

BEING ONE WITH THE LORD IN HIS MOVE FOR THE UNIVERSAL SPREADING OF THE CHURCH AS THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Message Six

The Way Christ Fulfills His Economy, the World Situation as the Indicator of His Move, and the Spreading of 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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Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. *Thus* declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,

Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 17:26-27 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;

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.

- I. **Day 1** The book of Zechariah reveals that the all-inclusive Christ, who is the centrality and universality of God's move to fulfill His economy on earth, is intimately involved with human history and with the great human empires, especially with the empires of Persia (chs. 1-6) and Greece and Rome (chs. 9-14):

Zech. 24:1-6

Zech. 24:9-14

- 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—4:2-3; 6:12-13:

Zech. 4:2-3 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see that there is a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on top of it and its seven lamps upon it, with seven pipes for each of the lamps on top of it; **3** And *there are* two olive trees beside it, one to the right of the bowl and one to the left.

Zech. 6:12-13 And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks Jehovah of hosts, saying, Here is a man, whose name is the Shoot; and he will shoot forth from his place and will build the temple of Jehovah. **13** Indeed, it is he who will build the temple of Jehovah; and he will bear majesty and will sit and rule on his throne; and he will be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace will be between the two of them.

1. Zechariah prophesies concerning Christ in His first coming as the lowly King entering Jerusalem triumphantly (9:9), the One betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (11:12-13), the smitten Shepherd (13:7; 11:7-11), and the pierced One on the cross (12:10; 13:6).

Zech. 9:9 Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; / Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Now your King comes to you. / He is righteous and bears salvation, / Lowly and riding upon a donkey, / Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey,

Zech. 11:12-13 And I said to them, If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, do not bother. So they weighed out my wages, thirty *pieces* of silver. **13** And Jehovah said to me, Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price that I am priced with by them. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them to the potter, into the house of Jehovah.

Zech. 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, / And against the man *who is* My Fellow, / Declares Jehovah of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, / That the sheep may be scattered; / And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.

Zech. 11:7-11 So I shepherded the flock of slaughter, and thereby the afflicted of the flock. And I took to myself two staffs; one I called Favor, and the other I called Bonds; and I shepherded the flock. **8** Then I destroyed the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also detested me. **9** Then I said, I will not shepherd you. What is to die will die, and what is to be destroyed will be destroyed, and those who are left will each eat one another's flesh. **10** And I took my staff, Favor, and I broke it in pieces so as to break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. **11** And it was broken in that day; and thus the afflicted of the flock, who watched me, knew that it was the word of Jehovah.

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced; and they will wail over Him with wailing as for an only son and cry bitterly over Him with bitter crying as for a firstborn son.

Zech. 13:6 And *someone* will say to Him, What are these wounds between Your arms? And He will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of those who love Me.

2. Zechariah prophesies concerning Christ in His second coming as the Messiah seen by those who pierced Him (12:10), the One who will return to the Mount of Olives and fight with the nations that besiege Jerusalem (14:3-5), and the King over all the earth in the millennium (v. 9).

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Zech. 14:3-5 Then Jehovah will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights in a day of battle. **4** And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split at its middle toward the east and toward the west into a very great valley, so that half of the mountain will remove to the north and half of it to the south. **5** And you will flee into the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach unto Azel; yes, you will flee, just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Jehovah my God will come, *and* all the saints with Him.

Zech. 14:9 And Jehovah will be King over all the earth; and in that day Jehovah will be the one *God* and His name the one *name*.

- B. **Day 2** The way to fulfill God's economy in the divine history is by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit in our spirit, and 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.

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Zech. 4:12-14 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves? **13** And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, sir. **14** And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

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Rev. 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders 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.

- C. 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—Zech. 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:

Zech. 5:5-11 Then the angel who spoke with me went forth and said to me, Lift up now your eyes and see what this is that goes forth. **6** And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah vessel that goes forth; and he said, This is their appearance in all the land; **7** (Then a lead cover was lifted up) and this is a woman sitting within the ephah vessel. **8** Then he said, This is Wickedness. And he threw her down into the midst of the ephah vessel and threw the lead weight over its opening. **9** Then I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there were two women going forth, and the wind was in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork. And they lifted up the ephah vessel between the earth and the heavens. **10** And I said to the angel who spoke with me, Where are they taking the ephah vessel? **11** And he said to me, To build a house for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there in her own place.

1 Tim. 3:3 Not an excessive drinker; not a striker, but gentle; not contentious; not fond of money;

1 Tim. 3:8 Deacons *must* similarly *be* grave, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for base gain;

1 Tim. 6:5-10 Perpetual wranglings of men corrupted in mind and deprived of the truth, supposing godliness to be a *means of gain*. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain; **7** For we have brought nothing into the world, because neither can we carry anything out. **8** But having food and covering, with these we will be content. **9** But those who intend to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge men into destruction and ruin. **10** For the love of money is a root of all evils, *because of which* some, aspiring after *money*, have been led away from the faith and pierced themselves through with many pains.

