

## The Structure

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### The Repetition of the 3 Angels Messages

#### The Extra Year of Grace

He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, **let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:** And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. Luke 13:6-9.

- 17 Chapter, *Christs Object Lessons*, "Spare it this Year Also."

#### The Four Angels

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, 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: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand. Revelation 14:6-9.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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. Revelation 18:1-3.

**"Some of those who are newly come to the faith claim to have special light from God in regard to these messages; but their new light leads them to set aside the established truths that are the pillars of our faith. They misinterpret and misapply the Scriptures. They misplace the messages of Revelation 14, and set aside the**

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**work which these messages have accomplished. Thus they reject the great waymarks which God Himself has established. Since their new light leads them to tear down the structure which the Lord has built up, we may know that He is not guiding them.**

**“The experience of those newly come to the faith, if the Lord is working upon their minds, will be in harmony with the word of God, and with His past dealings with His people, and the instruction He has given them. He will not contradict Himself.**

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and are to run parallel with this which follows. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. “After these things,” said John, **“I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.”** In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” *1888 Materials*, 804.

“I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. **Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, "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 fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it **swells to a loud cry.** And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message.” *Early Writings*, 277.

**“What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.** The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's

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power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, **one touch of His mighty power**, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulfulness of which we cannot imagine." *The Review and Herald*, 5. Juli 1906; *Life Sketches*, 411.

"On one occasion, when in **New York City**, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven.

"The scene that next passed before me was an **alarm of fire**. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: 'They are **perfectly safe**'. But these buildings were **consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.**

"I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their disregard of His law and for their selfish ambition." *Testimonies to the Church*, volume 9, 11-13

### **A Specific Order**

"The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are **still to be proclaimed**. It is just as essential now as ever before that they **shall be repeated** to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing **their order**, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third **angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, **showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104, 105.

### **The Messages are to be repeated**

"**The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be repeated. The call is to be given to the church: "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.** 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 have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.... Come out of her, my

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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.” *The Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899, par. 11.

### **History will repeat**

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *Great Controversy*, 343.

“Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of God’s people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year’s almanac. **The record is to be kept in mind, for history will repeat itself.**” Publishing Ministry, 175.