

A TIMELY WORD CONCERNING THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE LORD'S RECOVERY:

#1: The World Situation as the Indicator of God's Move on Earth, the Vision of World History from Christ's Ascension to the End of This Age, the Spreading of the Truths of the Lord's Recovery as a Preparation for His Coming Back, and Persevering in Prayer, While Discerning "the Signs of the Times" (7/20-26)

OL Summary: **I.** We need to be in our spirit so that we can be men on earth with God's heart, men to whom heaven can be opened to see the vision of God concerning the destiny of the world. **II.** The world situation is the indicator of God's move on earth: **A.** All the major events of human history have been arranged and matched by God for His move on earth; since God has a purpose to accomplish with mankind on earth, He surely has the sovereign authority to manage the situation in human history; as an example, for the spreading of His recovery and for the final stage of His recovery—the building up of the Body as the preparation of the bride—God has sovereignly prepared, preserved, and blessed the United States. **B.** The entire world situation with its "birth pangs" is for the completion of the re-formation of Israel and also for the completion of the full delivery of the universal new man. **C.** The vision of the great human image in Daniel 2 is a vision of "what will happen in the last days"; it is a prophetic illustration of the history of human government, sovereignly arranged by the Lord for the carrying out of His economy: The head of gold, corresponding to the first beast in 7:3-4, signifies Nebuchadnezzar, the founder and the king of Babylon. /The breast and the arms of silver, corresponding to the second beast in 7:5, signify Medo-Persia. /The abdomen and thighs of bronze, corresponding to the third beast in 7:6, signify Greece, including Macedonia. /The legs of iron and the feet partly of iron and partly of clay, corresponding to the fourth beast in 7:7-8, signify the Roman Empire with its last ten kings. /Although the form and appearance of the Roman Empire have vanished, the culture, spirit, and essence of the Roman Empire continue to exist today; at the beginning of the great tribulation the form and appearance of the Roman Empire will be restored under Antichrist. **D.** The ten kings with their kingdoms, typified by the ten toes of the great image in Daniel 2, will be joined together under Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the revived Roman Empire; all of this will transpire in Europe: The mystery of lawlessness is working today among the nations and in human society; this lawlessness will culminate in the man of lawlessness, Antichrist. /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. /Antichrist will demolish and desolate the temple of God and the city of God; he will cast truth down to the ground. /Antichrist will have sharp insight to perceive things and will speak things against the Most High. /Antichrist will wear out the saints of the Most High; we have to resist and oppose the gradual, repeated, frequent, and daily wearing-out tactics of Satan. /Satan and Antichrist want the souls of men to be the instruments for their activities in the last age. **E.** At His appearing as the God-cut Stone, Christ with His overcomers—the corporate Christ—will strike the ten kings with Antichrist, thereby

crushing the great image from the toes to the head. **F.** Before the crushing of Antichrist and the totality of human government transpires, the Lord's recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there; 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 will be the crushing of the entire human government. **G.** 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.

III. The first four seals opened by the Lamb-God give us a vision of world history from Christ's ascension to the end of this age; they show us that immediately after His ascension there has been a four-horse race continuing through the entire age of the church until Christ's return: **A.** The first seal consists of a white horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of the gospel: The bow without an arrow signifies that Christ's fighting for the constitution of the gospel of peace is finished and that the victory is won; a crown signifies that the gospel has been crowned with the glory of Christ. /Went forth conquering signifies that the gospel has been going forth with Christ to conquer all kinds of opposition and attack. /The overcomers who preach the gospel of the glory of Christ become the riders of the white horse. **B.** The second seal consists of a red horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of war: Red signifies the shedding of blood, and a great sword signifies weapons for fighting. **C.** The third seal consists of a black horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of famine: A balance, a scale used to weigh precious things, being used here to weigh food signifies the scarcity of food; a quart of wheat, good pay for a day's labor, and three quarts of barley, also good pay for a day's labor, signify the high price of food in its scarcity. **D.** The fourth seal consists of a pale horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of death: Pale signifies the color of the appearance of those stricken with the plague; Hades following Death signifies that Hades receives and retains those whom death has killed. /Authority is given to Death and Hades over the fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword, famine, and death and by the beasts of the earth.

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: **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: 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. /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 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. **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. **E**. May the Lord burden us to learn the divine truths of the gospel and to spread them everywhere for His recovery.

