

A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery - Week 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,
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Monday 8/24

Related Verses

Rev. 1:10

10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

Dan. 2:32-33

32 Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs of bronze,

33 Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

Rev. 4:1-2

1 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you the things that must take place after these things.

2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

Acts 5:31-32

31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

Acts 17:26-27

26 And He made from one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, determining beforehand their appointed seasons and the boundaries of their dwelling,

27 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;

Suggested Reading

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 (chs. 1 — 3), (2) the vision of the destiny of the

world (chs. 4 — 16), (3) the vision of Babylon the Great (chs. 17 — 20), and (4) the vision of the New Jerusalem (chs. 21 — 22). John was in his spirit when he saw these four visions (v. 10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10)...We too need to be in our spirit to see the visions in this book. (Rev. 1:10, footnote 1)

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.

Genesis 10 gives a record of how the nations of the earth were divided after the flood (cf. v. 32). These nations were set up by ambitious persons, but they were not that prominent. One day, however, the Lord Himself established a nation, the nation of Israel. After Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, Joshua brought them into the good land. Then God used David to establish the nation of Israel by defeating the enemies, by building up the city of Jerusalem, and by preparing for the building up of the temple to be God's house on earth. Later, after David's son Solomon built the temple, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to destroy the nation of Israel.

Daniel 2 records that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, which Daniel interpreted. In that dream there was a great human image. The golden head of this image signifies Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian Empire. The breast and arms of silver signify the Medo-Persian Empire. The abdomen and thighs of bronze signify the Grecian Empire with Alexander the Great. The legs and feet of iron signify the Roman Empire. The feet of the image were partly of iron and partly of clay, signifying the nations in the period after the fall of Rome and before the second coming of Christ. This image shows the four great empires on earth with their governments. It is actually a prophetic illustration of the history of human government, sovereignly arranged by the Lord for the carrying out of His economy.

Just before the beginning of the New Testament age, Julius Caesar conquered the area of Palestine. Later, his adopted son, Augustus, became the first formal Caesar of

the Roman Empire in 27 B.C. That empire was greatly used by God in the carrying out of His New Testament economy. It was under Augustus that Christ was born, and it was under the Roman Empire that Christ was crucified...Christ's birth and death took place through the means of the Roman Empire. When the Roman Empire was formed, that was an indicator that God was going to do something directly to accomplish His New Testament economy.

The Roman Empire also conquered the entire Mediterranean region, bringing all the nations around the Mediterranean Sea under its governmental control, and Greek became its common language. Furthermore, highways were built throughout the Roman Empire to make travel easier and safer. This was a preparation for the spreading of the gospel after Christ's death and resurrection. (*CWWL, 1991-1992*, vol. 1, "The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move," pp. 268-269)

Further Reading: HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 1

Corporate Reading of "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Chapter 2 – Sections: The Calling Of Abraham; Abraham Being The Beginning Of The Recovery Work Of God (paragraphs 1-2)

Tuesday 8/25

Related Verses

Dan. 7:7-8

7 After this I watched in the night visions, and there was a fourth beast, dreadful and frightful and exceedingly strong; and it had large iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns; then there was another horn, a small one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted from before it. And there were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn and a mouth speaking great things.

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Rev. 17:12-14, 17

12 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.

13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

14 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.

17 For God has put it into their hearts to perform His mind and to perform one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished.

2 Thes. 2:1-3

1 Now we ask you, brothers, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

2 That you be not quickly shaken in mind nor alarmed, neither by a spirit nor by word nor by a letter as if by us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,

Suggested Reading

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. (*Life-study of Daniel*, p. 23)

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).

Western culture is composed of Hebrew religion, Greek philosophy, and Roman politics. Roman politics is carrying on Western culture, and the Bible prophecies that the Roman Empire will be revived....All of this will transpire in Europe. (*CWWL, 1991-1992*, vol. 1, "The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move," pp. 277)

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. He may both know political science and be familiar with all the up-to-date scientific knowledge. Keep this in mind as you observe the world situation and read the newspapers. Not too long from now, such a man will rise up.

