

Prepare for what is Coming!

The messenger of the Lord describes the true condition of God's people in these last days and the need to prepare ourselves for what is coming.

"God's people are not prepared for the loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them...It is an individual work; one cannot do it for another." Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 486.

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation." Early Writings, p. 71.

"The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us." The Great Controversy, p. 622.

As the great day of the Lord draws closer and as we face the solemn events of the end time, the urgent message to the church is to PREPARE! Many talk of the end times, the time of trouble, the latter rain, and the Second Advent but are not making any preparations for these events. Brethren and sisters, do we really appreciate the fact that God is giving us a little more time before probation closes to accomplish the work of preparing ourselves spiritually and so that we can then be prepared to receive the power of the Holy Spirit to work for others?

"I know that a work must be done for the people, or many will not be prepared to receive the light of the angel sent down from heaven to lighten the whole earth with his glory. Do not think that you will be found as vessels unto honor in the time of the latter rain, to receive the glory of God, if you are lifting your souls unto vanity, speaking perverse things, in secret cherishing roots of bitterness." Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 468, 469.

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I Believe In the 3 Angels' Messages of Revelation 14

By Walter F. Specht
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The final triumph of Christ and His church is the great climax of the drama of redemption. In Revelation 14 this climax of history is pictured as a majestic coming of the Son of man to reap the harvest of the earth. This symbolic picture clearly sets forth the final judgment, which is an essential part of Biblical faith. In this harvest scene there are two separate reapings—one of grain, the other of grapes. Both harvests are represented as fully ripe, that is, they are both ready for the reaping.

Growth and ultimate ripening can be applied to human life. Human qualities, both good and bad, eventually mature. A man reaps in the end that which he sows. What he does with life, life, in turn, will do to him. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:8). Every human life is slowly growing and ripening for the final harvest.

Although no specific interpretation of the meaning of the grain harvest (Rev. 14:14-16) is given in Revelation 14, it evidently represents the gathering of the righteous into God's kingdom. In Jesus' parable of the harvest time, the wheat is declared to represent "the sons of the kingdom," and the harvest is "the end of the world" (Matt. 13:37).

After the destruction of the tares, representing evildoers and "the sons of the evil one," the righteous shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. So in Revelation 14 we conclude that

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New Canadian Billboards

In preparing the way for Christ to come, God's people must arouse a world that is lulled to sleep by popular fables and errors. Souls are being destroyed by Satan's masterpiece of deception - Babylon. And God intends to awaken them out of their sleep with the "Loud Cry" of the third angel's message. It is for this very purpose that our latest billboards have been installed in Canada. Canada, the second largest country after Russia, is approximately 40% Roman Catholic and about 34% Protestant. There are tens of millions of precious souls that God wants to reach even in this country. Notice to what two particular groups the Loud Cry is given to:

"Many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith." GC 383.

"It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have...Many will yet take their position with His people." GC 565.

These precious souls found both within Catholicism and Protestantism must be reached now! Now is the time to work to bring multitudes into an understanding of the important truths for this hour. May God bless these latest efforts in Canada so that many of our brothers and sisters in that country may be found in the kingdom of heaven. Your continued prayers and support are needed to continue this effort in Canada and in the rest of the world.

UK Christians defend Sunday Business Closure Laws

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If the laws that restrict Sunday trading in England and Wales are relaxed, as is being proposed, opponents say the move could force poor Christians to work Sundays and negatively affect both church attendance and family life.

"Church attendance would likely be adversely affected, as churchgoers who work in retail may feel they need the extra money," Peter Norris, communications officer with the London-based advocacy group Christian Concern, told EWTN News on Aug. 28.

"The people who are likely to be affected most by a change in the law are those who need the money most, i.e. the poor," he added. "There is a serious danger that the poor would be exploited whilst the more well-off in society would not need to work on a Sunday."

At present, the law in England and Wales allows shops 3,000 square feet or larger to open for a maximum of six hours on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The laws have been temporarily relaxed during the Olympic and Paralympics Games.

Senior legislators in the U.K.'s governing Conservative Party are now discussing whether to ease the laws permanently. The move has drawn opposition from within their own party.

Norris said changes to the law could hurt Christian workers who are not willing to work on Sundays.

"We have already seen cases of Christians battling with employers to ensure that they do not have to work on Sundays," he said. "One Christian employee recently lost her job because she refused to work on Sundays. An employment tribunal found against her, stating that Sunday as a day of worship was not a 'core' part of the

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These are two of the six billboards that we recently were able to place in Canada. They are located in the main highways going toward Toronto. For God's Glory, many people are already calling and asking for the free literature. Praise God!

