

# 1 **The New Covenant & the Third Angel's Message**

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## 2 **Introduction**

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The conclusion of the Third Angel's Message has to do with "the presence of the Lamb" and "the patience of the saints."

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Re 14:10 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:**

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Re 14:12 Here is **the patience of the saints:** here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Consider briefly these words, "presence" and "patience."

## 6 **Presence**

1. Presence = literally "in the sight of"; word of closeness

Lu 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the **presence** of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

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Warnings of third angel's message are in the context of another presence:

Re 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast **before** him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

(also vs. 13 "in the sight of men" and vs. 14 "in sight of the beast")

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So in whose presence are you functioning and learning to dwell, in the sight of the beast and men, or in the sight of God, the holy angels, and the Lamb?

## 9 **Patience**

2. Patience = literally "an abiding under"; word of endurance

Lu 21:19 In your **patience** possess ye your souls.

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Heb 10:36 For ye have need of **patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with **patience** the race that is set before us

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Jas 1:3, 4 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh **patience**. But let **patience** have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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Verb form "endure" ("to abide under")

1Co 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, **endureth** all things.

2Ti 2:12 If we **suffer**, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

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Heb 12:2, 3 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that **endured** such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

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"Abiding under" is built on the truths of "abiding."

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth** in me, and I in him.

Joh 15:4 **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide** in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide** in me.

15 ☐

So are you learning patience by abiding in Him and letting Him abide in you, as you face daily the things that attempt to pull you away? This necessity presupposes that He has a place for you in Him, and has placed you there.

16 ☐

So to summarize the conclusion of the 3AM:

Will you endure the presence of the Lamb? If you will, it will be because you have learned to abide in Him under the pressure of the beast and his image. And that is learned from your walk with the Lamb now. Are you preparing to meet Him and dwell with Him? His covenant includes you. What has been your response?

17 ☐

In my presentations I would like first to attempt a summary of the elements of the New Covenant, and then to review the Third Angel's Message. I believe "the presence of the Lamb" clearly embodies the New Covenant, and "the patience of the saints," the result of the Third Angel's Message. And we will see that all of these are inseparable.

18 ☐ "The Presence of the Lamb" - The Essence of the New Covenant

19 ☐ **Covenant Passages**

There are 9 key covenant passages, ones where God's covenant is mentioned explicitly and frequently. There are 6 in the Old Testament and 3 in the New Testament.

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Old Testament passages:

Gen 9 (7 verses) Noah

Gen. 17 (10 verses) Abraham

Lev. 26 (6 verses) Israel after Exodus

Deut 29 (6 verses) same

Jer. 11 (5 verses) Israel after Apostasy

Eze. 16 (5 verses) same

21 ☐

New Testament passages (all have more than one verse in chapter):

2 Cor. 3 (2 verses) contrast Old to New Covenant

Gal. 3 & 4 (3 verses) Abraham

Heb. 7-10 (12 verses) contrast First, Old to Better, New Covenant

22 ☐ **Everlasting Covenant**

"Everlasting Covenant" = 15 verses in Bible

First: Ge 9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

23 ☐

Last: Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the **everlasting covenant**,

24 ☐ **New Covenant**

"New Covenant" = 9 verses in Bible

First: Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

First mention in NT: Mt 26:28 For this is my blood of the **new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

25 ☐

Last: Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the **new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

## 26 ☐ "To Covenant"

Verb "covenant" in NT occurs 7 times, in 6 verses. Here are all of them:

Lu 22:29 And I **appoint** unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath **appointed** unto me;

Ac 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God **made** with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

## 27 ☐

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will **make** with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

(also 10:16)

## 28 ☐

Heb 9:16, 17 For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the **testator**. For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the **testator** liveth.

## 29 ☐ Equivalent Terms

Think of "everlasting" as "ever new."

The New Covenant is the Everlasting Covenant.

We see this when we compare Heb. 12:24 with 13:20:

## 30 ☐

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the **new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the **everlasting covenant**

## 31 ☐

The Everlasting Covenant is the Everlasting Gospel.