This little horn will also have a mouth speaking great words against the Most High (Dan. 7:8, 20, 25). He will be arrogant in utterance and speak blasphemous words against God. Antichrist will be an eloquent speaker. Even today, any candidate for political office must be both intelligent and articulate. The greater words a candidate speaks, the more likely he is to be elected. When you see a brilliant and eloquent person speaking arrogant words and blaspheming God, you must take notice—he may be Antichrist.

His appearance will be so strong, so stout, so imposing, and so attractive that he will be able to subdue many simply by the power of his presence [v. 20].

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

Verse 25 indicates that the little horn "shall 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. 471-472)

Further Reading: *HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Chapter 2 – Sections: Abraham Being The Beginning Of The Recovery Work Of God (paragraphs 3-5)

Wednesday 8/26

Related Verses

2 Thes. 2:8

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

34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Acts 2:23-24

23 This man, delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to a cross and killed;

24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

Matt. 21:42-44

42 Jesus said to them, Have you never read in the Scriptures, "The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner. This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?

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Thursday 8/27

43 Therefore I say to you that the kingdom of God shall be taken from you and shall be given to a nation producing its fruit.

44 And he who falls on this stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it shall crush him to powder and scatter him like chaff.

Suggested Reading

Antichrist will...be the main of sin (2 Thes. 2:3-10)...Paul's word concerning this in 2 Thessalonians 2 must refer to the book of Daniel.

Antichrist will be a lawless person. The entire world today is heading in the direction of lawlessness. Lawlessness is everywhere. Because Antichrist will be the representative of lawlessness and even its totality, the Bible calls him "the lawless one" (2 Thes. 2:8).

Because he will be so sinful and lawless, he will become "the son of perdition" (v. 3), who will perish in an extraordinary way. He will be defeated by the Lamb, seized, and thrown alive into the lake of fire. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 495)

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 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)...The periods of history signified by the head, the breast and the arms, the abdomen and the thighs, and the legs have been fulfilled. But the ten toes have not been fulfilled....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. (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1, "The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move," pp. 276-277)

As the stone,...Christ was not cut out with human hands (as indicated by "without hands" in 2:34, 45); He was cut by God through His crucifixion and resurrection. Through His crucifixion He was cut by being put to death (Acts 2:23), and in His resurrection He was cut out to be, first, the cornerstone for the building up of the church and

the crushing stone to destroy the totality of human government (Acts 2:24; Matt. 21:42, 44b).

At His appearing as the stone cut out not by human hands, Christ will crush the great image from the toes to the head. This means that He will strike the ten kings with Antichrist. Revelation 19 speaks of the war between Christ and Antichrist. With Christ there will be His newly-married bride, composed of the overcomers, and with Antichrist there will be the ten kings with their armies. This war will be a fighting of the earth against the heavens, of man against God. Christ will defeat and destroy Antichrist and the ten kings.

According to Daniel 2, this will entail the crushing of the entire human image from the toes to the head. Verses 34 and 35a say, "A stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found." This signifies the complete destruction of all human government from Nimrod to Antichrist. Human government will therefore be terminated by Christ at His appearing as the God-cut stone.

The great human image will be replaced with a great mountain, signifying the eternal kingdom of God, which will fill the whole earth (2:35b, 44a). This means that after Christ comes to crush the aggregate of human government, He will usher in the eternal kingdom of God on earth. (Life-study of Daniel, p. 16-18)

Further Reading: *HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Chapter 2 – Sections: God's Purpose In Calling Abraham; "Unto a Land That I Will Show Thee"

Related Verses

Rev. 6:1-8

1 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.

2 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.

3 And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come.

4 And I saw, and behold, another horse, a red one, went forth; and to him who sits on it, to him authority was given to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another; and to him a great sword was given.

5 And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he who sits on it had a balance in his hand.

6 And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: A choenix of wheat for a denarius and three choenixes of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.

7 And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come.

8 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse, and he who sits upon it, his name is Death; and Hades followed with him. And authority was given to them over the fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with death and by the beasts of the earth.

Matt. 24:3, 6-8

3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, When will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and of the consummation of the age?

6 And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for it must happen; but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these things are the beginning of birth pangs.

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The first four seals are four horses with their riders, running in a four-horse race (Rev. 6:1-8). All four riders are not real persons but personified things.

