The history of this planet is the history of an epic struggle between good and evil that is soon to end. The diagram presented here aims to locate God’s climactic message to the world—the three angels’ messages—within the larger narrative of the struggle, and sharpen our focus on being ready to meet our Redeemer, who said, “Yes, I am coming soon” (Rev. 22:20).—Editors.

“War broke out in heaven” (Rev. 12:7)
when Lucifer, the covering cherub, chose to fight for God’s place. God banished him from heaven with the angels who joined his rebellion (verse 4).

In the gift of His Son, who died to pay the penalty for our sins (John 3:16), God fulfilled His promise and made eternal salvation freely available to everyone: it’s called good news (gospel).

Things got terribly bad on earth (Gen. 6:5)
God sent a flood to cleanse the entire planet; He also did a reset with the family of a God-fearing man named Noah.

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great” (Rev. 14:8)
The symbol of rebellion that stretches all the way back to Lucifer’s rebellion will be unmasked.

“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth.’ . . . “God’s dwelling place is now among the people. . . . They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God” (Rev. 21:1-3). The great conflict between good and evil will soon be over; rebellion will be wiped away; God’s people will rejoice in His presence and praise Him forever.