

The Loud Cry Of The 4th Angel

1. The loud cry of the fourth angel is explained in Rev. 18:1-8.

2. We are told that the angel of Rev. 18:1 that gives this Loud Cry came down to the SDA Church and was rejected, and when he comes again, he will again be rejected by the majority of SDA'S.

“In 1888 at the General Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the angel of Revelation 18:1 came down to do his work, and was ridiculed, criticized and rejected. And when the message he brings again, swells into a loud cry, it will again be ridiculed, spoken against, and rejected by the majority.” Ellen G. White, Taken up a Reproach.

3. But what is the Loud Cry of this fourth angel? To understand this we need to understand the third angel's message, because we are told that the loud cry of the third angel is the beginning of the light of the Loud Cry of the fourth angel.

“The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.” Ellen G. White, Selected Messages Book One, pg. 363.

4. The loud cry of the third angel is explained in Rev. 14:9-12.

5. The third angel's message can be summed up in the following few points.

- a. Don't worship the beast and his image. Rev. 14:9.
- b. Don't receive the mark of the beast in heart or by works. Rev. 14:9.
- c. Or you will receive the merciless wrath of God (the plagues). Rev. 14:10.
- d. And you shall forever be destroyed in hell fires. Rev. 14:10,11.
- e. God's people endures by keeping God's Commandments through the Faith of Jesus Christ. Rev. 14:12.

6. We are told that the third angel's message is “Righteousness by Faith”.

“Righteousness by faith is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” Ellen G. White, Unpublished Testimony, Nov. 18th. 1896.

7. Again we are told that the third angel's message is the 1888 message of “Justification by Faith”.

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God.... This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure. Ellen G. White, Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, pg. 91-92.

8. Thus the Third Angel's Message is dubbed the following:

a. Righteousness by Faith.

b. Justification by Faith.

9. Furthermore we are told that the Third Angel's Message is Justification by Faith in reality.

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message, in verity." Ellen G. White, Selected Messages Book One, pg. 372.

10. What is the meaning of the word "verity"? We are told:

"Truth;... a true assertion or tenet..." American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828.

"verity... truth; a truth; truthfulness; sincerity..."The Wordsworth Concise English Dictionary, pg. 1108.

"veritable true; genuine; real, actual; truly so to be called." Ibid, pg. 1108.

"verity... The quality of being true or real; reality; truth; fact; a true assertion or tenet." The Lexicon Webster Dictionary, Vol. 2, pg. 1101.

11. Thus we are informed that in reality, or of a certainty the third angel's message is Justification by Faith. But we need to see this fact.

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

1. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

12. What is Justification by Faith? First, "Faith" is the revealed truths of the Gospel. (1 Tim. 4:6; Phil. 1:27).

13. Faith is the truths of the Spirit revealing unseen spiritual things, it is evidence of unseen spiritual things. (1 Cor. 2:4-7,10,12,13; Heb. 11:1).

14. Justification means to be made righteous by being declared righteous. (Rom. 5:19; Rom. 4:5,11).

15. It is God that justifies, for it is justification in God's sight (or estimation). (Rom. 8:33; Rom. 3:20).

16. Faith contains the Righteousness of God. Rom. 1:16,17; Pro. 12:17.

17. Thus when God imputes or gives to the penitent the Faith of Jesus Christ, He gives him the Righteousness of God, thus the person is justified or made righteous through the instrument of Faith. Rom. 3:22,20.

18. So "Justification by Faith" can best be described as the experience of being made righteous by the gift of Faith in which Righteousness is acquired. (Rom. 5:19; Rom. 4:5; Rom. 3:22).

19. Thus it is also being made obedient to the Law of God through Faith. Rom. 3:30,31.

20. What is Righteousness by Faith? First; Righteousness is the Righteousness of God, God Himself. Jer. 23:5,6.

21. This Righteousness of God is in Faith. Rom. 3:22; Pro. 12:17.

22. Thus "Righteousness by Faith" is the Righteousness of God given through the imputation of Faith. (Rom. 4:5; Rom. 3:22).

