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# The Everlasting Gospel

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⇒ **Revelation** 14:6-12 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,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

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*Everlasting Gospel is based on Prophecies*

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❖ ***The burden of Christ's preaching was, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." Thus the gospel message, as given by the Saviour Himself, was based on the prophecies.*** The "time" which He declared to be fulfilled was the period made known by the angel Gabriel to Daniel. "Seventy weeks," said the angel, "are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy." Daniel 9:24. A day in prophecy stands for a year. See Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6. The seventy weeks, or four hundred and ninety days, represent four hundred and ninety years. A starting point for this period is given: "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks," sixty-nine weeks, or four hundred and eighty-three years. Daniel 9:25. The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, as completed by the decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus (see Ezra 6:14; 7:1, 9, margin), went into effect in the autumn of B. C. 457. From this time four hundred and eighty-three years extend to the autumn of A. D. 27. According to the prophecy, this period was to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One. In A. D. 27, Jesus at His baptism received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and soon afterward

began His ministry. Then the message was proclaimed. "The time is fulfilled." {The Desire of Ages 233.1}

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❖ *The Everlasting Gospel Began in Eden*

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⇒ **Genesis 3:15**

- ❖ There are not many ways to heaven. Each one may not choose his own way. Christ says, "I am the way: . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." **Since the first gospel sermon was preached, when in Eden it was declared that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head**, Christ had been uplifted as the way, the truth, and the life. He was the way when Adam lived, when Abel presented to God the blood of the slain lamb, representing the blood of the Redeemer. Christ was the way by which patriarchs and prophets were saved. He is the way by which alone we can have access to God. {The Desire of Ages 663.3}
- ❖ **The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15).** Here was the first promise of a Saviour who would stand on the field of battle to contest the power of Satan and prevail against him. Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel. The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude. {Selected Messages Book 2 106.2}
- ❖ Satan's agents are constantly working under his direction to establish his authority and build up his kingdom in opposition to the government of God. To this end they seek to deceive Christ's followers, and allure them from their allegiance. Like their leader, they misconstrue and pervert the Scriptures to accomplish their object. As Satan endeavored to cast reproach upon God, so do his agents seek to malign God's people. The spirit which put Christ to death moves the wicked to destroy his followers. **All this is foreshadowed in that first prophecy, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed." And this will continue to the close of time.** {The Great Controversy 1888 507.1}

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*The First Two Children*

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⇒ *Genesis. 4:1-8*

- ❖ ***Cain and Abel represent two classes that will exist in the world till the close of time.*** One class avail themselves of the appointed sacrifice for sin; the other venture to depend upon their own merits; theirs is a sacrifice without the virtue of divine mediation, and thus it is not able to bring man into favor with God. It is only through the merits of Jesus that our transgressions can be pardoned. Those who feel no need of the blood of Christ, who feel that without divine grace they can by their own works secure the approval of God, are making the same mistake as did Cain. If they do not accept the cleansing blood, they are under condemnation. There is no other provision made whereby they can be released from the thralldom of sin. {Patriarchs and Prophets 72.5}
- ❖ THRALLDOM, n. Slavery; bondage; a state of servitude. {1828 Noah Webster's Dictionary}

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### *The Separation of Two Classes*

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*Matthew 13:24-40*

- ❖ The Saviour does not point forward to a time when all the tares become wheat. The wheat and tares grow together until the harvest, the end of the world. ***Then the tares are bound in bundles to be burned, and the wheat is gathered into the garner of God.*** "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Then "the Son of man shall send forth ***His angels***, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." {Christ Object Lessons 75.1}

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### *The Three Angels*

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- ❖ God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. ***By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself.*** He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. The three angels of Revelation 14 represent

the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Christ declares to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world." To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks: "Behold the worth of the soul: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers. {Testimonies to The Church Vol.5 455.2}

- ❖ I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares**, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention." {Early Writings 118.1}

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### *The Wedding Feast*

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**Matthew** 22:1-14

- ❖ Many profess to be children of God who have not taken heed to their ways. They have not understood what Christ meant when he prayed that his disciples might be sanctified through the truth, and added, "Thy word is truth." **The man who presumed to come to the wedding feast with the citizen's dress on represents that class who decide that their own righteousness is sufficient to recommend them to God, and they do not purify their souls by looking to Christ and striving to run so that they may obtain.** They do not put away the evil of their doings. They do not the words of Christ. They do not see the necessity of putting on the robe that has been prepared for them at an infinite cost, the robe of Christ's righteousness, and they will be cast into outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. {Sings of The Times, February 17, 1890 par. 3}

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### *The Pharisee and Publican*

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**Luke** 18:9-14

- ❖ **The Pharisee and the publican represent two great classes into which those who come to worship God are divided.** Their first two representatives are found in the first two children that were born into the world. Cain thought himself righteous, and he came to God with a thank offering only. He made no confession of sin, and

acknowledged no need of mercy. But Abel came with the blood that pointed to the Lamb of God. He came as a sinner, confessing himself lost; his only hope was the unmerited love of God. The Lord had respect to his offering, but to Cain and his offering He had not respect. The sense of need, the recognition of our poverty and sin, is the very first condition of acceptance with God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3. {Christ Object Lessons 152.1}

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### *The Two Sons*

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**Matthew 21:28**

- ❖ ***In this parable the father represents God, the vineyard the church. By the two sons are represented two classes of people.*** The son who refused to obey the command, saying, "I will not," represented those who were living in open transgression, who made no profession of piety, who openly refused to come under the yoke of restraint and obedience which the law of God imposes. But many of these afterward repented and obeyed the call of God. When the gospel came to them in the message of John the Baptist, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," they repented, and confessed their sins. (Matthew 3:2.) {Christ Object Lessons 275.2}

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### *The Ten Virgins*

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**Matthew 25:1-13**

- ❖ ***The two classes of watchers [in the parable of the ten virgins] represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord.*** They are called virgins because they profess a pure faith. By the lamps is represented the Word of God. . . The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. . . {Amazing Grace 214.2}
- ❖ ***The two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord.*** They are called virgins because they profess a pure faith. By the lamps is represented the word of God. The psalmist says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Thus the Spirit is represented in the prophecy of Zechariah. "The angel that talked with me came again," he says, "and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof; and

two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? . . . Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? . . . Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." Zechariah 4:1-14. {Christ Object Lessons 406.3}

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### *The Wise and Foolish*

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- ❖ ***The Word of God brings plainly to view two classes of people, the wise and the foolish.*** Let those who profess to know the truth for these last days take heed that they be not found among the ***foolish, whose lamps are going out because they have failed to supply themselves with the holy oil, the spirit and grace of Christ.*** Through the agency of the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth, provision has been made that every soul may be abundantly supplied. {Review and Herald, September 17, 1908 par. 8}

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### *Conclusion*

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Illustrated through the testimony of a multiplicity of witnesses from sacred history, parables and prophecies we can conclude that the everlasting gospel of Revelation fourteen three angels' messages will  
produce two and only two classes of people.

We will be either purified, made white and tried by conforming to this gospel, or we will, in one way or another reject its instructions and lose our eternal inheritance.

Your life your choice!