V. In the present environment of the world, we need to devote ourselves to and persevere in prayer, while discerning "the signs of the times": **A**. We need to realize that we are in the midst of "birth pangs", that "the kingdom of God is near", and thus, pray the last prayer in the Bible—"Come, Lord Jesus!"; the entire Bible concludes with the desire for the Lord's coming expressed as a prayer; Christ's coming will be His presence with His people. **B**. We need to pray with the full realization of God's view of human history by seeing that the gospel is speeded up and even maximized by war, famine, and death and by seeing that we need to gain God to the fullest extent to accomplish the goal of His divine economy: After he rebelled against God, Satan was condemned and even sentenced by God, but in His wisdom and sovereignty, God has not yet fully executed His judgment on Satan; He still has given Satan a certain limited time to do something to meet some negative need in the fulfillment of His economy. /The book of Job shows us that God, through Satan as an "ugly tool," was tearing down Job in two ways: stripping and consuming; God's stripping and consuming were exercised over Job to tear Job down that God might gain Job so that he might gain God more; our outer man is being consumed so that our inner man may be renewed day by day. /The end of the book of Job tells us that Job eventually saw God. /The more we see God, know God, and love God, the more we abhor ourselves and the more we deny ourselves. **C**. According to Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 8:48, we always need to pray toward the Holy Land, typifying Christ as the portion allotted by God to the believers; toward the holy city, signifying the kingdom of God in Christ; and toward the holy temple, signifying God's house, the church, on the earth: Daniel prayed three times a day by opening his windows toward Jerusalem.

Church announcement and fellowship: ① **Business person net blending meeting:** 7/19 (Lord's Day) 8:30-9:30 pm by using ZOOM (id 396 624 0674, pw 3131). Young working saints, please sanctify your time and participate. ② **DVD training:** 7/23 (Thu. /holiday) is an open day. Saints who did not apply for the training can also participate. It will be held at Motoyama and Rokko separately. 2 messages (1st 8:30-10:00, 2nd 10:15-11:45). Please be at seat 5 min before.

Crucial Point(1): Understand and cooperate with the holy movements in the world situation in spirit

Rev. 1:10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet. **Dan. 2:32-33** Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs

of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. **6:3** Then this Daniel distinguished himself among the chief ministers and satraps because in him there was an excellent spirit, and the king considered setting him over the whole kingdom.

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The book of Revelation stresses not only the Spirit of God as the sevenfold intensified Spirit for God's intensified move, but also our human spirit as the organ for us to realize and respond to God's move. Only spirit (our spirit) can respond to Spirit (God's Spirit). This book is composed of four major visions: ① the vision of the churches, ② the vision of the destiny of the world, ③ the vision of Babylon the Great, and ④ the vision of the New Jerusalem. John was in his spirit when he saw these four visions...We too need to be in our spirit to see the visions in this book.

There have been many great and recent changes in the world. It is a historical fact that the world situation has always been the indicator of the Lord's move on earth...The carrying out of His economy has much to do with the world situation.

The world situation, especially the situation in Europe, has been remodeled to fit in with the prophecies in the Bible. If we are clear about this, we will know where we are and what we should do. The culture, spirit, and essence of the Roman Empire continue to exist, but the form and appearance of this empire have vanished. However, the form and appearance of the Roman Empire will be restored under Antichrist.

Application: to new ones, Youth/College students

I think the new ones and young people have learned about world history. However, you might have never heard that divine history exists within the world history of mankind, world history is the outer shell, and the divine history is the kernel. In order to understand the divine move inside the world affairs, you need to exercise your spirit within. The human spirit is the only organ that responds to God's Spirit.

Affected by the coronavirus, all classes for students have become online classes, telework has been promoted increasingly for business person and the living environment around us has changed dramatically. Under this circumstance, the best companies are willing to utilize telework after Corona, since they believe that telework is a rational way of working and beneficial to both employees and the company.

As a believer, in your post-Coronal church life, you should exercise your spirit, understand the move of the Spirit and think about how to move forward with the gospel and building of the church. Then the Spirit will speak to you and enlighten you. If you repent at this time and confess your sins, the Spirit will strengthen your spirit. For example, the Lord may enlighten your individualism. If you deal with your individualism, you can move forward in this way of transformation. Because Christ that you enjoy is the life of the Body and will make you interested in the new ones and care for them automatically. But individualism stops this natural flow. When this happens, you will be gradually unable to enjoy Christ. Your individualism greatly limits and even destroys your usefulness. May you be watchful to the mystery of lawlessness and be saved from individualism and being proud. Never sell your soul to Satan. [Eph.6:13](#) Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I need to exercise my spirit to reconsider the changes in the living environment around me. Let me understand how the Lord is trying to lead my student life, business life, and church life with Corona. Christ that I enjoy is the life of the Body, the life that naturally flows to people in school or workplace. I confess the sins such as individualism and being proud, which hinder this flow. Please make me a vessel that flows out life. Amen!"

Crucial Point(2): [The pale horse of death of Coronavirus is a side role to accelerate the white horse of the gospel](#)

[2 Thes. 2:8](#) And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming).

