

# WEEK 1 — OUTLINE

## **Serving God by Knowing the Age, by Realizing the Way Christ Fulfills His Economy, by Seeing the World Situation as the Indicator of His Move, and by Spreading the Truths of the Lord's Recovery for His Coming Back**

Scripture Reading: Zech. 1:18-21; 3:9; 4:6-7; 5:5-11; 12:1; Acts 5:31; 17:26-27a; Matt. 24:14

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#### **I. We need to be those who know the age of today's Christianity in a particular way, especially in relation to the revelation of the Scriptures, the divine truths, and the genuine and proper theology:**

- A. Not one of today's theologies, including the Nicene Creed, stresses adequately the following five critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy:
1. The Spirit that gives life being "not yet" (John 7:39b).
  2. The last Adam becoming a life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b).
  3. The compound Spirit typified by the anointing ointment (Exo. 30:23-25).
  4. The Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, Christ Himself, and the indwelling Spirit in Romans 8:2, 9-11 all referring to the compound Spirit that gives life.
  5. The seven Spirits (Rev. 1:4).

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- B. The believers are held back by imperfect and unscriptural theology from the central revelation of God and come short of the completion of God's eternal economy because they miss, neglect, or oppose the above five critical points concerning the Spirit of God.
- C. The Lord's recovery today is just the recovery of these critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy.
- D. The Lord's recovery and the central revelation of God are God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem; this is the full ministry of Christ in three stages—incarnation, inclusion, and intensification.
- E. Regarding the Lord's present recovery, we should all be up to date and not held back by our old theology or by our old understanding of the recovery.

## **II. The book of Zechariah reveals that the way to fulfill God's economy in the divine history is by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit in our spirit and that the building of the church will be consummated by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit of grace to be the topstone of grace (4:6-7, 12-14; 3:9; 12:1, 10; Rev. 4:5; 5:6):**

- A. The focal point of the divine history within human history is the two comings of Christ for the testimony of Jesus, the building of God (Zech. 4:2-3; 6:12-13; 9:9; 11:7-13; 12:10; 14:3-5, 9).
- B. We must see that Babylon is characterized by the wickedness of business, or commerce, involving covetousness, deceit, and the love of money; our Christian life should be without the love of money, and our Christian work should not be a money-making trade (5:5-11; 1 Tim. 3:3, 8; 6:5-10; Acts 11:29-30; 20:33-34; 2 Tim. 3:2-4; Heb. 13:5; 2 Cor. 2:17; 12:15; cf. 2 Kings 5:15-27):
  - 1. Of the cargo sold by Babylon, the first item is gold and the last is the souls of men; souls of men refers to men who sell themselves for employment, neglecting God and their eternal destiny (Rev. 18:12-13; cf. 2 Pet. 2:3, 15; cf. Luke 12:13-21).
  - 2. God's sovereignty will cause the wickedness in business, which the people of Israel learned from the Babylonians in their captivity, to go back to Babylon (the land of Shinar) (Zech. 5:10-11; Gen. 11:2, 9).

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- C. Christ is the last Craftsman used by God to break the four horns; the four horns are the four kingdoms with their kings—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and the Roman Empire—also signified by the great human image with four sections in Daniel 2:31-33, the four stages of locusts in Joel 1:4, and the four beasts in Daniel 7:3-8, that damaged and destroyed the chosen people of God (Zech. 1:18-21):
  - 1. The four craftsmen are the skills used by God to destroy these kingdoms with their kings; each of the first three kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece) was taken over in a skillful way by the kingdom that followed it (Dan. 5; 8:3-7).
  - 2. The fourth Craftsman will be Christ as the stone cut out without hands, who will crush the restored Roman Empire and thereby crush the great human image as the totality of human government at His coming back (2:31-35, 44-45).
  - 3. This crushing stone is the corporate Christ, Christ with His overcomers, who are His dispensational instrument to end this age (Joel 3:11; Zech. 14:5; Rev. 12:1-2, 5; 19:11-21).

