

The Three Angels' Messages: Worship by the True Calendar

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Communication is always of vital importance when a kingdom is at war. It is critical to keep communication with one's own soldiers secret. Just as important is the ability to decipher the secret codes of the enemy and learn their secrets. During World War II, two secret codes were so well-crafted that they were never cracked. The German Enigma machine was a mechanical device that was so complex the Allies were never able to decipher its messages.¹ Only after a series of events provided the Allies with both the machine *and* the current cipher code itself, were the Allies able to read secret German military communications.²

The other unbreakable code was devised by the Navajo code talkers. These young American Indian Marines worked in pairs, communicating via a complicated code-within-a-code. Since modern military terms had no corresponding words in Navajo, the young men worked out a secret code to refer to different ranks of officers, various types of planes, locations, etc. The second code was Navajo itself, which is a tonal language containing sounds that German, Italian and Japanese do not have.

The Japanese, who were skilled code breakers, remained baffled by the Navajo language . . . The Navajo code talkers even stymied a Navajo soldier taken prisoner at Bataan . . . The Navajo soldier, forced to listen to the jumbled words of talker transmissions, said to a code talker after the war, "I never figured out what you guys who got me into all that trouble were saying."³

Heaven has a code as well. Many Bible students, throughout time, have puzzled over the divine secret codes contained in Daniel and Revelation. Like the secret codes used by governments to protect sensitive information from the enemy, it has been impossible to fully understand Heaven's secret code. One vital piece of information has been missing: the Creator's calendar. Prophecy is Heaven's way to communicate vital information to the faithful soldiers of Christ. However, only now as knowledge of the true calendar is understood, is it possible to fully understand the messages carefully preserved for the final generation.

Daniel's prophecies provide sweeping views of the calendar struggle through history. The various elements of calendation that comprise the calendar of today are foreshadowed as well as when the Creator's calendar triumphs in the end.⁴ Daniel also foretells the legislated calendar

¹ David Kahn, *Seizing the Enigma*, (Barnes & Noble, 2009).

² See Charles Cooper, "The Enigma Machine," U.S. Naval Academy, April 16, 2002, for a brief overview.

³ "Navajo Code Talkers," United States Navy, www.history.navy.mil.

⁴ See Appendix B.

changes that effect God's faithful people.⁵ Like the Enigma Machine, the book of Daniel has been impossible to fully decipher without the cipher code of the calendar.

Revelation expands on Daniel. The prophecies of Revelation are the code-within-a-code of the Navajo code talkers. Using the symbols introduced in Daniel, Revelation takes them one step further, providing detailed information of the final conflict: a battle so horrendous that even Christ warned that, if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived.⁶

The conditions for eternal life are the same today as they have always been: obey and live; disobey and die. The grace of God through faith in the merits of His Son enable all who *want* to obey, to be able to do so. However, in order *to* obey, justice demands that everyone have a chance to clearly understand the requirements. The Creator, He Who stated, "I am the Lord; I change not,"⁷ has never changed His day of worship nor has He ever given permission for anyone claiming to represent Him to do so, either. In keeping with His kind and gracious character, the only living God has encoded in Revelation, in painstaking detail, a merciful warning. It is now possible to fully understand the message, using the calendar to provide the key to decipher the code. This warning explains everything one needs to know to be prepared for the final battle over worship.⁸

The warning is contained in three parts.

First Angel's Message

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.⁹

This is an invitation to everyone on earth to honor their Creator by worshipping Him on the day which His calendar, established at Creation, dictates. The very wording of this angel's message is very similar to that of the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work . . . *for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is . . .*"¹⁰ Of all Ten Commandments, this is the only one which contains the name, title and dominion of the Lawgiver: He is YHWH Elohim, the Creator who made and rules everything. This establishes His authority, His right to dictate the requirement.

⁵ See Appendix C.

⁶ Matthew 24:24

⁷ Malachi 3:6

⁸ Space constraints demand a limited perusal of these deep subjects. The authors urge every reader to make a thorough study of these prophecies for himself.

⁹ Revelation 14:6-7

¹⁰ Exodus 20:8-11

When one obeys the commandment to honor the Sabbath, he is pledging his allegiance to the divine Government of Heaven. The Sabbath, then, is the sign or mark of loyalty to the Creator. A continuous weekly cycle is not anchored to anything in creation. It cannot be a memorial *of* Creation. Only when the Sabbath is linked *to* creation via the moon can it truly be a memorial *of* Creation.

The words of this angel's message are full of import.

Fear God – The word “fear” comes from the Greek *phobeo* which means to reverence the Heavenly Father and hold Him in awe. The idea is one of complete loyalty and surrender to His will. As previously shown, when worship is offered on days calculated by a pagan calendar, the worship is offered to pagan deities, ultimately, Satan. Complete surrender of the will is necessary before one is willing to step out and be different from the rest of the world, worshipping by the genuine calendar established for that purpose.

