

been preserved from idolatry. She said that the angel also told her that the third angel in Revelation 14:9 represents those who embrace the doctrine of the Seventh-day Sabbath, and who lift their voices to warn the world to keep all God's law, including the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week.

Since this vision emphasized the importance of the Seventh-day Sabbath and gave a fuller understanding of its significance, Mr. Bates had this vision published the same year in which Mrs. White had the vision, and widely circulated it.

Mr. Bates also put out a second edition of his pamphlet that year entitled, The Seventh-day Sabbath a Perpetual Sign. In this edition Mr. Bates added a prophetic argument for the Seventh-day Sabbath which was not included in the first edition. This argument was based primarily on Revelation 14:9-12. Mr. Bates identified the "beast" in this passage as the Papacy, and the "mark of the beast" as the badge of the papal power. He said that the badge of the papal power is the change in the observance of the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week. Therefore, he said that the "mark of the beast" is the observance of the Sabbath on the first day of the week. He said that those who refuse the "mark of the beast" are described in this passage as those who "keep the commandments of God."⁵² Therefore, he said that the message of this passage is to keep all God's commandments, including the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week. He said that this message is one in a series of three messages which are prophesied in verses six through twelve of this fourteenth chapter of Revelation. He said that the first message in this series is to fear God and worship Him because the time

⁵²Rev. 14:12.