Hastening the Coming of the Lord

—by *Pastor Raphael Perez*

Can we actually hasten the day of the Lord? The apostle Peter writes some very encouraging words to God's people in the last days:

“What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” 2 Peter 3: 10-13.

This is one of the most amazing verses! This is a truth that many of us cannot fully grasp with our limited, finite minds. If you are eagerly anticipating the Second Coming of the Lord, then this promise is for you. And according to this verse, God's people have the power to hasten the glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! What an amazing achievement we have. What great news!

How is it possible that weak, frail, sinful men who have been transformed by the power of God, can speed the day of Jesus' return? We don't have to sit and think about another generation to finish the work. God's word is clear. All we have to do is believe and act! Instead of waiting year after year for someone to do something, God is putting in our minds now to do that which must be done before Christ returns. And the sooner God's will is done through us, the sooner we can go home.

“For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” Rom. 9:28.

Yes, we know that the work belongs to God. All the glory and honor belongs to Him. All the means necessary for accomplishing this task is in His hands. Any talents we may have, and all the goods and money that are at our disposal are not ours. They all belong to our Master.

“The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Ps. 24:1.

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.” Ps. 50: 10.



“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.” Haggai 2:8.

The work will be finished because the Lord will see to that. He will do His work through a dedicated people who are completely dependent upon Him.

“God Himself originates the plans for the advancement of His work, and He has provided His people with a surplus of means, that when He calls for help, they may cheerfully respond. If they will be faithful in bringing to His treasury the means lent them, His work will make rapid advancement.

Many souls will be won to the truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened.” Counsels on Stewardship, p. 45.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.” Exo. 25:1-2.

There is a relationship between hastening the day of the Lord and the gifts that God's people give for the work when they respond to the call of God. When God's people unite and return His means to Him, the work will rapidly advance and the coming of Christ will be speedily hastened.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7.

We all have a part in the spreading of the gospel to all the world. There is no question that the means that God has given us is important to the finishing of the work. What a wonderful privilege we have!

May our Lord help us to “hasten” the coming of the Lord. But remember, there is still a work to do in consecrating our lives daily to Him and in rolling up our sleeves and asking God what we can do to help His work. Your help is needed now more than ever. There are souls in need of God's urgent, end-time warning messages. The radio, the full-page newspaper ads, the billboards, and the missionary publications are all tools that are now reaching the masses. Soon this work will be finished. But now is the time to come and help with the work for the Lord. God bless you all and remember us with your prayers and continued financial support.

Letters

Hi to all of you who work on The Eternal Gospel Herald! I have been receiving it for a number of years now, and it is the most amazing, forthright in your face paper, with 'no holds barred I have ever read!' I have a friend that lives in Lake Worth and I told him about some of the billboards in the area...so he rode around and found the one I was telling him about! He was surprised to see it!

It takes love of our God and a strong belief that we have been given the commission to get the message out, no matter what. It takes courage/guts, to put the message out there in the Herald, and on the billboards. In fact, the first time I received a Gospel Herald, my mouth dropped open when I saw them (and not much surprised me anymore! I was stunned at your boldness, and wondered where mine went and other believers boldness had gone too! We should all realize that it's time to be bold...because soon free speech will disappear! There is too much political correctness going around...and not enough about our Savior! You have been doing the job of many who aren't doing anything at all.

Thanks for the blessings I receive when the postman brings me the Gospel Herald. I share them with others as well, and just did again today with a family. They will be ordering it.

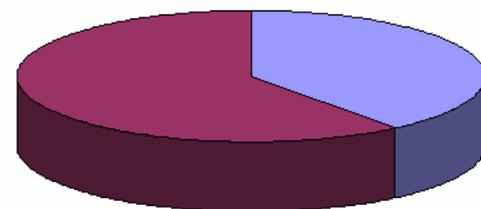
Being bold for Jesus, is being BLESSED and passing on blessings to others, thank you so very much!

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“Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord.” Jer. 29: 13, 14.



“Heaven will be for those who desire it with intense desire, who put forth efforts in proportion to the value of the object which they seek. The thoughts of those who will obtain heaven will be upon heavenly things.” My Life Today, p. 341.

The call to revival and preparation for the outpouring of the Spirit is being heeded by some and ignored by others. Let each member examine himself to see where he stands. If preparation is not made, and made now, many will find themselves in the class of the foolish virgins.

“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ and the sleeping virgins were aroused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation... The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.” Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 412.

Surely it is time to arise and shine. It is time to blow the trumpet in Zion and wake up the sleeping saints. It is time for revival and reformation to take hold of our lives. Surely the time has for God’s people to arouse itself to action and proclaim the third angel’s message.