Give Glory to God – Only those who fully surrender their will are able to truly give glory: honor, praise and homage, to their Maker because He is truly glorified only when His people are living in obedience to His will. When a person in sincerity of heart, offers love and worship to the Creator on Sunday or Saturday in ignorance believing that is the true day of worship, the loving heart of the Eternal God accepts this as their best efforts. However, with greater light come greater privileges and responsibilities. When a person knows that the luni-solar calendar is the only genuine time-measurement, all others are counterfeits designed to divert worship to the hidden god, that person is responsible for acting on that knowledge. His obedience (or lack thereof) then gives (or withholds) glory to his Maker.

The Hour of His judgment is Come – One of Lucifer's charges against the government of God is that the law, which is holy and perfect, cannot be kept. Before the great controversy between Christ and Satan can be finished, this charge must be answered. Thus, the eternal God Himself is judged in the lives of His saints. If a person tries to side-step the obligations of the divine law, he lends support to Satan's charges. The final generation will acknowledge the supremacy of the holy law of God and will, through faith in the merits of their Saviour, be enabled to keep that law, even at the cost of life itself. The Father is thus vindicated when those who claim to be His people lay all earthly interests aside, surrender their will, and obey His law.

Worship the Creator – As has been demonstrated, the day on which a person worships directs that worship to the God/god who claims that day. By creating a Saturday versus Sunday conflict, Saturn/Sheitan/Satan has remained hidden, receiving the worship of *both* days. To truly worship one's Creator, all false, pagan calendars must be laid aside. The seventh-day Sabbath, calculated on the genuine luni-solar calendar of Creation, is the only true day of worship claimed by the Creator. All others are counterfeits which give worship, glory and honor to Lucifer whose stated goal was to sit on the Mount of the Congregation and receive worship due the Creator alone.

Thus, the first angel's message is a complete call to lay aside all counterfeit calendation and give honor to the Creator by worshipping Him on the day He has specified, dictated by His calendar. It is given with a loud voice, signifying that it is an important message that all will hear.

Second Angel's Message

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.¹¹

It should be noted that this message is not given with a loud voice. The reason is simple: only those who have accepted the first angel's message will accept the second angel's message and be benefitted by it.

Babylon is fallen, is fallen – Babylon falls when her foundation is destroyed. The assumption that Christ was resurrected on Sunday has formed the basis for worship on that day. When it is proven that the First Day on which Christ was resurrected was the first day of the Biblical week, and not Sunday, Babylon falls.¹² From the first, Lucifer boasted that he would change times and laws. Babylon falls a second time, and still further, when his identity is revealed to be the hidden god, Saturn/Satan usurping *all* worship offered on the pagan worship days of *any* counterfeit calendar.

That Great City – As early as Irenaeus (c. 130-c. 202) Bible students were linking the Roman Empire to the prophetic symbols employed in Daniel and Revelation.¹³ Michael of Cesena and Johannes De Rupescissa,¹⁴ both friars in the 14th century, were among the first to outspokenly link the paganism flowing from the Church of Rome to the “whore of Babylon, drunk with the blood of saints.”¹⁵ John Milicz (d. 1374), an influential priest, highly placed in both politics and the Church, posted on the doors of the original St. Peter's in Rome, a placard which stated “The Anti-christ is come; he has his seat in the church.”^{16, 17} Only in recent years has it become politically incorrect to link the paganism of the Roman Catholic Church to the Apocalyptic symbolism in Revelation. This symbol should not be limited to the papacy, however. All who embrace Babylonian Christianity or worship by Babylonian calendars fall under the umbrella of paganism.

She Made All Nations Drink of the Wine of the Wrath of Her Fornication – Fornication is the joining of that which is unlawful. By using civil legislation to impose a pagan calendar for religious observances, the hidden god has directed all worship to himself, stealing it from the Creator. Christian missionaries in ignorance have taken first the Julian and later the Gregorian calendars to all parts of the world. They have taught this counterfeit system of time-

¹¹ Revelation 14:8

¹² See Appendix A.

¹³ L. E. Froom, *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, (Washington, D.C.: Review & Herald Publ. Assoc., 1950), Vol. I, pp. 243-245.

¹⁴ He is sometimes called Jean Roquetaillades.

¹⁵ John Foxe, *Acts and Monuments*, (1684 ed.), Vol. 1, p. 445.

¹⁶ Ezra H. Gillett, *The Life and Times of John Huss*, (Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1863), Vol. 1, p. 23.