4. After coming to defeat Antichrist and to crush the aggregate of human government, the corporate Christ—Christ with His overcoming bride—will become a great mountain to fill the whole earth, making the whole earth God’s kingdom; this kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem—the ultimate and consummate step of the divine history (20:4, 6; 21:10).
5. Thus, the great human image will be replaced with the eternal kingdom of God, the corporate Christ in the image of God for the glory of God.

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### **III. The world situation is the indicator of the Lord’s move on earth (Acts 5:31; 17:26-27a):**

A. The mystery of lawlessness is working today among the nations and in human society; this lawlessness will culminate in the man of lawlessness, Antichrist (2 Thes. 2:3-10):

1. Antichrist will be the power of Satan, the embodiment of Satan; he will persecute and destroy the people of God—both the God-fearing Jews and the Christ-believing Christians (Dan. 8:24; Rev. 12:17; 13:7).
2. Antichrist will demolish and desolate the temple of God and the city of God; he will cast truth down to the ground (Dan. 9:27; 8:12).
3. Antichrist will have sharp insight to perceive things and will speak things against the Most High (7:8, 20, 25).
4. Antichrist will wear out the saints of the Most High (v. 25).
5. Satan and Antichrist want the souls of men to be the instruments for their activities in the last age (Rev. 18:11-13; 2 Tim. 3:5; cf. Zech. 12:1).

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B. The ten kings typified by the ten toes of the great image in Daniel 2 will be under Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the revived Roman Empire; all of this will transpire in Europe (Rev. 17:10-14):

1. Before the crushing of Antichrist and the totality of human government transpires, the Lord’s recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there.
2. The United States, Europe, and the Far East are the three influential factors of the present situation of the world; the recovery has taken root in the United States and the Far East, but there is a void in Europe.
3. Europe, in the consummation of the fulfillment of the vision concerning the great human image in Daniel 2, is more vitally crucial than any other country or race—the crushing of the two feet of the great human image being the crushing of the entire human government.

**IV. The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation (Matt. 24:14; 28:19; 19:28; Isa. 11:9):**

- A. Immediately after Christ's ascension, these four things—the gospel, war, famine, and death—began to run like riders on four horses, and they will continue until Christ comes back (Rev. 6:1-8):
  - 1. The spreading, running, and racing of the gospel of the kingdom throughout the whole inhabited earth is the kernel of the divine history within human history (Matt. 24:14).
  - 2. The gospel of the kingdom, signified by the white horse of the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2, will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age, the time of the great tribulation.
- B. We are not preaching a partial gospel but the full gospel that encompasses everything from Matthew through Revelation—the gospel of God's eternal economy to dispense Himself in Christ as the Spirit into His chosen ones through His judicial redemption and by His organic salvation for the building up of His Body in the local churches to consummate the New Jerusalem as His bride, His wife, for His eternal expression (1 Tim. 1:3-4; Rom. 1:1; 5:10; Rev. 1:10-11; 21:2-3, 9-11; 22:1-2).
- C. Actually, the gospel includes all the divine truths; the entire New Testament is the gospel, and the New Testament as the gospel is typified by the Old Testament; thus, we may say that the gospel includes the entire Bible.
- D. God's unique purpose in this age is to have the gospel preached so that the church as the Body of Christ might be built up to consummate the New Jerusalem (Eph. 3:8-11).
- E. The overcomers who preach the gospel of the glory of Christ become the riders of the white horse (Rev. 19:11, 13-14; cf. Rom. 10:15).
- F. May the Lord burden us to learn the divine truths of the gospel and to spread them everywhere for His recovery to bring in His restoration (Isa. 11:9).

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## Morning Nourishment

**John 7:37-39** ...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

We are using the word age to refer not to the age of the world in a general way but to the age of today's Christianity in a particular way, especially in relation to the revelation of the Scriptures, the divine truths, and the genuine and proper theology.

Not one of today's theologies, including the Nicene Creed, stresses adequately the following five critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy.