“God calls for a revival and a reformation... There are many who are crying out for the living God, longing for the divine presence.” Prophets and Kings, p. 626.

“We are called upon to arouse the people to prepare for the great issues before them.” Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 141.

“The season of distress and anguish before us will require, a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger—a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time.” Great Controversy, p. 621.

God has given to all those who profess His name a straight-forward, clear description to get ready for what is ahead.

“The angel said to them, ‘Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory, and enjoy all that God has prepared for those that love Him, and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar—self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory.’ ” Early Writings, pp. 66, 67.

“The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure.” Early Writings, p. 58.

“Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman... I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 216.

“My brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the judgment, that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 285.

—The Editors

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the grain harvest represents the gathering of the righteous. When the harvest arrives, in the language of Palestine’s climate, this means that the early (or autumn) and latter (or spring) rains have fallen and have done their work in developing the harvest. Once the grain is ripe, there is no further delay. “But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” (Mark 4:29).

There is no doubt regarding the meaning of the second harvest of Revelation 14. It represents the grape harvest (Rev. 14:17-20). It too is fully ripe, but ripe for destruction. The clusters of grapes are gathered and cast into “the great wine press of the wrath of God.” The figure is drawn from the custom of tramping out grapes in the wine vat with the bare feet. There is perhaps no more dreadful picture in all the Bible than that of God treading the wine press in Isaiah 63. The question is raised “Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” Isa. 63:1.

It is God announcing vindication and delivering His ancient people Israel. A second question comes: “Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?” Isa. 63:2.

God himself answers: “I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.” Isa. 63:3.

There are then two separate reapings pictured in Revelation 14—one of the righteous, the other of the wicked. Both are fully ripe. What is it that has matured them and made them ready for the harvest—the one ripe for God’s kingdom, the other ripe for destruction? Mention has already been made of the falling of the early and latter rains. In addition, preceding the harvest, there is a special message from God to prepare men for the reaping.

John the revelator saw three angels carrying a special message “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” Those who fully accept this threefold message in all its fulness and with all its implications, mature for heaven. Those who reject this threefold message and follow instead the messages of the beast and the false prophet mature for destruction.

The message of the three angel heralds is the last message to be given to the world. Immediately after they are given, the Son of man comes to reap the final harvest. The angels of Revelation 14 are symbolic. The term angel signifies a messenger and can be used of human as well as heavenly messengers. What do the three angels of Revelation 14 represent?

Note the interpretation given by Ellen G. White in two statements: “Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angels’ messages. These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world.” 7BC 978.

“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.”—Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 455, 456.

This means that near the climax of human history a special people will arise to do a special work in preparing the human race for the final judgment. It is the firm conviction of Seventh-day Adventists that their movement was brought into existence by God to fulfill this prophecy. The Advent Movement, then, did not come into being as the result of human foresight, devising, or planning. It came in response to the leading of God’s providence to meet the needs of men at this climactic period of history.

To say that the Advent Movement came into being in response to this prophecy gives Adventists no ground for pride or boasting. To be the heralds of God’s last warning message to the world is an awesome responsibility and a most sacred trust. It does not mean that Adventists think of themselves as the only Christians in the world, or as the only people who will be saved. It means, however, that this movement has a special message from heaven to prepare men and women for the grand climax of the redemptive plan.

It is against this broad perspective that the Advent Movement is to be interpreted. Seventh-day Adventism is not

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Whistleblower Lawsuit Alleges Florida Hospital Filed Millions In False Claims

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A whistle-blower lawsuit based on insider information from a former Florida Hospital Orlando billing employee and a staff physician alleges that seven Adventist Health hospitals in Central Florida have over-billed the federal government for tens of millions of dollars in false or padded medical claims.

The suit claims Florida Hospital used improper coding for more than a decade to over-bill Medicare, Medicaid and Tricare, all federal government payers. In addition, it alleges, the hospital commonly over-billed for a drug used, for example, in MRI scans and billed for computer analyses that were never performed.

Plaintiffs Amanda Dittman, a bill-coding and reimbursement compliance officer, and Dr. Charlotte Elenberger, a radiologist, were either employed or affiliated with Florida Hospital Orlando between 1995 and 2009. They filed a lawsuit in July 2010, alleging that the improprieties occurred during those years.

Last week their suit received a green light from U.S. District Judge John Antoon to proceed. In his ruling, Antoon denied Adventist Health System's motion to dismiss the claim, calling the evidence "extensive and sufficient."