This is because the New Covenant is the Gospel.

We see this when we compare 2Cor. 3 with 2Cor. 4:

## 32 ☐

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able **ministers** of the new **testament**; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

4:1 Therefore seeing we have this **ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not...

What is "this ministry"? = "our gospel" (vs. 3), "the light of the glorious gospel" (vs. 4), that "we preach ... Christ Jesus" (vs. 5)

## 33 ☐ Old Covenant

What then is the "Old Covenant"? Whatever will pass away. There are two ways it will pass away:

## 34 ☐

1. God-given symbols whose need is passed when the Reality to which they pointed comes. So this aspect of "Old Covenant" is *good*, as God gave it to point for a time to New Covenant realities.

## 35 ☐

2. Self-dependence in relating to God will not last; it fails to endure. This is never *good*. So even the God-given symbols must be united with faith in the reality, or they become *bad* because they are used in self-dependence.

## 36 ☐ Elements of New Covenant

Let's look at 9 elements of the New Covenant, taken from the key passages.

## 37 ☐

1. Based on God's promise (NOT man's promises)

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better **covenant**, which was established upon better **promises**.

## 38 ☐

On God's choice (NOT man's choice)

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have **chosen you**, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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On God's word (NOT man's word)  
("promise" in OT = "word")

Ex 34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these **words**: for after the tenor of these **words** I have made a **covenant** with thee and with Israel.

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On God's faith (NOT man's faith)

Ga 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by **faith of Jesus** Christ might be given to them that believe.

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Working out of this element:

Based on God's promise, choice, word, and faith, the New Covenant encompasses mankind's as well. In fact the nature of the New Covenant provides the very possibility of theirs to exist. In its being stated, God's promise is an expression of faith, of what His plan for humanity is.

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2. Made primarily between the Father and the Son (NOT between God and mankind)

Lu 22:29 And I **appoint** unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath **appointed** unto me;

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Compare other "as" statements, especially the "as..., so ..." statements. John records these statements most frequently; for example:

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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Compare also the "from the foundation" or "before the foundation" statements, as to when this covenant was first made. Since it dates to that point in time, before Adam, it must of necessity be between the Father and the Son.

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For example,

Mt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the **kingdom** prepared for you from the **foundation** of the world:

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Working out of this element:

Made primarily between the Father and the Son, the New Covenant encompasses humanity as well. In fact the nature of the New Covenant provides the very possibility of humanity to be restored, primarily through the humanity of the Son.

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3. Required the death of the Testator (NOT the death of the recipients of the covenant)

Heb. 9:14-17 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

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For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

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Lu 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...

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1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then all died

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Working out of this element:

Requiring the giving of the life of the One pledged as surety, the New Covenant encompasses also mankind's death. In fact the nature of the New Covenant was such that due to the humanity and position of the Son, when the Testator died, all humanity died.

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4. Has universal dimensions and applications (NOT for a select few in intent)

Gen. 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* **between me and you and every living creature of all flesh**; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ("all flesh" repeated in vs. 16 and 17)

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As Genesis 9 was a judgment scene, so this dimension is seen in judgment scenes later based on the covenant:

Jer 25:31 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a **controversy with the nations**, he will plead with **all flesh**; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. ("controversy" = covenant lawsuit with all)

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Working out of this element:

Having universal dimensions and applications, the New Covenant will be experienced fully only by those who through their heart response enter into its reality. In fact the nature of the New Covenant provides the very possibility, but not inevitability, for any individual to receive all of it.

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5. Expects, plans, desires the initial, basic human response of faith (NOT the response of works)

Rom. 4:11 And he [Abraham] received the **sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith** which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be **the father of all them that believe...**; that righteousness might be imputed unto them

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Recall that Abraham's faith is mentioned in Gen. 15, and in Gen. 17 circumcision was connected to the everlasting covenant. The word in Rom. 4:11 "sign" is same Greek word used for "token" in Greek OT in Gen. 17:11 (as well as Gen. 9:17 with Noah). So these OT signs of the covenant are also seals of righteousness by faith.