[First], the Spirit that gives life was not yet before the glorification (resurrection) of Christ (John 7:39b)...Here John speaks not of the Spirit of God, nor of the Spirit of Jehovah, nor of the Holy Spirit, but simply of the Spirit...His word indicates an expectation—the expectation that, although the Spirit was “not yet,” the time was coming when the Spirit would be there. This time was the time of Jesus' glorification, that is, the time of Jesus' resurrection (Luke 24:26)...The expectation in John 7:39 was that when the Lord Jesus was glorified through resurrection, the Spirit who was “not yet” would become the Spirit who now is. (The Divine and Mystical Realm, pp. 9, 11-12)

## Today's Reading

The second critical point...is that, as revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:45b, in resurrection the last Adam (Christ in the flesh) became a life-giving Spirit (fulfilling John 7:39). Hence, 2 Corinthians 3:17 says that “the Lord is the Spirit,” and the following verse uses “the Lord Spirit” as a compound divine title. The word in 1 Corinthians 15:45b about the last Adam becoming a life-giving Spirit is a strong fulfillment of the prophecy in John 7:39 concerning the Spirit being not yet because Christ was not yet glorified, resurrected. In resurrection Christ became the life-giving Spirit.

Third, not one of today's theologies stresses adequately the critical point concerning the compound Spirit typified by the anointing ointment (a compound of one hin of olive oil with four kinds of spices and their effectiveness) in Exodus 30:23-25. The life-giving Spirit is not simple but is a Spirit that has been compounded. The last Adam was a man, and the life-giving Spirit is divine. Thus, this Spirit must be a Spirit with two natures—the human nature and the divine nature. These two natures have not only been mingled but have been compounded, as indicated by the type in Exodus 30:23-25.

[Fourth], concerning the pneumatic Christ, we need to see that the Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, Christ Himself, and the indwelling Spirit in Romans 8:2, 9-11 all refer to the compound Spirit that gives life. In verse 2 we have the Spirit of life, and in verses 9 to 11, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, Christ Himself, and the indwelling Spirit. Are these five or are they one? The life-giving Spirit is called the Spirit of life, the Spirit of life is the Spirit of God, the Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Christ is just Christ Himself. Furthermore, this Spirit who is of life, of God, of Christ, and Christ Himself dwells in us as the indwelling Spirit to dispense life to us all the time. This is the pneumatic Christ.

The fifth critical point which today's theologies do not stress adequately concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy is the seven Spirits (the sevenfold intensified Spirit, cf. the sevenfold sunlight—Isa. 30:26) of God (Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6).

For producing the church the life-giving Spirit is sufficiently strong, but under the degradation of the church this strong Spirit has been intensified sevenfold. Thus, Christ has become not only the life-giving Spirit but also the sevenfold intensified Spirit. The seven Spirits being the seven eyes of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6) indicates that the seven Spirits and Christ are one person. (The Divine and Mystical Realm, pp. 12-16)

Further Reading: The Divine and Mystical Realm, ch. 1

## << WEEK 1 — DAY 2 >>

### Morning Nourishment

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us..., full of grace and reality.

Rev. 5:6 And I saw...a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

1 Cor. 15:45 ...The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

[The believers] are held back by their imperfect and unscriptural theology from the central revelation of God and come short of the completion of God's eternal economy because of their missing, negligence of, and opposition to the [foregoing] five critical points concerning the Spirit of God...The Lord's recovery today is just the recovery of these critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy.

In one simple sentence: The Lord's recovery is God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem. Regarding the Lord's present recovery, I hope that none of you would be held back by your old theology or by your old understanding of the recovery. (The Divine and Mystical Realm, pp. 17-18)