¹⁷ Not surprisingly, Milicz was arrested. “Before a large assembly of prelates and learned men, in the church of St. Peter, he delivered a discourse in Latin, which produced a great impression.” (Augustus Neander, *General History of the Christian Religion and Church*, trans. Joseph Torrey, [Boston: Crocker & Brewster, 1856] Vol. 5, p. 181.) He was finally released from prison by Cardinal Albano, but his works continued after him, influencing Matthias of Janow (d. 1394) and through him, John Huss, John Wycliff and later Martin Luther.

measurement to people who, frequently, were closer to true calendation than the missionaries, but sunken in paganism in other areas.

Wine is intoxicating. It beclouds the mind, making it difficult to reason. The wine of Babylon has been the pagan system of calendation which makes it so difficult for people today to grasp a calendar that does not have a continuous weekly cycle. Ever since 1949 when the world united in using the Gregorian calendar,¹⁸ the whole world has drunk of the wine of this intoxicating deception. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has long taught that “the wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified”¹⁹

God denounces Babylon “because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” This means that she has disregarded the only commandment which points out the true God, and has torn down the Sabbath, God’s memorial of creation.²⁰

Roman Catholics and Sunday-keeping Protestants are used to hearing Jews and Saturday-observing Protestants say that they are worshipping on the wrong day. The truth is, *all* who worship by pagan calendation, worship pagan deities (devils) on pagan holy days. This is the wine of which all the world has drunk. The second angel’s message is not given with a loud voice because only those who accept and obey the first angel’s message will recognize the truth of the second angel’s message.

Third Angel’s Message

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 forever 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.²¹

The most fearful threatening is contained in this message. For such a judgment to be pronounced, some heinous wrong must have been committed. In order to understand this message, it is necessary to first decode the symbols used. In prophecy, beasts are symbols of

¹⁸ Greece was the last European country to adopt the Gregorian calendar in 1923. Although China adopted it in 1912, the wars that followed so disrupted the country that it was not until the communists united China that the use of Gregorian calendation was enforced, joining China with the rest of the world in the same method of time-keeping.

¹⁹ E. G. White, *Selected Messages*, (Washington D.C.: Review and Herald Publ. Assoc.), Vol. 2, p. 68.

²⁰ E. G. White, Letter 98, 1900; *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, p. 979.

²¹ Revelation 14: 9-11

world political powers that war against God's people.²² The beast and his image referred to in the third angel's message are first described in Revelation 13.

The Beast from the Sea

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies . . . And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name . . .²³

The repeated use of the word blasphemy reveals that this, like every other issue in the conflict, is over worship. Like the image of Daniel 2, the various creatures which make up this amalgamated beast represent the different principles of calendation which form the calendar of today.²⁴ The seven heads represent the seven planetary gods, three of which have double horns. Horns are ancient symbols of power, originating with Nimrod.²⁵ The heads with double horns represent Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These are the days of the world's three main religions: Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Every head having a horn traces this counterfeit system back to its origins: Nimrod.

Babylonian Christianity has two worship days: Sunday for the uninitiated masses, and Saturday, for the ignorant and the initiated alike. It is worship on Sunday, based on the assumption that Christ was resurrected then, that has supported Babylon. Sunday has provided a "front" to allow Saturn, the hidden god, to remain hidden. Therefore, it is reasonable that the head/day which received the deadly wound was Sunday. This occurred in a series of events, culminating in 1798 with laws which enforced a calendar that had a 10-day week.²⁶ Babylon's support for Sunday worship fell when the weekly configuration was changed removing Sunday from the week.

The Beast from the Earth

The beast from the sea is followed by another from the earth.

²² See Daniel 7:17, 19, 23; 8:20-22.

²³ Revelation 13:1-6

²⁴ See Appendix B.

²⁵ "Kronos signifies 'The Horned One.' As a horn is a well-known Oriental emblem for power or might, Kronos, 'The Horned one,' was, according to the mystic system, just a synonym for . . . Nimrod . . . The name Kronos, as the classical reader is well aware, is applied to Saturn as the 'Father of the gods.' . . . The meaning of this name Kronos, 'The Horned one,' as applied to Nimrod, fully explains the origin of the remarkable symbol" Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, (New Jersey: Loizeaux Brothers, Inc., 1959), pp. 32-33.

²⁶ See Appendix D.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 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 . . . And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six [666].²⁷

A lot of money has been made in Hollywood and with books speculating about the “mark of the beast.” Sincere people have suggested that the mark of the beast is everything from national ID cards, to Social Security numbers in the United States,²⁸ to nano-technology which can implant computer chips under the skin. All of these speculations are wrong because they lack the basic understanding that the final war is, as it has always been, over *worship*.