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In His plan for us to reply at the root level with faith, God has "hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Rom. 12:3) He has accomplished this by treating all in faith, revealed in the faith of Jesus, thus working in us "to will" (Phil. 2:13). This is our heart yielding to His love-fueled faith toward us.

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When He has our heart, He has all of us, but not in one step. It is a process to learn our hearts and yield all to Him.

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Working out of this element:

Calling for faith as the basic response, the New Covenant encompasses what faith does. In fact the nature of the New Covenant envisions all of the fruits of faith. God's promise engenders faith and the fullness of what that promise includes when received by faith.

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6. Involves law being written on our hearts (NOT just table of stone)

Faith leads us to give all, do all. This is God working in us "to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

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Jer. 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my **law** in their **inward parts**, and write it in their **hearts**;

Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the **law** of God after the **inward man**:

64 ☐

Rom. 8:4 That the righteousness of the **law** might be fulfilled **in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2Cor. 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the **epistle of Christ** ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in **fleshy tables of the heart**.

65 ☐

Ps 119:97 O how **love I thy law!** *it is* my meditation all the day.

Ro 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love** one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the **law**.

66 ☐

Working out of this element:

Writing the law on our hearts, the New Covenant encompasses the fulfilling of the law. In fact the nature of the New Covenant is the working out of what the tables of the covenant represent, the eternal, unchanging principles of *agape* engraved on hard hearts, leading to a change of nature.

67 ☐

7. Leads us back to identity with God, giving up the enmity in our flesh against Him, and thus against one another (NOT my identity where I am my own god and king)

This is the kingdom that Christ mentioned in Luke 22. It is a covenant kingdom, based on the new covenant in blood, life poured out for others.

68 ☐

His faith working by love led Him to identity with us even after we fell into sin. (See Gen. 3:15 for the first covenant promise after sin.) We respond by identifying with Him, and thus others.

Jer. 31:33 and [I] will be their God, and they shall be my people.

69 ☐

This kingdom identity is possible because of the New Covenant, revealed in the covenant of salt.

2Ch 13:5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave **the kingdom over Israel to David for ever**, even to him and to his sons by a **covenant of salt**?

70 ☐

Le 2:13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with **salt**; neither shalt thou suffer the **salt** of the **covenant** of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer **salt**. (see also Num. 18:19)

71 ☐

Mr 9:49, 50 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with **salt**. **Salt is good**: but if the **salt** have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt** in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* always with **grace**, seasoned with **salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

72 ☐

L. Hardinge on the "covenant of salt":

"Since salt inhibits decay, 'the Spirit . . . is compared to salt, because of its preserving qualities' (4T 319).

73 ☐

"'The savor of salt is divine grace' (5T 559), and thus it symbolizes the special ministry of the Spirit which flavors every aspect of the Christian's life, and establishes the 'covenant of salt' between God and fallen man (Lev 2:13; Num 18:19; 2 Chron 13:5).

74 ☐

"In Biblical times those who agreed to eat food containing salt surrendered all the enmity they might have cherished against their host, and by this mutual act both parties pledged loyalty to each other.

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"These salted portions, the 'food' of the altar (Lev 3:11, 16; 21:17, margin), were 'eaten' or devoured by the 'consuming fire,' and this assured the participants that fellowship with Heaven had been cemented. God had done His part." (*With Jesus in His Sanctuary*, p. 374; see also pp. 391, 396)

76 ☐

Working out of this element:

Restoring us to Him as His, the New Covenant encompasses the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. In fact the nature of the New Covenant is kingdom authority, setting up for eternity the loyalty to Him and the harmony with one another that comes from the oneness of self-sacrificing love in His earthly domain.

77 ☐

8. Restores an intimacy with the Lord that existed before sin (self-serving) severed our connection (NOT the shallow knowledge that results in His saying, "I know you not")

Jer. 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD:

78 ☐

Ho 2:20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt **know the LORD**.