### Today's Reading

The Bible is a record of two histories: the history of man, the human history, and the history of God, the divine history. The former is like an outward shell, and the latter, like the kernel within the shell. In the Minor Prophets the human history is clearly defined and is signified by the four kinds of locusts mentioned in Joel 1:4. The divine history within the human history is also revealed in considerable detail. The divine history, as the divine mystery of the Triune God in humanity, began in eternity past with the eternal God and His eternal economy (Micah 5:2c; 1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:4-5, 9-11). It continues with Christ's incarnation (Micah 5:2a); His death, burial, and resurrection for the spreading of God's redemption and salvation to all the nations on earth (Jonah 1:17; 2:10); His pouring out of the consummated Spirit to produce the church as the corporate expression of the Triune God (Joel 2:28-32); His second coming as the Desire of nations (Hag. 2:7a) and as the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2a); His coming with His overcomers as His army to defeat Antichrist and his army (Joel 3:1-15); and His reigning in Zion in the thousand-year kingdom (3:16-21; Micah 4:7). Eventually, the kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth for eternity. The New Jerusalem will be the ultimate, the consummate, step of God's history. (Joel 1:4, footnote 1)

The vision in Zechariah 5 corresponds to that of Babylon the Great in Revelation 18. These visions show us that in the sight of God the wickedness contained in commerce is a kind of idolatry and fornication. Business is an adulterous woman desirous of making money.

[Zechariah 5:7b-8a] reveals that the woman sitting within the ephah vessel signifies the wickedness contained in commerce, such as covetousness, deceit, and the love of mammon. [In commerce] the seller loves money and tries to get money out of the buyer's pocket; the buyer also loves money and tries to obtain the things he wants at a low price, thereby saving money.

In Zechariah 5:7 and 8 we see that a lead cover, a lead weight, is thrown over the opening of the ephah vessel. This signifies the restriction of the wickedness in commerce by God's sovereignty. Wickedness is hidden and concealed in international trade. If commerce, especially international trade, could be restricted, the whole earth would be holy.

[Verses 10 and 11 signify] that God's sovereignty will cause the wickedness in business, which the people of Israel learned of the Babylonians in their captivity, to go back to Babylon (the land of Shinar). Let this wickedness return to Babylon. All the people among God's elect should be honest and simple in their living. (Life-study of Zechariah, pp. 36, 35-37)

Further Reading: Life-study of Zechariah, msgs. 5-6

## << WEEK 1 — DAY 3 >>

### Morning Nourishment

Zech. 1:20-21 Then Jehovah showed me four craftsmen...These are the horns that have so scattered Judah..., but these have come...to cast down the horns of the nations who have lifted up the horn against the land of Judah...

Dan. 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once...And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Christ is the last Craftsman used by God to break the four horns—Babylon, Persia, Greece, and the Roman Empire—which damaged and destroyed the chosen people of God (Zech. 1:18-19). Christ will be the unique One not only to break the four horns but also to smash the entire human government from the toes to the head, as signified by the great human image in Daniel 2. (Life-study of Zechariah, p. 94)

### Today's Reading

The vision of the four horns and the four craftsmen...was a comforting and encouraging word of promise to Israel as God's answer to Christ's intercession for Zion and Jerusalem....The four horns are the four kingdoms with their kings—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and the Roman Empire—also signified by the great human image in Daniel 2:31-33 and by the four beasts in 7:3-8, that damaged and destroyed the chosen people of God. The four craftsmen (Zech. 1:20) are the skills used by God to destroy these four kingdoms with their kings. Each of the first three kingdoms—Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece—was taken over in a skillful way by the kingdom that followed it (cf. Dan. 5; 8:3-7). The fourth Craftsman will be Christ as the stone cut out without hands, who will crush the restored Roman Empire and thereby crush the great human image as the totality of human government at His coming back (Dan. 2:31-35). (Zech. 1:18, footnote 1)

When Christ comes as the crushing stone, He will not come alone; rather, He will come with His overcomers, His bride, His increase, as His army (John 3:29-30; Rev. 17:14; 19:7-8, 11, 14). During the church age, the age of mystery, Christ is building up the church to be His bride (Eph. 5:25-29). Before He descends to earth, Christ will have a wedding, in which He will marry the overcomers (Rev. 19:7-9), those who have been fighting the battle against God's enemy for years and who have already overcome the evil one (cf. Rev. 12:11). After His wedding, He as the Husband will come with His newlywed bride to destroy Antichrist, who with his army will fight against God directly (Rev. 17:14; 19:19). (Dan. 2:34, footnote 1)

