



Three Angels, One Message Presentation One: God's Everlasting Gospel

The Holy Bible is God's designated Source of information to learn about Him, His ways, and what He requires of us. The Message of the Three Angels is found in Revelation 14:6-12, seven of the most important verses in all the Bible. These verses alert us as to the special The book of Revelation is a "revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1) and is not a "sealed book." Revelation 22:10. God promised a blessing to those who read and follow it. Revelation 1:3.

Though there are three angels seen giving messages, we can look at what they bring as being "one message," the message of God's unlimited love expressed toward lost sinners.

Angels Flying in the Sky. The term "angel" is to be understood as "one who bears a message." The term in the original is *angelos*, which forms the root for the word "evangelism." It describes "one who is giving news, one who has a message to share." The book of Revelation is filled with symbols, and we needn't think that this picture of three angels flying in the sky is to be taken literally. This is a symbolic picture depicting three messages going to the entire world. Is there a place in the Bible in which humans are called "angels," that is, those delivering His message? Yes! In Matthew 11:10, Jesus said that John the Baptist was the "angel" (*angelos* in the original) fulfilling the prophecy of Malachi 3:1. Just as John the Baptist was God's "angel" ("messenger") alerting the world to Christ's first coming, so these "angels" of Revelation 14 alert the world before Christ comes back the second time.

The Everlasting Gospel. The first component of the message is the "everlasting gospel." This is the Good News of salvation revealed throughout the Bible. It is the message of God's love that forms the basis for all the truths in Scripture. God loves us very much, so much that He sent His divine Son Jesus to die for our sins! John 3:16. The Good News presents salvation as a complete package, an all-encompassing plan. It can be viewed as having three parts, and includes the forgiveness of *past* sins, the power to overcome Satan's temptations *today* and the promise of a home in a *future* kingdom "in which righteousness dwells. II Peter 3:13. Thus Paul could rightly say that God is the One Who "delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in Whom we trust that He will still deliver us." II Corinthians 1:10. It is referred to as the "everlasting" Gospel, telling us that God's Good News hasn't changed. The Bible defines only one way by which people are saved: it is by grace through faith which works by love." Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 5:6. People were saved in Old Testament times "by grace through faith" just as we are today, Paul declares in the book of Romans. See Romans chapters 4 and 5, and Hebrews 11. Will you accept His gracious offer of eternal life through Jesus?