Ho 6:3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to **know the LORD**: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

79 ☐

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

Php 3:10 That I **may know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

80 ☐

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we **may know him** that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

81 ☐

Working out of this element:

Leading us to know the Lord, the New Covenant encompasses eternal life. In fact the nature of the New Covenant is everlasting righteousness, the preservation of life by the giving of it.

82 ☐

9. Forgives sin through God's faith and love towards sinners, the victory of Christ over sin, and thus over death (NOT make-believe forgiveness that leaves sin and self enthroned)

Jer. 31:34 for I will **forgive their iniquity**, and I will **remember their sin no more**.

83 ☐

Mt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new **testament**, which is shed for many for **the remission of sins**.

Rom. 11: 26, 27 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall **turn away ungodliness** from Jacob: For this *is* my **covenant** unto them, when I shall **take away their sins**.

84 ☐

Working out of this element:

Having wrought out our forgiveness in the Lamb which takes away the sin of the world, the New Covenant encompasses the reconciliation of the world. In fact the nature of the New Covenant is the full removing of the curse (disobedience to the law, self-seeking instead of Other-seeking) and its consequence (death).

85 ☐

Can we see how "the presence of the Lamb" powerfully embodies all of these elements of the New Covenant?  
When we have Him, we have everything--

86 ☐

He is God's Promise to us, the Expression of the covenant made between Him and the Father, the Testator who died and yet lives, the Saviour of the world, the Author of all faith, the Law-giver who writes on our hearts, the

King who possesses His people in love, the Bridegroom who yearns for us to know Him, and the Lamb who has borne the sin of the world.

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Are you learning to dwell in this His presence? Without entering into this eternal reality, the only other alternative is torment.

What is your heart response?

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## 89 Review

A review of the 9 elements of the New Covenant:

1. Based on \_\_\_\_'s promises, choice, word, and faith
2. Made primarily between the Father and \_\_\_\_\_
3. Required the death of the \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Has \_\_\_\_\_ dimensions and applications
5. Expects, plans, and desires the initial, basic human response of \_\_\_\_\_
6. Involves the \_\_\_\_\_ being written in our hearts
7. Leads us back to \_\_\_\_\_ with God, giving up the enmity in our flesh against Him, and thus against one another

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8. Restores an \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord that existed before sin (self-serving) severed our connection
9. \_\_\_\_\_ sin through God's faith and love toward sinners, the victory of Christ over sin and thus over death.

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## 93 "The Patience of the Saints" - The Results of the New Covenant

### 94 Introduction

The patience or endurance of the saints is the result of the New Covenant. God will have a people who, as we say, "stick with Him" no matter what happens.

Consider the 12 disciples: one left early to betray Him, the other eleven forsook Him and fled, though two returned fairly soon, and there was one woman who stuck the closest.

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How will God have such a people, who will weather the storm at the end? It will be by the final preaching of the gospel, the everlasting covenant, which will be received into the heart and life. (Matt. 24:12-14)

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The summer after Minneapolis Ellen White referred to this issue of preparing to stand the events *before* Christ's second coming:

"The powers of heaven shall be shaken. Christ is coming in power and great glory, but His coming is not such a mystery as the things to take place before that event.

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"Man must be a partaker of the divine nature in order to stand in this evil time, when the mysteries of satanic agencies are at work. Only by the divine power united with the human can souls endure through these times of trial. Says Christ, 'Without me ye can do nothing.' Then there must be far less of self and more of Jesus." Lt 5, 1889 {1888 332.1}

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She wrote more in December of the next year regarding these events and the messages to accomplish the preparation:

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"The angel, the mighty angel from heaven, is to lighten the earth with his glory, while he cries mightily with a loud voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen" (Rev. 18:2). Oh, how I wish the church to arise and shine because the glory of the Lord has risen upon her. What can we not do in God if every human agency is doing its very utmost! 'Without Me ye can do nothing.'...

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"Evil angels unite their powers with evil men, and as they have been in constant conflict and attained an experience in the best modes of deception and battle, and have been strengthening for centuries, they will not yield the last great final contest without a desperate struggle. All the world will be on one side or the other of the question.