At His appearing as the God-cut stone, Christ with His overcomers—the corporate Christ—will strike the ten kings with Antichrist (Rev. 19:11-21), thereby crushing the great image from the toes to the head (Dan. 2:35). This will be Christ's universal judgment on the aggregate of human government from Antichrist back to Nimrod, thus ending the age of man's government on earth in the old creation and initiating the age of God's dominion over the entire earth in the millennium and in the new heaven and new earth for eternity. (Dan. 2:34, footnote 2)

The great mountain in Daniel 2:35 signifies the eternal kingdom of God, which will fill the whole earth forever (v. 44; 7:13-14). After coming to crush the aggregate of human government, the corporate Christ—Christ with His overcoming bride—will become a great mountain to fill the whole earth, making the whole earth God's kingdom. Thus the great human image will be replaced with the eternal kingdom of God on earth (Rev. 11:15-17).

The increase of the stone into a great mountain signifies the increase of Christ (cf. John 3:29-30). The church is Christ's increase in life, but the eternal kingdom of God is Christ's increase in administration (Mark 4:26-29). Hence, Christ is not only the church but also the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 12:12; Luke 17:21). As the stone, Christ is the centrality of God's move, and as the mountain, He is the universality. (Dan. 2:35, footnote 3)

Further Reading: Life-study of Zechariah, msgs. 2, 9, 12-15; Life-study of Joel, msg. 4

## << WEEK 1 – DAY 4 >>

### Morning Nourishment

Acts 17:26-27 And He made from one every nation of men..., determining beforehand their appointed seasons and the boundaries of their dwelling, that they might seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, even though He is not far from each one of us.

2 Thes. 2:2-3 ...The day of the Lord...will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition.

It is a historical fact that the world situation has always been the indicator of the Lord's move on earth...The Bible is a history of God's economy...The carrying out of His economy has much to do with the world situation. (The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, p. 8)

The lawlessness that will characterize Antichrist (2 Thes. 2:3) is already operating in this age mysteriously. It is the mystery of lawlessness working today among the nations and in human society. (2 Thes. 2:7, footnote 1)

### Today's Reading

[In 2 Thessalonians 2:7] Paul speaks of...the mystery of lawlessness. Antichrist will also be a mystery. According to Paul's concept, this mystery of lawlessness is already operating...Because God's purpose has not been fulfilled, that is, because the bride has not yet been prepared, God exercises His control over lawlessness. Eventually, at the time of the last three and a half years, this restraint will be removed, and it will seem that God has said, "Let the world go." At that time, Antichrist, the lawless one, will be fully manifested, and the entire earth will be filled with lawlessness.

Antichrist's power will be the power of Satan [Dan. 8:24]. Revelation 13:2 says, "And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority." In a sense, Antichrist will be the embodiment of Satan.

Not only will Antichrist be arrogant and blasphemous, but he will also make war against the saints [Dan. 7:21]. He will persecute the God-fearing Jews and the Christ-believing Christians.

Antichrist will bring in both abominations or idols, and desolation or destruction, demolishing both the temple and the city of Jerusalem. This is the proper understanding of Daniel 9:25-27. If we have this understanding, we shall see how Antichrist will deal with the Jews.

Antichrist, the little horn, will also cast down the place of the sanctuary of the Prince of the host (Dan. 8:11). This indicates that he will destroy the temple of God. It also implies that the temple will be rebuilt. If Antichrist would appear today, there would be no temple for him to tear down. I believe that the temple will be rebuilt before long. Soon after that, Antichrist will rise up and tear it down once again.

Daniel 8:12 also reveals that Antichrist will "cast truth down to the ground." This means that with Antichrist there will be no truth. He will abolish and tear down every truth. The tendency of the world situation today is like this. As far as international relations is concerned, there is very little truth. With regard to the renouncing of all truth, Antichrist will go to the farthest extreme.