Acts 11:29-30 And the disciples, according to how one was prospered, determined, each one of them, to send *things* for dispensing to the brothers dwelling in Judea, **30** Which also they did, sending *it* to the elders through the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 20:33-34 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. **34** You yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my needs and to those who are with me.

2 Tim. 3:2-4 For men will be lovers of self, 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,

Heb. 13:5 Let your way of life be without the love of money, being satisfied with the things which are at hand; for He Himself has said, "I shall by no means give you up, neither by any means shall I abandon you";

2 Cor. 2:17 For we are not like the many, adulterating the word of God for profit; but as out of sincerity, but as out of God, before God we speak in Christ.

2 Cor. 12:15 But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

2 Kings 5:15-27 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him and said, Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except with Israel. And now, please accept a present from your servant. **16** But he said, As Jehovah lives, before whom I stand, I will receive *nothing*. And Naaman urged him to take *it*, but he refused. **17** And Naaman said, Then if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth, for your servant will no more offer burnt offerings and sacrifices to other gods, but to Jehovah only. **18** In this matter may Jehovah pardon your servant: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and leans on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah pardon your servant in this matter. **19** And he said to him, Go in peace. And when he had gone from him a little way, **20** Gehazi, the attendant of Elisha the man of God said, Now my master has spared Naaman this Syrian by not receiving from his hand that which he brought. As Jehovah lives, I will run after him and take something from him. **21** So Gehazi pursued Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him and said, Is all well? **22** And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Now at this moment two young men from among the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim; please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothes. **23** And Naaman said, Please take two talents. And

he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and gave *them* to two of his attendants; and they carried *them* before him. **24** And when he came to the hill, he took *them* from their hand and deposited *them* in the house. And he sent the men away, and they departed. **25** And he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant has not gone anywhere. **26** And he said to him, Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive silver and to receive clothing and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male servants and female servants? **27** Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white as snow*.

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—Rev. 18:12-13; cf. 2 Pet. 2:3, 15.

Rev. 18:12-13 Cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind* of thiyne wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of most precious wood and brass and iron and marble, **13** And cinnamon and amomum and incense and ointment and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargo* of horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.

2 Pet. 2:3 And in covetousness, with fabricated words, they will make merchandise of you, for whom the judgment of old is not idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

2 Pet. 2:15 Forsaking the straight way, they have gone astray, following the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness

2. This depicts not only the coming Babylon but also today's world; people sell their soul, their life, themselves, to their occupation, neglecting God and their eternal destiny—cf. Luke 12:13-21.

Luke 12:13-21 And someone out of the crowd said to Him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. **14** But He said to him, Man, who appointed Me a judge or a divider over you? **15** And He said to them, Watch and guard yourself from all covetousness, for no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions. **16** And He told them a parable, saying, The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly. **17** And he reasoned in himself, saying, What shall I do, for I have no *place* where I may gather my crops? **18** And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather there all my wheat and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry. **20** But God said to him, Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you; and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be? **21** So is he who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

3. 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.

Zech. 5:10-11 And I said to the angel who spoke with me, Where are they taking the ephah vessel? **11** And he said to me, To build a house for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there in her own place.

Gen. 11:2 And as they journeyed east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Gen. 11:9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Jehovah confounded the language of all the earth, and from there Jehovah scattered them over the surface of all the earth.

- D. **Day 3** 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:

Dan. 2:31-33 You, O king, were watching, and there was a single great image. This image, large and its brightness surpassing, stood opposite you; and its appearance was frightful. **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.

Joel 1:4 What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; / And what the swarming locust has left, the licking locust has eaten; / And what the licking locust has left, the consuming locust has eaten.

Dan. 7:3-8 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. **4** The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were plucked and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man; and a man's heart was given to it. **5** And there was another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and they said thus to it, Arise, devour much flesh. **6** After this I watched and there was

another *beast*, like a leopard; and it had four wings of a bird on its back; and the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. **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.

Zech. 1:18-21 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. **19** And I said to the angel who spoke with me, What are these? And he said to me, These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. **20** Then Jehovah showed me four craftsmen. **21** And I said, What do these come to do? And he spoke, saying, These are the horns that have so scattered Judah that no man lifts up his head, but these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who have lifted up the horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

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.

