

THE JUDGMENT MESSAGE

1. For what event are the messages of Revelation 14 to prepare the world? Verse 14. What will any effort to detract from them bring upon us? Rev. 22:19. Note 1.
2. What symbol is used to introduce this line of prophecy? What did the angel proclaim? What shows the message to be worldwide? Rev. 14:6. Note 2.
3. What startling Gospel Message does he bear? How is the message heralded? To whom are we directed to give glory? Who alone should be worshiped? Verse 7.
4. Which precept of the decalogue is specially suggested by the wording of the message? Ex. 20:8-11.
5. What will God bring into judgment? Eccl. 12:13, 14.
6. Describe the solemn scene. Dan. 7:9, 10.
7. Who are the millions around the throne? Rev. 5:11.
8. What were opened? Out of what are the dead judged? Rev. 20:12; Dan. 7:9; Mal. 3:16; Phil. 4:3. Note 3.

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9. What was opened in heaven when the judgment commenced? Rev. 11:18, 19. In which apartment is the ark? Heb. 4.
10. What is in the ark? Deut. 10:1-5; Ex. 25:16, 22.
11. By what will character be tested? James 2:8-12; Ps. 96:13.
12. Had the judgment commenced in the days of the apostles? Acts 24:25; 2 Peter 2:4; 3:7; Jude 6.
13. When did the judgment begin? Note 4.
14. What was the result of rejecting this past message? Rev. 14:8.
15. What solemn decree will follow the close of the work in the heavenly sanctuary? Rev. 22 :11.
16. Do you know how far the solemn investigation in this great tribunal has proceeded? What emphasis does this lend to the need of being wholly prepared now? Note 5.

NOTES

1. "I saw a company who stood well-guarded and firm, and giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps, — the first, second, and third angel's messages. Said my accompanying angel: 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.'" — *Early Writings, page 121.*

2. When the Lord wishes to represent earthly governments, he selects as the most fitting symbol a wild and ravenous beast. But the work of the Gospel for these last days is represented by an angel flying in the heaven. Though the Gospel is preached by men, doubtless special angels have charge of the work.

3. The judgment is a real thing. The Judge upon the throne is a real, actual, personal Being; the throne upon which He is seated is a real throne; the books opened are real books; the angels who surround the throne are real angels; and those who are being judged are real beings.

4. The judgment message, being a Gospel message, must be given before probation closes. It is synonymous with the cleansing of the sanctuary, and began at the end of

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the 2300 days of Dan. 8:14, on the tenth day of the seventh month, of Oct. 22, 1844 — nearly threescore years ago.

"The prophecy of the first angel's message, brought to view in Revelation 14, found its fulfilment in the Advent Movement of 1840-1844." — *Great Controversy*.

5. "Silently, unnoticed as a midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men. . . . While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure-lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments, — it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence, 'Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting.'" — *Great Controversy*, page 491.