This little horn will have eyes like the eyes of man (Dan. 7:8, 20). Here the eyes signify insight. That the horn will have eyes like a man indicates that Antichrist will be intellectually brilliant. He will be a man full of knowledge and will possess great insight.

Daniel 7:25 indicates that the little horn will "wear out the saints of the Most High." Antichrist will put the saints under his hand and gradually wear them out. How he will do this I do not know. It is more difficult to endure this wearing out than to be put to death suddenly. Do not wait to experience this yourself. Rather, pray that you might escape it. The more we see someone arising who looks like this person, the more we need to pray, "Lord, if this is the one, take me away before he comes into power. I do not want to be under his hand." (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 496-497, 478, 472, 483, 477-478, 471, 472)

Further Reading: Life-study of Revelation, msgs. 40-43



# « WEEK 1 — DAY 5 »

## Morning Nourishment

Rev. 17:12-14 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom but receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast. These...give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.

According to Revelation 17:12, ten kings will be raised up before the great tribulation in the revived Roman Empire. They will be one with Antichrist in opposing God and persecuting His people—the Jews and the believers. These ten kings are likened to the ten toes of the great image seen by Nebuchadnezzar in his dream (Dan. 2:42). They will submit themselves and their kingdom to Antichrist (Rev. 17:17). (The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, p. 18)

## Today's Reading

In the early 1960s, the recovery was brought to the Western world and into the English language. It has been brought to and rooted in the United States for growth....The Lord's recovery has spread to every inhabited continent. The entire world is open to the Lord's recovery today in the matter of the divine truth in the Bible because people are hungry for the divine truth.

In both the Far East and the United States, the Lord's recovery is growing, but it is still in the stage of initiation in Europe. We should remember that the United States, Europe, and the Far East are the three influential factors of the present situation of the world. The recovery has taken root in the United States and the Far East, but there is a void in Europe. For this reason, the Lord's direction of His present recovery must be toward Europe. The recovery in Europe is still in the stage of initiation.

Further, Europe, in the consummation of the fulfillment of the vision concerning the great human image in Daniel 2, is also more vitally crucial than any other country and race—the crushing of the two feet of the great human image will be the crushing of the entire human government (vv. 34-35). We have already pointed out what this great human image prophetically typifies. The periods of history signified by the head, the breast and the arms, the belly and the thighs, and the legs have been fulfilled. But the ten toes, [the ten kings in Revelation 17:12], have not been fulfilled.

Western culture is composed of Hebrew religion, Greek philosophy, and Roman politics. Roman politics is carrying on Western culture, and the Bible prophesies that the Roman Empire will be revived. The ten kings typified by the ten toes of the great image in Daniel 2 will be under Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the Roman Empire....All of this will transpire in Europe.

When the Lord comes to crush human government, He will crush the feet with the ten toes. This will be the crushing of the entire image from the head to the feet [Dan. 2:34-35]....Christ is the great stone who will crush the two feet of the great image, which will be the crushing of the entire human image, the entire human government.

We need to see this as a basis to understand the Lord's mind. Before this crushing transpires, the Lord's recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there. The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation.

Of the three influential factors in today's world, the Far East and the United States have been occupied and taken by the Lord's recovery. Europe still remains as a region in which the Lord's recovery needs to be rooted and grow. I hope that we would bring this fellowship to the Lord and pray. We should tell the Lord, "Lord, these days are the consummation of the age. Lord, in these days rekindle my love toward You." (The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, pp. 14, 17-19)

Further Reading: The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, chs. 1-3; The World Situation and God's Move, pref. & ch. 7