The first seal is a white horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of the gospel (vv. 1-2)...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 (2 Cor. 4:4). 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. (*CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, "The Prophecy of the Four 'Sevens' in the Bible," pp. 22-23)

The second seal consists of a red horse and its rider, signifying the spreading of war...*Red* in Revelation 6:4 signifies the shedding of blood. The red horse is a symbol of the raging of war, which is altogether a matter of shedding blood.

The third seal, consisting of a black horse and its rider, signifies the spreading of famine. Revelation 6:5-6 says, "When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he who sits on it had a balance in his hand. And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: A choenix of wheat for a denarius and three choenixes of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." *Black* here indicating the dearth (Jer. 14:1-4), signifies the color of the visage of famished

people (Lam. 4:8-9; 5:9-10). The black horse is a symbol of the spreading of famine, which causes a black visage.

The fourth seal, consisting of a pale horse and its rider, signifies the spreading of death. Revelation 6:7-8 says, "When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a pale horse, and he who sits upon it, his name is Death; and Hades followed with him. And authority was given to them over the fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with death and by the beasts of the earth."

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.

The running of the four-horse race began from Christ's ascension (Mark 16:19-20) and continues through the entire age of the church to Christ's coming back. Beginning with the first century, the gospel has been spreading throughout these twenty centuries. War among the human race has also been proceeding simultaneously. War has always caused famine, and famine has issued in death. All of these will continue until the end of this age. (*CWWL, 1990*, vol. 3, "The Prophecy of the Four 'Sevens' in the Bible," pp. 23-26)

Further Reading: *HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Chapter 2 – Sections: "I Will Make of Thee a Great Nation"

Friday 8/28

Related Verses

Matt. 24:14

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.

Rev. 19:11, 13-14

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Luke 4:18

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

Acts 26:18

18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Rom. 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.

1 Cor. 9:16, 22-23

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have no boast, for necessity is laid upon me; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.

22 To the weak I became weak that I might gain the weak. To all men I have become all things that I might by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

Suggested Reading

The gospel of the kingdom, which includes the gospel of grace (Acts 20:24), brings people not only into God's salvation but also into the kingdom of the heavens (Rev. 1:9)...[and] emphasizes the heavenly ruling of God and the authority of the Lord. This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age. Hence, that preaching, signified by the white horse of the first seal in Rev. 6:1-2,

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will be a sign of the consummation of this age. (Matt. 24:14, footnote 1)

Before this crushing [in Daniel 2:34] 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." (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1, "The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move," pp. 277)

God's wisdom is to make this age, the age from the ascension of Christ to His coming back, an age 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! (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. ...If we have a burden to go to Europe, we must

spend day and night to study the truths that 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 charged 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.

Through our speaking, some will be solidly saved....May the Lord burden us to learn the divine truths and to spread them everywhere for His recovery and restoration. (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1, "The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move," pp. 288-289)

Further Reading: *HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Chapter 2 – Sections: "In Thee Shall All Families of the Earth Be Blessed"

Saturday 8/29

Related Verses

Rev. 22:20

20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

1 Kings 8:44-45, 48-49

44 If Your people go out to battle against their enemy by the way which You have sent them, and they pray to Jehovah toward the city which You have chosen and the house which I have built for Your name;

45 Then hear their prayer and their supplication in the heavens and maintain their cause.

48 And if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who have carried them captive, and they pray to You toward their land that You have given to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name;

49 Then hear their prayer and their supplication in the heavens Your dwelling place and maintain their cause,

Dan. 6:10

10 Now when Daniel came to know that the writing had been signed, he went to his house (in his upper room he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and three times daily he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, because he had always done so previously.

Col.1:2-3, 9

2 To the saints in Colossae and faithful brothers in Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always concerning you,

9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Jonah 2:7

7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah, And my prayer came to You In Your holy temple.

1Tim. 3:15

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

Suggested Reading

Revelation 22:20b is the apostle John's prayer and his response to the Lord's warning. It is also the last prayer in the Bible. After hearing this book, we should all pray such a prayer and have such a response — "Come, Lord Jesus!" The entire Bible concludes with the desire for the Lord's coming expressed as a prayer. (Rev. 22:20, footnote 2)

Though Satan, the rebellious angels, and the demons were all judged by God, they are still moving and working today, because the judgment upon them has not yet been executed.

