

Summary: SDA Fundamental 13, 20: The 3rd Angels Message & the Sabbath

Read Before: Revelation 14:6-13

Aim: The 3rd Angels message is about the mark of the beast, instead we want the seal of God: the Sabbath.

Last week we talked about some of the things that angels do, one of their jobs is delivering messages.

Before he died, the apostle John was sent to a prison island, and he spent his time there writing letters to the churches; he also received some visions from God which he wrote down and they are in the Bible book called Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

In one of those visions he saw three angels with special messages for our church.

Read the 1st Angels message in Revelation 14:7 – This is what Paul & Barnabas started to do...

Read the 2nd Angels message in Revelation 14:8

Read the 3rd Angels message in Revelation 14:9, 10a

Can you guess who the beast represents? (Satan)

What is behind your forehead (inside your head?) – The part of the brain directly behind your forehead is called the frontal lobe and that is the part that makes decisions.

The mark might mean more than one thing but the mark on the forehead can represent making choices for God or choices for Satan, and the mark on the hand can represent the things you do: do you do things for God or for Satan?

Now we know that Satan will have a mark but what about God? See Revelation 7:3

Back in the old days, when a person sent a letter they would close the letter and drip some wax on the join and stamp the wax with their own special seal.

Demonstrate how they would seal an envelope using candle wax and a button (preferably a metal one with an image)

A seal usually contained their name, title and territory. God made Himself a different type of seal, read Exodus 20:8-11. What is God's seal? It is a day – the Sabbath!

(Genesis 2:1-4 – Sabbath created, God rested. Mark 2:27, 28 – Sabbath made for man. Matthew 5:17-19, Romans 13:8-10 – Commandments still in use; John 14:15, "If you love me..." Isaiah 58:13 – Sabbath a delight)

What day is it today?

The Roman Catholic Church changed the day of worship from the seventh to the first day, and so most Christian churches now worship on Sunday. Have you noticed what the first day of the week is on a calendar? These days, some have Sunday for the first day and others have Monday, but I remember back when calendars and computers all showed Sunday as the first day.

Imagine you have 7 cups; the first 6 are filled with water and the 7th has juice. You are told that the 7th one is special, but what if you say, "It doesn't matter which one I take, I'm too busy to wait for the 7th one I'll have the 1st one instead..."

God wants us to spend some time with Him everyday, but should we spend all our time doing Bible study and not go to school or work? (No!) – God gave us 6 days for school and work and the Sabbath day to be a special day to spend time with Him.