## << WEEK 1 – DAY 6 >>

### Morning Nourishment

Rev. 6:1-2 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals....And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he who sits on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The first four seals comprise four horses with their riders in a four-horse race. All four riders are not real persons but personified things. It is evident that the rider of the second horse, the red horse, is war (Rev. 6:4); the rider of the third horse, the black horse, is famine (v. 5); and the rider of the fourth horse, the pale horse, is death (v. 8). According to historical facts, the rider of the first horse, the white horse, must be the gospel, not, as some interpret, Christ or Antichrist. Immediately after Christ's ascension, these four things—the gospel, war, famine, and death—began to run like riders on four horses and will continue until Christ comes back. Beginning with the first century, the gospel has been spreading throughout all these twenty centuries. War has also been proceeding simultaneously. War always causes famine, and famine issues in death. All these will continue until the end of this age. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 233-234)

### Today's Reading

Gospel preaching takes the lead in the four-horse race. What is our generation for? It is for gospel preaching. And gospel preaching is for the carrying out of God's economy. How can the church be produced? Only through gospel preaching. How can the New Jerusalem come into being? Only through gospel preaching.

God's wisdom is to make this age, the age from the ascension of Christ to His coming back, an age of gospel preaching. Everything on earth today is for the preaching of the gospel. Factories, printing, airplanes, radio, television, and even nuclear weapons are for the preaching of the gospel. This is the gospel preaching age....We are not preaching a partial gospel but a whole, complete gospel, a full gospel. Do you realize that the full gospel includes the church life, the kingdom, and even the New Jerusalem? The full gospel encompasses everything from Matthew through Revelation. In these days we are preaching the full gospel, the gospel that includes the church today, the kingdom in the coming age, and the New Jerusalem in eternity. Whatever happens today, including the opposition against us, is a help to preaching the gospel. This is the vision of the first four seals....We are not with the riders on the last three horses; we are with the rider on the first horse. We have a bow without an arrow, for we are preaching the gospel of peace, a gospel in which the victory has been won, in a peaceful way. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 239-240)

Today there is the need of the spreading of the understood divine truths for the Lord's recovery and restoration. We can borrow Romans 10:14-15 and say, "How shall people hear without one who spreads? How beautiful are the feet of those who spread the interpreted and understood divine truths!" If we have a burden to go to Europe, we must spend day and night to study the truths we have published. Then we will know what the Lord's recovery is, and we will have a real burden to go to Europe to teach people. The Lord charges us in Matthew 28:19 to go and disciple the nations. The Lord's word here shows us that we should be burdened to go and teach all the nations.

We are not going there to preach to people in the traditional way but to talk to them about all the divine truths. Through our speaking, some will be solidly saved. If we speak the deeper truths in John 3:16 [e.g., on God, love, the world, how God gave His Son, the only begotten Son, what it means to perish and what it is to have eternal life] to them, they will never forget this verse. May the Lord burden us to learn the divine truths and to spread them everywhere for His recovery and restoration. (The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, pp. 31-32)

Further Reading: Life-study of Revelation, msg. 19; The Prophecy of the Four "Sevens" in the Bible, ch. 2

# WEEK 1 — HYMN

## To the lost world minister Christ Preaching of the Gospel — Imparting Christ

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The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "1. To the lost world min - is - ter Christ, Not just by word, but by". The second staff continues the lyrics: "life, Im - part - ing Christ by liv - ing deeds To the poor souls liv - ing in". The third staff is labeled "Chorus" and contains the lyrics: "strife. (C) To the lost world min - is - ter Christ, By dai - ly walk mak - ing Him". The fourth staff concludes the lyrics: "known; Im - part - ing Christ by whom you live, Share with all men what you own." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F7, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Bb/D, Cm, F7, Bb, F7/C, Bb/D, Bb7, Eb, C7/E, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb, Dm, Gm, Cm, F7, Bb, F7/C, Bb/D, Bb7, Eb, Cm, Bb/F, F7, Bb.

2. To the lost world minister Christ,  
The precious One you possess,  
Imparting Christ to those you love  
As all their gain and success.
3. To the lost world minister Christ,  
The very Christ you enjoy,  
Imparting Christ to all your friends  
As all their boast and their joy.
4. To the lost world minister Christ,  
Who is your life and your all,  
Imparting Christ to all you meet,  
All fallen ones, great or small.