every where, as <u>he cried mightily</u>, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. The message of the <u>fall of Babylon</u>, as given by the second angel [of Rev 14:8], <u>is again</u> given, with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud cry. {1SG 193.2}

The Lord Jesus sent a **mighty angel** to make plain to John, by the use of symbols, the things that were to come to pass until the coming of Christ. He was bidden to write the instruction in a book for the benefit of the seven churches. **This writing we now have preserved in the book of Revelation, but this book** <u>is understood by only a</u> <u>very few. It contains the message for the last days</u>, and <u>we are to dwell much upon these prophecies</u>. {RH February 14, 1907, par. 12}

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the Holy place, and he passed into the Holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, he sent another **mighty angel** to earth with <u>the third message</u>. He placed a parchment in the angel's hand, and as he descended to earth in majesty and power, he proclaimed a fearful warning, the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, and show them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, yet <u>they must hold fast the truth</u>. The <u>third angel</u> closes his message with these words, Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. <u>As he repeated</u> these words he pointed to the heavenly Sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the Most Holy place where Jesus stands before the ark, making his final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers, and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. Jesus makes an atonement for those who died, not receiving the light upon God's commandments, who sinned ignorantly. {1SG 162.1}

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Angels were sent to aid the **mighty angel** from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound every where, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. **This message seemed** <u>to be an addition to</u> <u>the third message</u>, <u>and joined it</u>, <u>as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844</u>. The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn <u>warning</u>, <u>proclaiming the fall of</u> <u>Babylon</u>, <u>and calling upon God's people to come out of her; that they might escape her fearful doom.</u> {1SG 194.1}

"Though I preach the finishing of transgression in the lives of individuals; and though I preach the making an end of sins, and the making of reconciliation for iniquity, and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness, in the life of the individual; and yet do not preach with it the sanctuary and its cleansing, that is not the third angel's message. That great day cannot come till the sanctuary is cleansed. The sanctuary cannot be cleansed until transgression is finished in your life and mine; till an end of sins is made in your life and mine; and reconciliation made for the sins that have been committed; and then, oh, then, in place of it all, everlasting righteousness brought in, to hold us steady in the path of righteousness. *A.T. Jones GC Daily Bulletin April 1, 1903*.

Waggoner expressed this view right after the 1888 General Conference stating: "But will there ever be any people on the earth who will have attained to that perfection of character? Indeed, there will be [Zephaniah 3:13 quoted]. When the Lord comes there will be a company who will be found 'complete in him, having not their own righteousness, but that perfect righteousness of God, <u>which comes by faith of Jesus Christ</u>. <u>To perfect this work in</u> <u>the hearts of individuals, and to prepare such a company, is the work of the Third Angel's Message.</u>" Signs of the Times Dec. 28,1888, p. 790.

"We are in the day of atonement, and we are to work in harmony with Christ's work of cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. Let no man who desires to be found with the wedding garment on, resist our Lord in His office work." Review and Herald, January 21,1890.

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