Chapter 6

The Second Advent



No one knew of the day (Matt. 24:36)

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

RSV (Matt. 24:36)

■ <u>Jesus</u> clearly foretold of his return. Yet he added that <u>no one</u> knew of the day and hour of his return (Matt. 24:36) (p. 377).



No one knew of the day (Matt. 24:36)

Reveal his secrets to his prophets (Amos 3:7)

Nevertheless, we can deduce from the Scriptural verse "Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7) that God will surely <u>reveal</u> all secrets about the Second Advent to His prophets before He carries out His work.



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Reveal his secrets to his prophets (Amos 3:7)

Give prophecies to believers in the light

 Accordingly, God will certainly give prophecies to those faithful believers who are in the light.

Section 1

When Will Christ Return?



We call the time of Christ's Second Advent the Last Days. As it was already explained in Eschatology 4, we are living in the Last Days today. We can thus understand that today is truly the time of Christ's return (p. 382).



2 Christ is to return at the end of the <u>two-thousand-year</u>-long Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration, which has been restoring the <u>two-thousand-year-long</u> Age of the Providence of Restoration through substantial parallel conditions of indemnity.

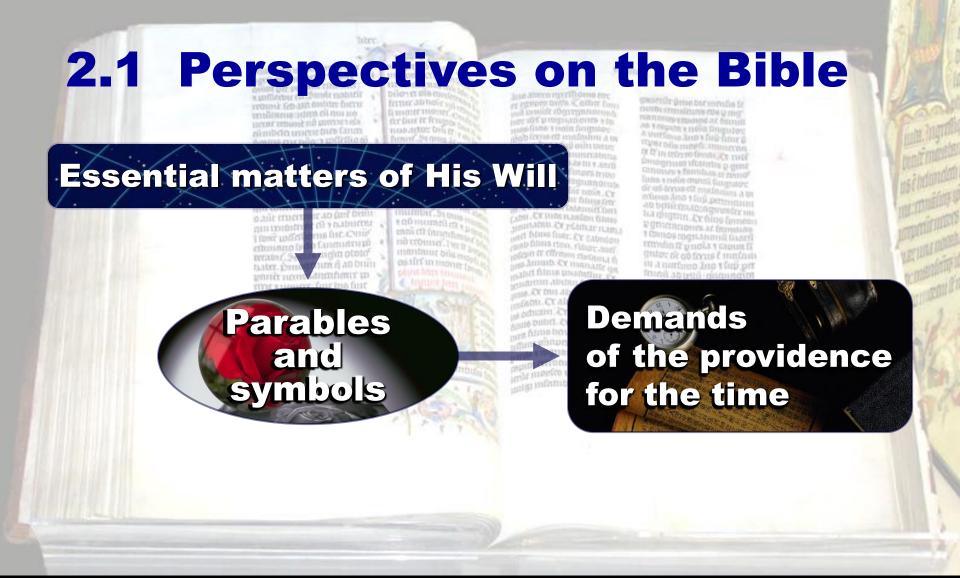


3 End of the First World War (1918) (Period of Second Advent began)

We can thus conclude that the period of the Second Advent began soon after the end of the First World War (p. 383).

Section 2

In What Manner Will Christ Return?



God reveals well in advance all the essential matters of <u>His Will</u> in <u>parables and symbols</u>, in order that people living in any age can understand the <u>demands of the providence</u> for their time and for the future according to the level of their intellect and spirituality.