101 ☐

"The battle of Armageddon will be fought, and that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide-awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. What is this? Grace, Grace.

102 ☐

"Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us, and these things will be sure indications of the presence of Him who has directed in every aggressive movement, who has accompanied the march of His cause through all the ages, and who has graciously pledged Himself to be with His people in all their conflicts to the end of the world.

103 ☐

"He will vindicate His truth. He will cause it to triumph. He is ready to supply His faithful ones with motives and power of purpose, inspiring them with hope and courage and valor in increased activity as the time is at hand....

104 ☐

"Mystic Babylon has not been sparing in the blood of the saints, and shall we be wide-awake to catch the beams of light which have been shining from the light of the angel who is to brighten the earth with his glory?"

105 ☐

"Wake up the mighty men. Let the messages of the past 50 years that have been sounding now be seen in their true force and bearing by repetition. Let the same spirit which attended these messages come into our hearts in these last days. These things are not [to] be mentioned with gloom and sadness.

106 ☐

"We are [to] think how heaven regards these events, and to be in harmony with the transactions going on in heaven in preparing a people to stand in this, the day of the Lord, and having done all to stand. Let the light and power of the sunbeams of righteousness enter into the soul." Letter 112, 1890. {1888 761-3}

107 ☐

See also the article published on the heels of Minneapolis in RH December 11, 1888, "The Approaching Crisis"

## 108 ☐ Messages the Past 50 Years

How does Scripture picture this preparation being accomplished? The Bible gives 6 messages which are of great significance. These are "the messages of the past 50 years" just referred to. Of these, two are especially directed to those giving the messages.

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We speak of the third angel's message, but what is included in the "Third Angel's Message"?

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In considering the third angel's message, we must see its setting, its context, its historical location, in terms of its proclamation. As SDAs we see it coming right after the passing of the time, October 22, 1844, given as fourth in a series of six messages. It does not stand alone, but is integrally connected with what came before and after.

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Passages of messages (note abbreviations):

Rev. 14:6, 7 First Angel's Message (1AM)

Rev. 14:8 Second Angel's Message (2AM)

Matt. 25:1-13 Midnight Cry (MC)

Rev. 14:9-12 Third Angel's Message (3AM)

Rev. 3:14-22 Laodicean Message (LM)

Rev. 18:1-8 Loud Cry (LC)

112 ☐

The book *Early Writings* by Ellen White was published in 1882, being a republication of the first three books she wrote (*Christian Experience and Views of Mrs. E. G. White*, first printed in 1851; *A Supplement to Experience and Views*, issued in 1854; and *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume I, which appeared in 1858)

113 ☐

In the *Spiritual Gifts* section of *Early Writings*, written 32 years before the "past 50 years" statement read earlier, we find her early overview of the history of world from the beginning of sin to the end. (This should be compared to the visions of Daniel and John, which are the Scriptural accounts that cover the span of history to the end.)

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Observe how she covered all of the messages for our day in the contents of the *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume I, section of this book:

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117 ☐ **Analysis of EW Messages**

First Angel's Message: a clear reference to it in the end of the chapter "William Miller" (prior to 1843); EW232 chapter "The First Angel's Message"

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Midnight Cry Message (EW14 reference to it in first vision); EW238 (near the close of Second Angel's Message October 1844; cf. EW304)

120 ☐

(Review of first 3 in EW240 chapter "The Advent Movement Illustrated" and another review of the first 3 in the EW245 chapter "Another Illustration")

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(EW250 chapter "The Sanctuary" gives transition in sanctuary ministry at passing of time)

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	<b>Integrity of the Messages</b>	
	We should see from this overview that these are inseparable messages. Their purpose is to prepare a people for what lies ahead. In them all we will find the elements of the New Covenant.	
	Observe the following key statements recorded some 10 years after Minneapolis that weave the messages together:	
131	☐	
	<b>1+2+3AM+MC+LC</b>	
	"The first and second angels' messages are united and made complete in the third.... Under the proclamation of these messages the cry was made, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh.' The believers in these messages were compelled to go out from the churches because they preached the second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven.	
132	☐	
	"The whole world was to hear the message, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.' Many who heard these messages thought they would live to see Christ come; but there was a delay in the coming of the Bridegroom, in order that all might have an opportunity to hear the last message of mercy to a fallen world.....	
133	☐	
	"The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be repeated. The call is to be given to the church:	
134	☐	
	"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. ... Come out of her, my 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.'