Today, Satan can still go to God to accuse God's people (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Rev. 12:10). He still "walks about" on the earth "seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet. 5:8), and still works to blind the thoughts of people (2 Cor. 4:4), to deceive them by transfiguring himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). We must not be ignorant of his

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thoughts (2 Cor. 2:11), neither give place to the Devil (Eph. 4:27). We must withstand him firm in the faith (1 Pet. 5:8-9). We need to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against him (Eph. 6:11-17).

After Satan's rebellion, God pronounced His judgment upon him immediately. But it takes a long time to execute God's judgment. The Lord Jesus was manifested in the flesh that He might destroy the works of the Devil (1 John 3:8). This was the execution of God's judgment. The Lord gave His disciples authority over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19).

Now we, as His Body, must continue this execution, to destroy the tail of the serpent. Through the church's executing work, the Devil will be cast to the earth, and his angels will be cast out with him (Rev. 12:9). He will later be bound and cast into the abyss (Rev. 20:2-3). Eventually, he will be "cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:10). Then, the execution of God's judgment upon Satan and his followers will be completed. (*Truth Lessons—Level One*, vol. 1, pp. 45-46)

The book of Job shows us that God, through Satan as an ugly tool, was tearing Job down by two ways: stripping and consuming. God's stripping and consuming were exercised over Job to tear Job down that God might have a base and a way to rebuild him with God Himself that he might become a God-man. (*Life-study of Job*, p. 35)

1 Kings 8:31-48 mention seven conditions concerning God's listening to the prayers of His elect. In...the last, condition three things are stressed (v. 48): the Holy Land, typifying Christ as the portion allotted by God to the believers...; the holy city, signifying the kingdom of God in Christ (Psa. 48:1-2); and the holy temple, signifying God's house, the church, on the earth (Eph. 2:21; 1 Tim. 3:15)...During the Babylonian captivity Daniel prayed toward the Holy Land, the holy city, and the holy temple three times a day by opening his window toward Jerusalem (Dan. 6:10). This indicates that God will listen to our prayer when our prayer to God is toward Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God as the goal in God's eternal economy. This means that no matter for whom we are praying, our prayers should be aimed at the interests of God, i.e., at Christ and the church as God's interests on

earth, for the fulfilling of God's economy. (1 Kings 8:48, footnote 1)

Further Reading: *HWMR A Timely Word...-- Week 1, Day 6*

Hymns, #1314

1
 Lord, Thou wilt soon appear,
 Thy day is almost here.
 Oh, how we love Thy coming soon!
 We have no other
 Lord, life, or lover
 Than Thou, Lord Jesus, our Bridegroom!

2
 The hour is drawing nigh,
 Soon we shall hear Thy cry
 And with Thee on the clouds descend.
 Oh what an hour sweet
 When Bride and Bridegroom meet
 And love surpassing comprehend.

3
 The moments fly apace,
 Soon we shall see Thy face!
 Amen, Lord Jesus! Quickly come!
 We long Thyself to see
 And with Thee ever be,
 Thou who our inmost heart hath won.

4
 'Tis but a moment now;
 Thou, our Lord Bridegroom, Thou
 Soon wilt return to claim Thy Bride.
 O Hallelujah!
 'Tis this we long for,
 And Thou too wilt be satisfied.

Lord's Day 8/30

Related Verses

Dan. 7:13-14, 18, 22, 25, 27-28

13 I watched in the night visions, And there with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming; And He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, indeed, forever and ever.

22 Until the Ancient of Days came; and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

25 And he will speak things against the Most High and wear out the saints of the Most High; and his intention will be to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

27 And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.

28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts alarmed me greatly, and my countenance was changed, but I kept the matter in my heart.

Acts 1:3

3 To whom also He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many irrefutable proofs, appearing to them through a period of forty days and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Morning Watch

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Rev. 12:10

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

Further Reading

Life-Study of Daniel, msgs. 3-4

Life-Study of Revelation, msgs. 40-43, 19

Life-Study of Job, msgs. 30-31