The image *to* the beast (Revelation 13:14) is also an image *of* the beast (verse 15). Therefore, to understand what the image is, one must understand what the original beast is which comes out of the sea. This beast, as demonstrated in Appendix B, is the world-power which first imposed pagan calendation for religious purposes upon the world. The first beast-power, (the amalgamated pagan/papal Rome) did this at the Council of Nicæa under Constantine, when Biblical calendation was outlawed.

It is reasonable to conclude that the action of the first beast, imposing a counterfeit calendar, will be repeated by the image of the beast. Currently, there is a revived movement to reform the Gregorian calendar.²⁹ This was first agitated with wide support in the 1930s-1940s,³⁰ before dying out in the 1950s.³¹ On December 31, 2009, the Wall Street Journal published a well-researched article on calendar reform, presenting several possible calendar options.³² The World Calendar Organization³³ and the Benedictine Perpetual Calendar³⁴ are only two of several proposed calendar reforms, each of which begins the year on Sunday. The goal is to implement

²⁷ Revelation 13:11-18

²⁸ This has been speculated ever since Social Security cards were first introduced in 1936.

²⁹ See Appendix E.

³⁰ Between August 26, 1929 and June 26, 1940, the Soviet Union actually did reform the Gregorian calendar, changing the length of the weeks in a blatant attack on Muslim/Judeo-Christian religions. See Appendix F.

³¹ See Appendix G.

³² Charles Forelle, “Time and Again, the Calendar Comes Up Short,” Wall Street Journal, December 31, 2009.

³³ While not all suggested calendar replacements disrupt the continuous weekly cycle, the World Calendar does. See www.theworldcalendar.org.

³⁴ See www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_council/mayor_and_councillors/division_2/perpetual_calendar/.

a new calendar in 2012, because that year begins on Sunday. Calendar reform would also “fix” Easter – a long-held desire of the papacy.³⁵

The third angel’s message is a dire warning against worshipping the beast via use of his calendar. “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.”³⁶ The fact that there is a distinction made between the “beast” and his “image” would indicate that there are two distinct entities which bear a surface similarity. The seal of the true God, the mark of allegiance to Him, is in keeping holy His Sabbath, calculated by His calendar. The mark of the beast is the same thing: a pledge of allegiance to the hidden god by keeping *his* worship day(s), calculated by *his* calendar. An image, then, indicates yet another calendar.

The third angel warns all against either calendar: the Gregorian or its successor. The fact that the mark of the beast can be received in either the forehead or the hand reveals another distinction. Those who receive the mark of the beast in the forehead, like those who receive the seal of God in the forehead, are truly convinced of the legitimacy of the calendar. Those who receive the mark in the hand are people who go along with the calendar for temporal security. An example of the last class is a Seventh-day Adventist pastor who said, “You’re right. When the Sabbath is calculated by the Biblical calendar, it will fall differently. However, all God requires is that we worship on the seventh day of whatever calendar society is using.”³⁷

This is a fearful deception to believe. The third angel explicitly states what will be the punishment of receiving the mark of the beast by worshipping him:

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 forever and ever:³⁸ and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.³⁹

The very next chapter, Revelation 15, tells exactly what that “wrath of God” is, and it is the most dreadful threatening ever presented to man. By contrast, those who worship the Creator on His

³⁵ In 1937, Dr. Jean Nussbaum conducted a series of interviews with leading Catholic prelates and scholars in Paris and Rome. After interviewing the Rector of the Biblical Institute in Rome, Nussbaum recalled that he “sees no difficulty in accepting the calendar reform . . . He feels that the [Roman Catholic] Church has the necessary power to make this change.” To read Nussbaum’s interview notes, visit www.4angelspublications.com/mcrm.php.

³⁶ Revelation 14:9-10

³⁷ Personal interview, August 16, 2007, Spokane, Washington.

³⁸ This is not teaching the immortality of lost souls, burning forever in hell. Scripture makes it clear that the wages of sin is not eternal life in torment. Rather, “the wages of sin is *death*; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). The third angel’s message makes it clear that the *length* of the sentence of death is forever, not that any are actually burning alive forever. See also Ecclesiastes 9:5: “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.”

³⁹ Revelation 14: 9-11.

calendar are described: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”⁴⁰ All who desire to honor their Creator, shunning the punishment of the wicked, will choose to worship Him on the day which He has never changed: the seventh-day Sabbath, calculated by *His* calendar, established from the beginning.

Prophecy is always understood at the time of its fulfillment. The genuine calendar of Creation provides the key to unlock the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Every student of scripture should reexamine the prophetic books because great light is now available. The fact that these prophecies are finally being decoded and opened for the understanding of all reveals that the time for their complete fulfillment has come.

⁴⁰ Revelation 14:12