135 ☐

"Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third, the last testing message to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made." {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 8-12}

136 ☐ **LM+3AM+LC**

"Will the churches heed the Laodicean message? Will they repent, or will they, notwithstanding that the most solemn message of truth--the third angel's message--is being proclaimed to the world, go on in sin? This is the last message of mercy, the last warning to a fallen world.

137 ☐

"If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

138 ☐

"Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive the truth and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive of the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God.

139 ☐

"Only those that are sanctified through the truth will compose the royal family in the heavenly mansions Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him and keep His commandments." {19MR 176.1} (Letter 35, 1898.)

140 ☐ **For further study:**

1+2+3AM {LDE 68.1}  
1+2+MC+3AM {16MR 269.1}  
2+3AM {5MR 128.1}  
1+2+3AM+LC {6T 60.1}  
LC+2AM+3AM {FLB 335.4}  
3AM+LM {RH, September 3, 1889 par. 17}  
LM+3AM {1888 1054.1}  
LM+LC {1T 186.1}

141 ☐

Note that the Three Angels' Messages and the Loud Cry are for world, while the Midnight Cry and the Laodicean Message are directed to particularly to God's professed people.

142 ☐ **New Covenant in Messages**

What do these six message have to do with the New Covenant? Let's trace the elements of the New Covenant through them.

143 ☐ **First Angel's Message**

Rev. 14:6 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

144 ☐

The gospel is particularly the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1Cor. 15:1-11). Christ told us His death was that which contained the new covenant (Luke 22:20). And Paul spoke of the "blood of the everlasting covenant." (Heb. 13:20). Thus as noted the "everlasting gospel" is in essence the same as the "everlasting covenant."

145 ☐

New Covenant Elements (in reference to the 9 elements listed earlier):  
#3. Required the death: "everlasting gospel"  
#4. Has universal: "every"

146 ☐

Rev. 14:7 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.

147 ☐

Jer 32:40 And I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my **fear** in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

148 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#5. Expects basic response: "fear God" (beginning of wisdom, not end of it)

#3. Requires the death: "give glory" (see John 12:23-33)

#7. Leads to identity: "give glory" (glorify Him, not self)

149 ☐

#8. Restores intimacy: "worship" (see John 4:22 for "know" and "worship")

#1. Based on God's: "made"

#4. Has universal: "heaven and earth"

150 ☐ **Second Angel's Message**

Rev. 14:8 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**.

151 ☐

The First Angel's Message is positive, commanding what we should do. The other angels are pictured with negative messages, warning against what we should not do, and thus teaching the truth by contrast.

152 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#7. Leads to identity: opposite = "Babylon" (God's people and kingdom are identified with Jerusalem; see Heb. 12:22)

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "fornication" (illicit union)

153 ☐ **Midnight Cry**

Matt. 25:1 Then shall the **kingdom** of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the **bridegroom**.

154 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#7. Leads to identity: "kingdom" (All kingdom parables are given to teach us the identity of His kingdom, so we can enter into that identity. E.g., see Matt. 13)

#2. Made between Father and Son: "bridegroom" (The marriage of the Son is arranged by the Father. See John 6:39; 17:11.)

155 ☐

2-10 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

156 ☐

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

157 ☐

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the **marriage**: and the door was shut.

158 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#8. Restores intimacy: "marriage"

159 ☐

11-13 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I

say unto you, **I know you not**. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

160 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "know not"

161 ☐ **Third Angel's Message**

Rev. 14:9 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**,

162 ☐

10 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**:

163 ☐

11 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.