Among the Florida hospitals cited are Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida Hospital Altamonte, Florida Hospital Apopka, Florida Hospital East Orlando, Florida Hospital Celebration Health, Florida Hospital Kissimmee and Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

In February, four local Adventist Health hospitals paid \$3.9 million to the federal government to settle allegations that they over-billed Medicare.

'Could exceed \$100 million'

Marlan Wilbanks, attorney for the plaintiffs, said that, although he can't determine the total amount of damages until he gets sworn depositions and gathers more records, "we know the sum is very large because it went on for over a decade."

If found guilty, the health system would not only be responsible for repaying the excess money received, but also for paying civil penalties of

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just one of the Christian sects. It is not just another denomination or church. It is a worldwide reformatory movement designed to prepare human beings to face the final judgment. We are not spending millions of dollars and sacrificing our young men and women for mission service merely to build up another movement. We believe that the whole world needs to be stirred with the preaching of the gospel in the setting of the special messages of the three angels of Revelation 14.

The issue is thus sharply drawn for all living upon the earth. The revelator writes: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. Here is an opportunity for God's people to demonstrate their fortitude and loyalty to God. They continue to observe God's commandments and cling to their faith in Jesus.

The essence and core of the gospel of Christ is righteousness by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This is also the essence of the message of the three angel heralds. "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel." Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 19.

The world today needs to hear the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ preached in a new setting and with new urgency in view of the crucial hour of the judgment. Therefore, I believe in the three angels' messages.

\$5,500 to \$11,000 per false claim, and damages, he said. "When you're looking at something that happened thousands of times, and that carries substantial civil monetary penalties for each claim and treble damages, **the total exposure could exceed \$100 million.**" Wilbanks said.

A trial is set for December 2013.

Gabriel Imperato, attorney for Adventist Health, would not discuss the case, saying, "It is our policy not to comment on pending litigation for our clients." Hospital spokeswoman Samantha O'Lenick said that, although she was aware of the case, "we don't comment on any cases that are in active litigation."

In the \$3.9 million case Adventist Health settled in February, the federal government alleged that a minimally invasive spinal procedure was performed on an inpatient basis to increase Medicare billings, although the procedure could safely be performed on an outpatient basis. The hospitals involved were Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida Hospital Oceanside, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial and Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

In another whistle-blower claim in 2000, Florida Hospital Waterman paid \$8.2 million to the federal government to settle a claim that it inflated ambulance charges to Medicare.

The scope of this new case could get bigger, Wilbanks said. "Instances of suspected inappropriate billing may emerge as the case proceeds. That's one of the primary risks a defendant has of going through discovery and having employees testify."

Editor's Note: Adventist Health Systems has a dirty little secret that is about to become a huge problem. As a "not for profit," "faith-based," and "Christ-centered" health care provider, Adventist Health Systems, the largest Protestant health care provider in the United States, has not been living up to the standards that they profess. Owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Adventist Health System has regrettably turned a blind eye to their purported religious and moral obligations.

(1) Back in 2004, Florida-based Adventist Health System, Sunbelt Healthcare Corporation, three affiliated hospitals and a management company that administered ambulance operations at the three hospitals agreed to pay the U.S. Government **\$20.3 million** to settle allegations that they overcharged Medicare. (2) Again in February 2012, four Adventist Health System hospitals agreed to pay **\$3.9 million** to the U.S. government to settle allegations that they submitted false claims to Medicare. (3) And then back in 2000, they settled with the federal government by paying **8.2 million**. (4) Now Adventist Health Systems is now facing a lawsuit that could potentially cost upwards of **\$100 million** by the time these latest charges of fraud are settled. **All this could have been avoided had we followed the "blueprint" that God has given us. May the Lord help us to follow His counsel in or everyday life.**

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Christian faith." The change could also adversely affect family life in a country where families suffer "alarming levels of breakdown," Norris said. Some parents would "inevitably" feel pressure to work an extra day. Norris said Christian Concern believes that the Bible's teaching on Sunday rest is "not just good for Christians but good for society as a whole."

He noted that in the Old Testament Sunday rest applied to all levels of society, including slaves. Jesus affirmed the Sabbath in teaching "that it was made for the good of man."

"Humans were made in the image of God," Norris said. "This means that they are made to work but they are also made to rest as God did."

But advocates of the change have said longer hours would stimulate the economy. Norris said this is not yet supported by evidence. He contended the change could even be counterproductive.

The Church of England is opposed to the move. The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have said the present restrictions are a "bulwark against the tide of commercialism," the British newspaper The Telegraph reports.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses the importance of refraining from Sunday work that hinders Christian worship. It also encourages a "common effort" to sanctify Sundays and other holy days.