Dan. 5:1-31 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords; and he drank wine before the thousand. **2** Belshazzar, under the influence of the wine, commanded men to bring the gold and silver vessels that Nebuchadnezzar his forefather had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. **3** Then they brought the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple of the house of God, which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. **4** They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and of silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone. **5** At that moment the fingers of a man's hand came forth and wrote opposite the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace. And the king saw *that* part of the hand that wrote. **6** Then the king's countenance changed and his thoughts alarmed him; and the joints of his hips loosened and his knees began to knock together. **7** The king cried loudly to bring the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and the diviners. The king responded and said to the wise men of Babylon, Any man who reads this writing and declares its interpretation to me shall be clothed in purple and *shall have* a chain of gold around his neck and shall rule as the third *ruler* in the kingdom. **8** Then all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing nor make its interpretation known to the king. **9** Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed; his countenance was *further* changed, and his lords were perplexed. **10** The queen mother, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet house. The queen mother responded and said, O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you, nor let your countenance change. **11** There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your forefather light and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar your forefather — your forefather, O king — made him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans, *and* diviners, **12** Because an excellent spirit and knowledge and insight, *and* the interpretation of dreams, the declaring of riddles, and the resolving of problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be called, and he will declare the interpretation. **13** Then Daniel was brought before the king. The king responded and said to Daniel, Are you Daniel, one of the captives of Judah, whom my forefather the king brought from Judah? **14** Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you and *that* light and insight and surpassing wisdom are found in you. **15** And now the wise men, the conjurers, have been brought in before me that they might read this writing and make its interpretation known to me, but they cannot declare the interpretation of the thing. **16** But I have heard about you that you can give interpretations and resolve problems. If you can now read the writing and make its interpretation known to me, you shall be clothed in purple and *shall have* a chain of gold around your neck and shall rule as the third *ruler* in the kingdom. **17** Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts remain with you, or give your rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing for the king and make the interpretation known to him. **18** Regarding you, O king, God the Most High gave to Nebuchadnezzar your forefather kingship, greatness, glory, and majesty; **19** And because of the greatness which He gave to him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him; whomever he wished he slew, and whomever he wished he kept alive, and whomever he wished he raised up, and whomever he wished he brought down. **20** But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so arrogant that he conducted himself in pride, he was deposed from his royal throne, and *his* glory was taken away from him. **21** And he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like that of the beasts, and his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys; *men* fed him with grass as *they do* bulls, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he came to know that God the Most High is the Ruler over the kingdom of men and sets over it whomever He wills. **22** And you his descendant, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this; **23** But you have exalted yourself against the Lord of the heavens; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and of gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see nor hear nor know. But the God in whose hand is your breath and to whom all your ways *belong*, you have not honored. **24** Then *that* part of the hand was sent from before Him, and this writing was inscribed. **25** And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. **26** This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE — God has numbered your kingdom and brought it to an end; **27** TEKEL — You have been weighed in the scales and found to be lacking. **28** PERES — Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians. **29** Then Belshazzar commanded; and they clothed Daniel in purple and *put* a chain of gold around his neck, and they made the proclamation concerning him that he should rule as the third *ruler* in the kingdom. **30** In that very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain. **31** And Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

Dan. 8:3-7 Then I lifted my eyes, and I looked, and there was a ram, standing before the river, and he had two horns. And the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other; and the higher one came up last. **4** I saw the ram pushing westward, northward,

and southward; and no beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could deliver from his power; but he did as he pleased, and he became great. **5** And while I considered *this*, there was a male goat, coming from the west over the face of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. **6** And he came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran toward him in his mighty wrath. **7** And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and broke his two horns; and the ram had no strength to withstand him, but *the goat* threw him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was none to deliver the ram from his power.

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.

Dan. 2:31-35 You, O king, were watching, and there was a single great image. This image, large and its brightness surpassing, stood opposite you; and its appearance was frightful. **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. **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.

Dan. 2:44-45 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever. **45** Inasmuch as you saw that out of the mountain a stone was cut without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen afterward; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.

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.

Joel 3:11 Hurry and come, / All you surrounding nations, / And be gathered. / There cause Your mighty ones to descend, O Jehovah!

Zech. 14:5 And you will flee into the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach unto Azel; yes, you will flee, just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Jehovah my God will come, *and* all the saints with Him.

Rev. 12:1-2 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; **2** And she was with child, and she cried out, travailing in birth and being in pain to bring forth.

Rev. 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev. 19:11-21 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. **12** And His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, *and* He has a name written which no one knows but Himself. **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. **15** And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. **17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, Come here; gather yourselves to the great dinner of God, **18** That you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of generals and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free and slave and small and great. **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse and with His army. **20** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, who in his presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeds out of the mouth of Him who sits on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

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.

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and *of those* who had not worshipped the beast

nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

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.

II. Day 4 The world situation is the indicator of the Lord's move on earth—Acts 5:31; 17:26-27a:

Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 17:26-27 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;

- 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:

2 Thes. 2:3-10 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, **4** Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth, *saying* that he is God. **5** Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I said these things to you? **6** And now you know that which restrains, so that he might be revealed in his own time. **7** For *it is* the mystery of lawlessness *that* is now operating, *but* only until the one now restraining goes out of the way. **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), **9** The coming of whom is according to Satan's operation in all power and signs and wonders of a lie **10** And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved.