164 ☐

Cup in Rev. 14 = presence of the Lamb when the mark of the beast is in your forehead or in your hand; through unbelief you have grieved away the Spirit of Christ, so His presence is torment and death to you.

165 ☐

This cup is understood only as we understand another similar but different cup.

Luke 22: 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

20 Likewise also **the cup** after supper, saying, This **cup** *is* the **new testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.

166 ☐

A few minutes later:

Matt. 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this **cup** pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

167 ☐

We cannot preach the third angel's message without understanding and entering into the reality of Christ's cup.

Matt. 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou **forsaken** me?

168 ☐

We have to go to Gethsemane and the cross to understand the cup and the wrath, the cutting of the covenant, the death of the testator.

169 ☐

Contrast "mark" with "seal":

Re 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the **seal** of God in their **foreheads**.

170 ☐

Abraham:

Ro 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a **seal** of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

171 ☐

Abraham's Seed (Christ):

Joh 3:33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his **seal** that God is true.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him **hath** God the Father **sealed**.

172 ☐

How are we included?

2Co 1:22 Who **hath** also **sealed** us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed **with** that holy Spirit of promise,

173 ☐

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.

174 ☐

Those who grieve the Spirit, reject the seal, and receive the mark.

Remember Lucifer's rejection of the seal:

175 ☐

Lucifer sealed up what God's house was:

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the **sum**, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Word "sum" used only one other place, chap. 43:10.

176 ☐

Eze 43:10 Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the **pattern**.

Are you measuring the pattern, the sum? This is what God's house, His dwelling is all about.

177 ☐

So Christ's cup was:

Cup = absence of the Father when the seal of the God is in your forehead; through faith you have accepted fully the Spirit of Christ, so the Father's absence is torment and death to you.

178 ☐

He drank this for you; the new covenant was in His life that He poured out by drinking this cup for you.

179 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "worship the beast and his image"; "tormented ... in the presence of angels and ...Lamb"

#6. Involves law written in: opposite = "the mark of his name" "in his forehead or ... hand"

180 ☐

#2. Made between Father and Son: opposite = "drink of the wine of the wrath of God", "cup" (not in Father and Son's plan)

#3. Required the death: opposite = "drink of the wine of the wrath of God", "cup", "fire" (this death not intended for humans; see Matt. 25:41)

181 ☐

#1. Based on God's: opposite = "no rest" (contrast the rest in worshipping "Him who made")

182 ☐

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

183 ☐

See WWP Armadale sermon, November 2, 1895, "The Faith of Jesus, The Commandments of God, and The Patience of the Saints," *The Bible Echo*, January 20 & 27, 1896

184 ☐

Commandments of God = identity before sin

Faith of Jesus = identity after sin; restores harmony with commandments

185 ☐

"The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-

day Adventists as of equal importance, **the law and the gospel going hand in hand**. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness." {1888 217.3} (Dec. 1888)

186 ☐

1888 Presentation re 1886:

Said my guide, "There is much light yet to shine forth from **the law of God and the gospel of righteousness**.

This message, understood in its true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit, will lighten the earth with its glory...." {1888 166.1}

(Note "law" and "gospel" of 3AM tied to LC)

187 ☐

Jer. 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put **my law** in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;

188 ☐

Waggoner: "Bear in mind that there is not the slightest question in the whole letter to the Galatians as to whether or not the law should be kept. The only question is: How shall it be kept? Is it to be our own doing, so that the reward shall not be of grace but of debt? Or is it to be God working in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure?" (*Glad Tidings*, p. 101)

189 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#6. Involves law written in: "keep the commandments"

#5. Expects faith: "keep ... the faith"

#9. Forgives sin: "keep ... the faith of Jesus" (forgiveness = an expression of faith)

190 ☐

#1. Based on God's: "faith of Jesus"

#3. Required the death: "faith of Jesus" (cross = greatest manifestation and victory of faith of Jesus)

191 ☐

### Laodicean Message

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith **the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God**;

192 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#1. Based on God's: "the Amen", "the beginning of the creation of God"

#2. Made between Father and Son: "faithful and true witness" (compare 1John 5:9-11; Rev. 1:5)

#3. Required the death: "faithful and true witness" (see John 12:28)

193 ☐

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: **I would thou wert cold or hot**.

