8 WORTH THE WAIT

THREE ANGELS AND YOU

Daring Escape



REVELATION 14 BIBLE GUIDES FOR KIDS

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Dad was either going to return to Cuba and free his wife and two young sons or die trying.

Major Orestes Lorenzo Perez had escaped communist Cuba by flying one of their military jets to the United States. His wife and two young sons remained behind, but Major Perez had plans to go back and get them. Over the coming weeks the family waited patiently, receiving coded instructions for their eventual pick-up. The secret messages were delivered in bits and pieces through friends and others. Government officials said their loved one would never return for them, but the Perez family believed otherwise.

Finally the day arrived. Major Perez took off from Marathon, Florida, flying a small, aging airplane. It was about an hour before sunset. "I came in very low . . . about 10 feet above the waves, and I saw the bridge near Matanzas," Major Perez recalled to a reporter about his approach to Cuba. "I banked hard. I saw a car, a truck and bus on the road. There was a concrete barricade. A street sign. I banked again and landed hard, fast. I had one chance to land. One chance. That was it."

The family was ready. Suddenly Mrs. Perez and their two sons, Reyniel and Alejandro, dashed toward the plane. Alejandro lost both shoes along the way, but it was a small price to pay for freedom.

Quickly the family boarded the plane. Major Perez taxied down the road and took off. Total time on Cuban soil: about one minute.

When the family landed safely back in Florida, they were welcomed by friends and others. It had taken patience and trust, but it had been worth it. A new and better future awaited them.*

Like the Perez family, a bright future awaits God's followers. Jesus made this clear when He said, "I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:3). That's heaven, of course, but we're not there yet.

Patience can be hard, but it's something the third angel of Revelation 14 says will be needed by God's end-time people. Those days will be challenging for those who follow Bible truth, and Jesus' return will certainly be welcome.

Thankfully, the third angel makes no secret about what will be needed while God's people wait for Jesus to come back:



"This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God" (Revelation 14:12, first part).

Wait, patient *what*? Endurance. Like a marathon runner headed for the finish line, God's people may grow weary but they'll stay in the race.

What are some good ways to build spiritual patience and endurance? Write them on the lines below.

Two Traits for the End-Times



Do you remember what the forehead and hand mentioned in Revelation 14:9 stood for? (Go back to lesson 7 if you need to.) Write your answers on the lines below each picture:





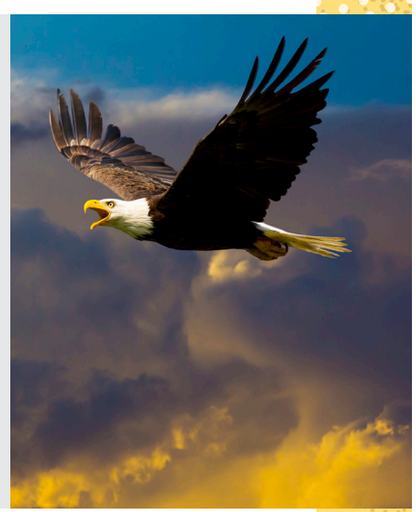
The third angel's message continues by reminding God's followers what they will do and Who they will think about in earth's last days. Use the International Morse Code and code key on the next pages to discover the two key traits that God's end-time people will possess. Write the decoded letters on the blank spaces in the Bible verse that follows.

You Can Soar

You can't go to the store and buy a box of patience or endurance, but you can open your Bible and find lots of encouragement. Here's just one example:

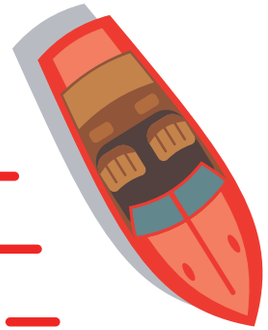
"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

When the going gets rough, turn your heart toward heaven. There's plenty of power there to see you through to the very end.

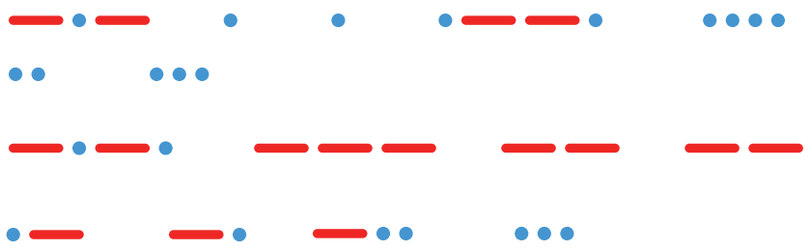


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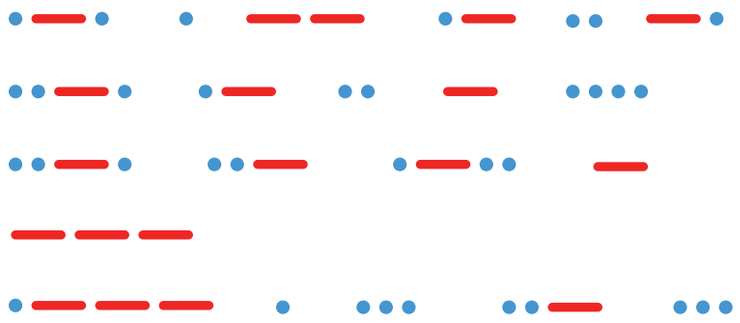
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Message 1:



Message 2:



"This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who _____ and _____" (Revelation 14:12, last part).

In your own words, what do you think this means?

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In the last days of earth's history, the beast (a "back from extinction" Roman religious power) and its image (various government powers) will try to get everyone to follow its way instead of Bible truth. But God's end-time people will be known for keeping God's commands, including honoring the seventh-day Sabbath, and patiently trusting in Jesus.

The Three Angels' Messages and You

There's lots to remember about what the three angels said in Revelation 14:6-12! Here's a quick recap.



First Angel

- Accept and share the **GOSPEL**.
- The Cosmic Time of **JUSTICE** has arrived.
- **WORSHIP** the true Creator.

Second angel

- **FAKE RELIGION** has collapsed upon itself.





Third angel

- Don't follow the **BEAST** and his **IMAGE**.
- Keep **GOD'S COMMANDS** and **STAY FAITHFUL TO JESUS**



Like a father coming back to rescue His children, Jesus is about to return. As you learned at the beginning of this series, the three angels of Revelation 14:6-12 represent you. Ask God to show you how to use your special gifts and talents to spread the word about these crucial end-time messages. You might just be amazed at what He has in mind for you!

Congratulations on learning so much about the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12!





Before you leave this series, using your Bible, write each angel's message on the cards to help you remember them.

First Angel's Message
Revelation 14:6, 7

KEY WORDS

Second Angel's Message
Revelation 14:8

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Third Angel's Message
Revelation 14:9-12

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