[Dan. 2:34-35](#) ...A stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them....And the stone...became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

[Rev. 6:1-2](#) And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying like the sound of thunder, Come. 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.

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The first seal is a white horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of the gospel.... A bow with an arrow is for fighting. But here there is a bow without an arrow. This indicates that the arrow has already been shot to destroy the enemy and that Christ's fighting for the constitution of the gospel of peace is finished and the victory is won.

A crown signifies that the gospel has been crowned with the glory of Christ. The gospel that we preach today has a crown, and this crown is the glory of Christ. We should not feel shameful when we preach the gospel. Rather, we should feel glorious. To preach the gospel is a glorious thing. Those who preach the gospel become the riders of the white horse.

[Went forth conquering](#) in [Revelation 6:2](#) signifies that the gospel has been going forth with Christ to conquer all kinds of opposition and attack....We believers... must be on the white horse for the spreading of the gospel.

[Application to the serving ones](#)

The pale horse of death of Coronavirus is racing with the white horse of the gospel. This race accelerates the white horse and helps the gospel to advance strongly from victory to victory. For you to experience the white horse of the gospel, you need to preach the gospel in the positive way. But if you become unbelieving and do not preach the gospel because you are afraid of Coronavirus, you will be trapped by enemy Satan and you can't experience victory. When Coronavirus spread so rapidly, the saints in Wuhan preached the gospel with protective clothing by giving out masks. If you also join the gospel activity of the church to preach the gospel while being careful not to be infected, you can surely experience Christ's victory.

The church in Kobe, taking advantage of Coronavirus, has strengthened the frame of the gospel and been having Lord's day meeting by vital groups for everyone to function and for the needs of the shepherding and gospel to be met. May you advance with Christ and church and be blessed! [2Tim. 4:2](#) Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; ...[2Cor. 2:14](#) But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ...

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I take warning for the mystery of lawlessness and watch that I would not proud and fall into the individualism. And I preach the gospel aggressively. In the race of the pale horse of Coronavirus and the white horse, if we do not preach the gospel, Coronavirus takes the main role. We preach the gospel aggressively to put Coronavirus to the right position as the side role and make the gospel as the main role. Lead me from glory to glory in the church. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3): Read the Recovery Version Bible to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. At the same time be wary of illegal mystery.

Matt. 24:14 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. **Rev. 19:11** I saw heaven opened, and...a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True... **13-14** His name is called the Word of God The armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

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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.**”

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.... This is the gospel preaching age. The history of the world since the ascension of Christ is a history of gospel preaching.... We are not preaching a partial gospel but a whole, complete gospel, a full gospel.... 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.... The rider on the first horse is... the preaching of the gospel of the glory of Christ.... The three other horses are helping this one horse to run the race.... 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. Hallelujah, this glorious preaching of the gospel is riding on throughout the earth. Praise the Lord that we are on the first horse!

Today there is the need of the spreading of the understood divine truths for the Lord's recovery and restoration.... If we have a burden to go to Europe, we must spend day and night

to study the truths that we have published.

Application to young working saints /graduate students

Introduction of the New Testament of the Recovery Version:

Translating the Bible depends not only on an adequate comprehension of the original language but also on a proper understanding of the divine revelation in the holy Word. Throughout the centuries the understanding of the divine revelation possessed by the saints has always been based upon the light they received, and this understanding has progressed steadily. The consummation of this understanding forms the basis of this translation and its footnotes. Hence, this translation and the accompanying footnotes could be called “crystallization” of the understanding of divine revelation which the saints everywhere have attained to in the past two thousand years. It is our hope that Recovery Version will carry on the heritage that it has received and will pave the way for the future generations.

The subject provided at the beginning of each book and the outline of each book take the historical facts as their base and express the spiritual meaning in each book. The footnotes stress the revelation of the truth, the spiritual light, and the supply of the life more than history, geography, and the persons.

The gospel of the kingdom, the full gospel, must be preached by the local churches in the recovery. You and I in the recovery are responsible for pursuing the Bible of the Recovery Version and the Life Studies and spiritual books to preach the full gospel.

Satan, in his limited time, is doing his best to work the illegal mystery among the people (including believers). Learn to be wary of the illegal mystery, be humble and be protected. And you need to actively learn the truth and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

2 Tim. 3:1 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come. **2** For men (here refers to the believers) will be lovers of self (those of individualism), lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, **4** Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.... **15** And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Prayer: “Oh Lord Jesus, we, in the recovery, are responsible for preaching the gospel of the kingdom, the full gospel. On the other hand, Satan's illegal mystery is rampant, swallowing some believers. I fear to live according to the flesh in my daily life at work or graduate school. That's because I will become Satan's food if I live in that way. I pursue the Recovery Version Bible every day in order to be composed of the all-inclusive truth. That is for me to live according to the spirit and preach the gospel of the Kingdom.”