194 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#5. Expects faith: "I would thou wert hot" (compare "fervent in spirit" in Acts 18:25; Rom. 12:11)

195 ☐

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not** that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

196 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "knowest not" (compare John 3:10; 13:7)

197 ☐

18 I counsel thee to **buy of me gold tried in the fire**, that thou mayest be rich; and white **raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with **eyesalve**, that thou mayest see.

198 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#3. Required the death: "gold tried in the fire" (the cross = ultimate fire that tried the faith and love of Jesus; see Gal. 2:20)

199 ☐

#5. Expects faith: "buy of Me gold tried in the fire, ... white raiment, ... eyesalve" (faith is precious, 1Pet. 1:7; faith's victory clothes us in white, 1John 5:4 cf. Rev. 3:5; faith gives spiritual eyesight, Heb. 11:1 cf. 2Cor. 5:7)

200 ☐

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and **repent**.

201 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#9. Forgives sin: "rebuke and chasten", "repent" (all part of dealing with sin; see John 16:8; James 2:9; 2Tim 2:25; Heb. 12:6-10; Luke 17:3, 4)

202 ☐

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will **come in** to him, and will **sup** with him, and he with me.

203 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#8. Restores intimacy: "come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (see Rev. 19:9)

204 ☐

21 To **him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my **throne**, even as **I also overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his **throne**.

205 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#5. Expects faith: "him that overcometh" (see 1John 5:4)

#3. Required the death: "I also overcame" (see Rev. 5:5, 6; 12:11)

#7. Leads to identity: "throne" (see Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 7:15-17)

206 ☐

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

207 ☐

### Loud Cry

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

208 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#7. Leads to identity: "great power" (God's kingdom/authority is made of those who identify with Him because of His identity with them.)

ALL ELEMENTS: "earth was lightened with His glory"

209 ☐

2 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.

210 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#7. Leads to identity: opposite = "Babylon" (as in Second Angel's Message)

211 ☐

3 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 are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

212 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#5. Has universal: opposite = "all nations", "the kings of the earth", "the merchants of the earth" (global designs

and appeal of self-seeking)

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "fornication" (as in Second Angel's Message)

213 ☐

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be **not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her **sins** have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her **iniquities**.

214 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#7. Leads to identity: "My people"

#9. Forgives sin: "not partakers of her sins"

215 ☐

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the **cup** which she hath filled fill to her double.

216 ☐

New Covenant Element:

#3. Required the death: opposite = "cup" (as in Third Angel's Message)

217 ☐

7 How much she hath **glorified herself**, and lived deliciously, so much **torment and sorrow** give her: for she saith in her heart, I **sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow**.

218 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#3. Required the death: opposite = "glorified herself" (contrast First Angel's Message)

#7. Leads to identity: opposite = "glorified herself" (contrast First Angel's Message); "a queen" (through fornication with "kings of the earth" instead of union with "King of kings", Rev. 17:14)

219 ☐

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "torment and sorrow" (contrast "sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow")

220 ☐

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be **utterly burned with fire**: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

221 ☐

Phrase "utterly burned":

Heb. 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are **burned** without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

222 ☐

New Covenant Elements:

#3. Required the death: opposite = "utterly burned with fire" (compare Third Angel's Message)

#8. Restores intimacy: opposite = "burned with fire" (contrast Isa. 33:14-16)

223 ☐

These message are all God's appeal at the end, presenting the everlasting gospel, the everlasting covenant.

224 ☐ **Appeal**

Have we received the New Covenant in these messages? Have we been prepared so we can help to prepare others? May we receive all the Lord wants to give us of our own personal salvation and and to assist in that of others.

225 ☐