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.

Dan. 8:24 And his power will be mighty, but not by his *own* power. / And he will destroy in an extraordinary manner / And will prosper and take action. / He will destroy mighty men / And the holy people.

Rev. 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

Rev. 13:7 And *permission* was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

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.

Dan. 9:27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week; and in the middle of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease and will replace the sacrifice and the oblation with abominations of the desolator, even until the complete destruction that has been determined is poured out upon the desolator.

Dan. 8:12 And an army was given to *him* together with the daily sacrifice because of transgression; and he cast truth down to the ground, and he took action and prospered.

3. Antichrist will have sharp insight to perceive things and will speak things against the Most High—7:8, 20, 25.

Dan. 7:8 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.

Dan. 7:20 And of the ten horns that were on its head, and the other *horn* that came up, and before which three *horns* fell, even that

horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking great things and whose appearance was greater than that of its companions.

Dan. 7:25 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.

4. Antichrist will wear out the saints of the Most High—v. 25.

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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.

Rev. 18:11-13 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargo anymore: **12** Cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind* of thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of most precious wood and brass and iron and marble, **13** And cinnamon and amomum and incense and ointment and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargo* of horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.

2 Tim. 3:5 Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. *Thus* declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,

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:

Dan. 2:1-49 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. **2** And the king ordered the call for the magicians, conjurers, sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to declare to the king his dreams; and they came in and stood before the king. **3** And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream. **4** Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation. **5** The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The command from me is published: If you do not make the dream and its interpretation known to me, you shall be cut into pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill. **6** But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive gifts and a reward and much honor from me. Therefore declare the dream and its interpretation to me. **7** They answered a second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will declare the interpretation. **8** The king answered and said, I know for certain that you are trying to buy time because you have seen that the command from me is published. **9** But if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one decree for you; for you have agreed together to speak false and corrupt words before me until the time is changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can declare its interpretation to me. **10** The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, There is not a man upon the earth who can declare the matter for the king, because no great king or ruler has ever asked any magician, conjurer, or Chaldean for something like this. **11** And the thing that the king asks is rare, and there is no one else who can declare it before the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. **12** Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and he gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. **13** And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions so that they might be slain. **14** Then Daniel responded in counsel and with discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon. **15** He answered and said to Arioch, the king's commander, Why is the decree from before the king so harsh? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. **16** Daniel then went in and sought from the king that he would give him a time to declare the interpretation to the king. **17** Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, **18** That they might request compassions from before the God of the heavens concerning this mystery so that Daniel and his companions would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. **19** Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of the heavens. **20** Daniel answered and said, Let the name of God / Be blessed from eternity to eternity, / For wisdom and might are His. **21** And it is He who changes the times and seasons; / He deposes kings and causes kings to ascend. / He gives wisdom to the wise / And knowledge to those who have understanding. **22** He reveals the deep things and the hidden things; / He knows what is *obscured* in the darkness, / And the light dwells with Him. **23** To You, O God of my fathers, I render thanks and praise, / For You have given me wisdom and might; / And You have now made known to me what we requested of You, / For You have made known the king's matter to us. **24** Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him, Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me before the king, and I will declare the interpretation to the king. **25** Then Arioch brought Daniel hurriedly before the king and spoke in this way to him, I have found a man among the captives of Judah who will make the interpretation known to the king. **26** The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation? **27** Daniel answered before the king and said, As to the mystery which the king has inquired about, no wise men, *no* conjurers, magicians, *or* diviners, are able to declare *it* to the king. **28** But there is a God in the heavens who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the last days. This is your

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Rev. 17:10-14 And are seven kings: five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain *only* a short time. **11** And the beast who was and is not, he himself is also the eighth and is out of the seven and goes into perdition. **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*.

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.

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III. **Day 5** 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:

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.

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 19:28 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the restoration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Isa. 11:9 They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, / For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea.

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:

Rev. 6:1-8 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.

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.

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.

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 earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age, the time of the great tribulation.

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- 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.

1 Tim. 1:3-4 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things **4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God’s economy, which is in faith.

Rom. 1:1 Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, a called apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Rom. 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rev. 1:10-11 I was in spirit on the Lord’s Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, **11** Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

Rev. 21:2-3 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

Rev. 21:9-11 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. **10** And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **11** Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev. 22:1-2 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street. **2** And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

- C. **Day 6** 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.

Eph. 3:8-11 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel **9** And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, **10** In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, **11** According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

- 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.

Rev. 19:11 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.

Rev. 19:13-14 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.

Rom. 10:15 And how shall they proclaim *Him* unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the news of good things!"

- 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.

Isa. 11:9 They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, / For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea.