

As we trace the history of the Christian church, we see prophetic Bible verses that portray the continuation of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This battle started in heaven with the loss of about $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the angels (Rev. 12:4,7-9). It continued with the attempted destruction of Jesus and then the oppression of the true church, symbolised by a pure woman (Rev. 12:1-6,13,14). The Bible clearly identifies the remnant church and tells us this church's message to the world in the last days.

1. What are the characteristics of the remnant church in view of Jesus soon return?

Rev. 12:17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

Rev. 19:10 “... Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

Fact: The Bible recognizes two marks that identify the last day church; the keeping of the Commandments of God and having the gift of prophecy.

2. How did Jesus see the rise of a false church?

Matt 24:4,24 Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you ... For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

Fact: Jesus warned us to beware of false messiahs and false prophets. There will be deception even from within the church.

3. What is the last message to be presented to the world by God's true church?

Rev 14:6-10 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth.... He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.” A second angel followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, ...”.

Fact: The “Three Angles Messages” constitute the last messages of salvation given to mankind before Jesus comes again and makes a final end to the sin problem.

4. What are the rewards for those who remain faithful to Jesus?

Rev 14:14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. (second coming)

Rev 15:2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God.

Conclusion

God's last day remnant church is uniquely identified in the book of Revelation and her last saving message to the world is also clearly announced. If God is giving us this message of last hope in these last days, why shouldn't we accept His gracious invitation and be saved?

Seventh-day Adventists Believe:

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgement hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolised by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgement in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

Fundamental Belief No. 13

Review Exercises

- Matt. 24:4,24** Jesus answered: “_____ out that no one _____ you. For false _____ and false _____ will appear and perform great _____ and wonders to _____, if possible, even the _____.
- Rev. 12:17** Then the _____ was enraged at the _____ and went off to wage _____ against the rest of her _____—those who keep God’s _____ and hold fast their _____ about Jesus.
- Rev. 14:6-10** Then I saw another _____ flying in _____, and he had the eternal _____ to _____ to those who live on the _____—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear _____ and give him _____, because the hour of his _____ has come. Worship him who made the _____, the _____, the sea and the _____ of water.” A _____ angel followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is _____ the Great,’ which made all the nations _____ the _____ wine of her adulteries.” A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone _____ the _____ and its _____ and receives its mark on their _____ or on their _____, they, too, will drink the wine of God’s _____, which has been poured _____ into the cup of his _____. They will be _____ with burning _____ in the _____ of the holy angels and of the _____.
- Rev. 14:14** I _____, and there before me was a white _____, and _____ on the cloud was one like a _____ of _____ with a crown of _____ on his head and a sharp _____ in his hand.
- Rev. 15:2** And I saw what looked like a _____ of _____ glowing with _____ and, standing beside the sea, those who had been _____ over the _____ and its _____ and over the number of its name. They held _____ given them by _____.