2.1 Perspectives on the Bible

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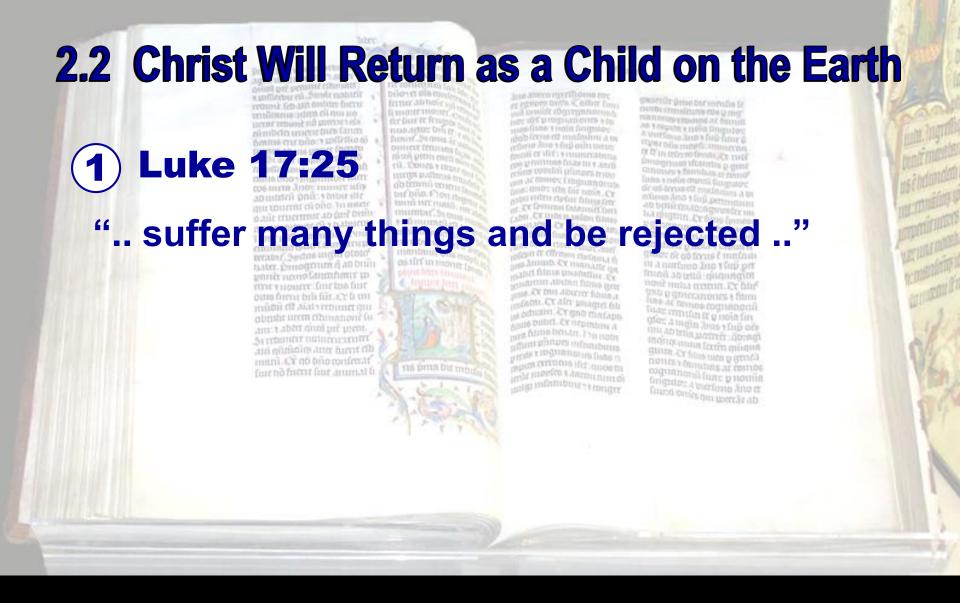
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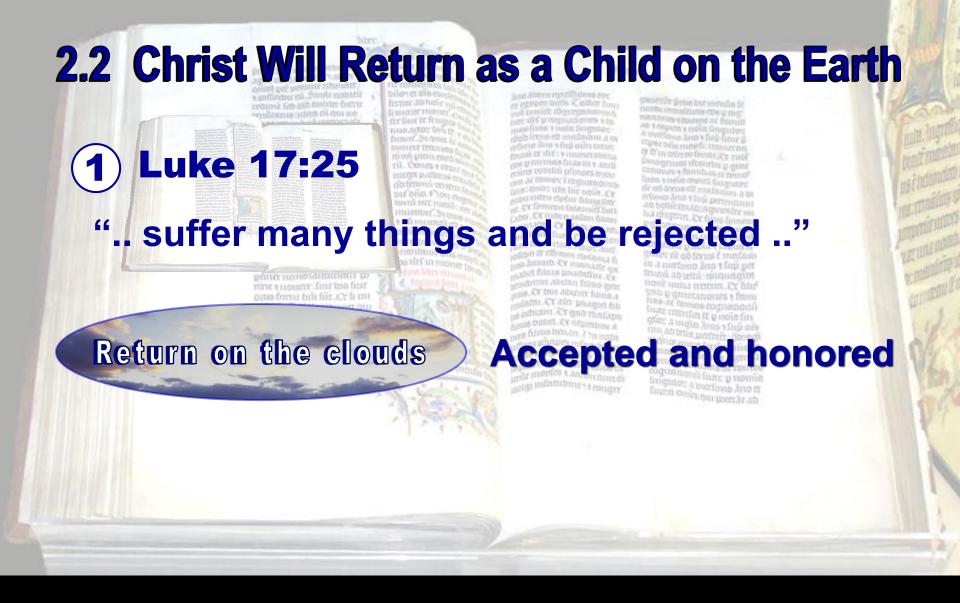
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Perspective for Interpreting the Bible is important

In interpreting the Bible, therefore, the most important matter is to find the right <u>perspective</u>.



In <u>Luke</u> 17:25, Jesus made a prediction about the Lord at his return: "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation." (p. 385)



If Jesus were to return literally on the <u>clouds of heaven</u>, would he not readily be <u>accepted and honored</u>, even by this sin-ridden world?

2.2 Christ Will Return as a Child on the Earth

1 Luke 17:25

".. suffer many things and be rejected .."

Return on the clouds

Accepted and honored

Born in the flesh

Suffer as a heretic

Jesus foresaw that at the Second Advent, the Christians would be likely to persecute the Christ and condemn him as a heretic when he is born in the flesh. That is why he foretold that the Lord would <u>suffer</u> and be rejected by his generation (p. 385-6).

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In <u>Luke 18:8</u>, Jesus said: "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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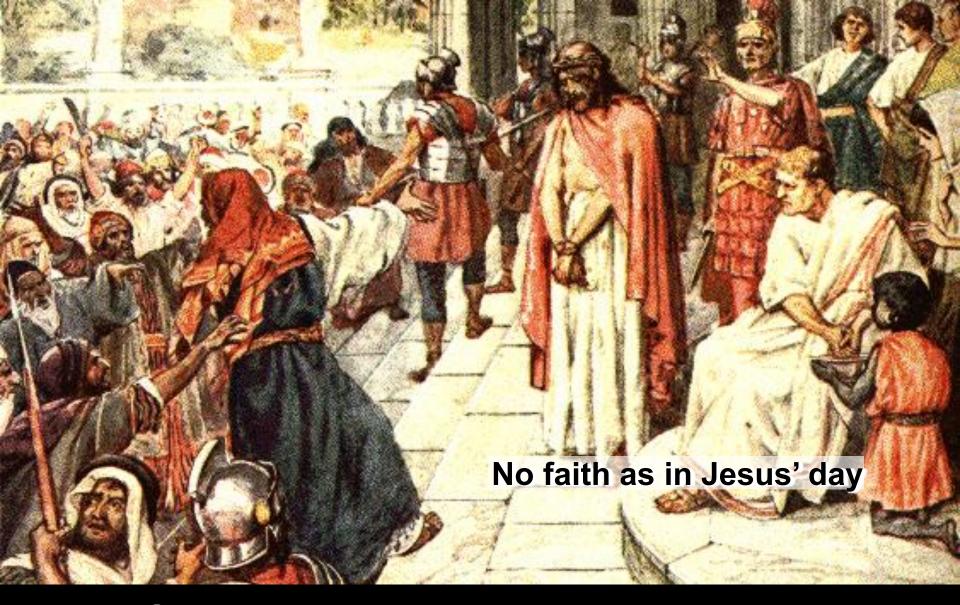
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Return on the clouds