23. How is this Justification by Faith the real third angel's message? We must first review the summary of the content of the third angel's message. They are:

- a. Don't worship the beast and his image.
- b. Don't receive the mark of the beast in heart or by works.
- c. Or you will receive the merciless wrath of God (the plagues).
- d. And you shall forever be destroyed in hell fires.
- e. God's people endures by keeping God's Commandments through the Faith of Jesus Christ.

24. Justification by Faith/Righteousness by Faith is the real Third Angel's Message because:

- a. To turn from the worship of the beast and his image by rejecting the mark of the beast, is to repent of sin and be Justified by Faith of Jesus Christ. (Acts. 3:19; Gal. 2:16).
- b. To keep from the worship of the beast and his image and from accepting the mark of the beast one must keep the Commandments of God by the Faith of Jesus Christ. Rom. 3:30,31.
- c. Thus Justification and Obedience of faith is the real third angel's message or the Gospel. (Rom. 4:25; Rom. 16:25, 26).

25. Now, concerning the Loud Cry of the fourth angel; we are told that he is the angel who unites with the third angel.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold." Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pg. 611.

26. When the third angel's message swells into a Loud Cry, this loud cry is the beginning of the light of the Loud Cry of the fourth angel's message.

"As the third message swells to a loud cry, and as great power and glory attend the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel." Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, pg. 353.

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages Book One*, pg. 363.

27. The fourth angel's message is summarily presented in Rev. 18:1-8.

28. In point from the fourth angel's message can be reduced to the following.

- a. The false religions of Babylon are fallen. Rev. 18:2.

- b. Demons inhabit these religions. Rev. 18:2.
- c. These religions contain every corrupt experience. Rev. 18:2.
- d. They are inhabited (presided over) by men who hate the truth, and pervert the truth to their flock. Rev. 18:2.
- e. The nations of the earth are spiritually drunk (confused and deceived) by the false doctrines of Babylon much of which are supported by law from governments. Rev. 18:3.
- f. The merchants of the earth make much money from the feasts of Babylon's false doctrines. Rev. 18:3.
- g. Come out of Babylonian false religions so as not to partake of her sins and thus receive her plagues. Rev. 18:4.
- h. God sees Babylon's sins which are monumental, and will reward her according to her sins. Rev. 18:5,6.
- i. Because Babylon boasts of her support by government, God will send the seven last plagues of His wrath upon her and her followers for one year, and she shall eventually be overthrown forever with violence. Rev. 18:7.

29. Concerning this Loud Cry of the fourth angel we are told:

"This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel [REV 14:8] of Revelation 14, is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth, the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the Decalogue, until they are led to persecute those who hold it sacred. Christ is set at naught in the contempt placed upon his Word and his people. As the teachings of Spiritualism are accepted by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, and thus the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches. Of Babylon, at the time brought to view in this prophecy, it is declared, "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." [REV. 18:5.] She has filled up the measure of her guilt, and destruction is about to fall upon her. But God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of his judgments, these faithful ones must be called out, that they "partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, "Come out of her, my people." These announcements, uniting with the third angel's message, constitute the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pg. 603-604.

30. How then is the Loud Cry of the fourth angel, the loud cry of the third angel's message?

Here is the answer:

a. The additional information about Babylon (of Rev. 18) shows how God thinks about her evils/sins, thus why her false doctrines especially as manifested as the mark of the beast should not be followed. (Rev. 18:5,24; Rev. 17:6; Rev. 20:4).

b. To come out of Babylon and escape the plagues is to be justified by faith and thus be made obedient to the Law of God by the Faith of Jesus Christ. (Rev. 18:4; Rev. 14:12; Rom. 3:28,31).

c. Thus the fourth angel's message is the third angel's message that swelled into a loud cry with exposure of the corruptions of Babylon. (Rev. 18:1; Rev. 14:9).