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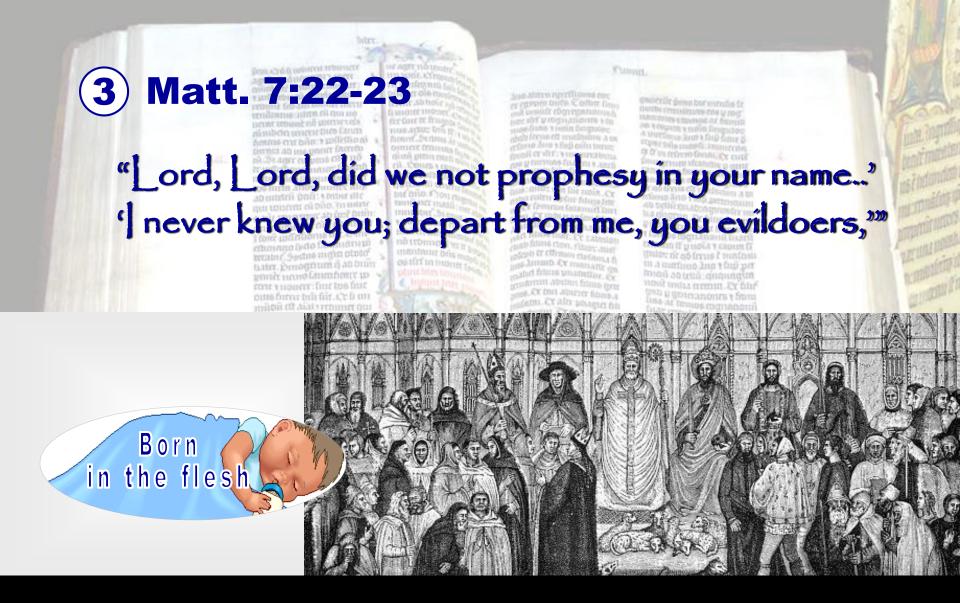
All Christians will have <u>faith</u> at the Second Advent of the Lord if he literally comes on the <u>clouds of heaven</u>.



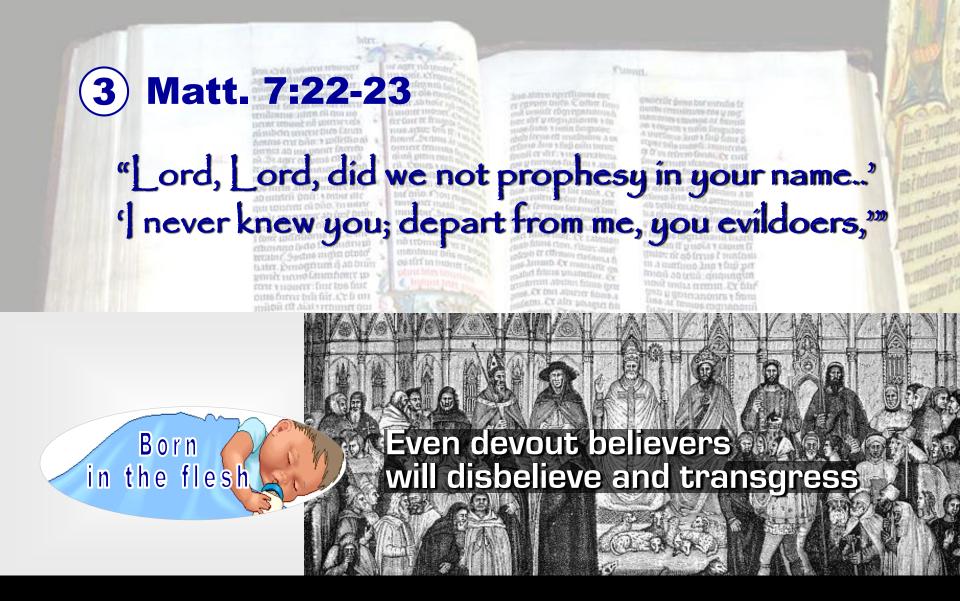
Jesus grieved after foreseeing that at the Second Advent, when Christ returns to the earth as a man of humble origins, he may not find any faith, as was the case in <u>Jesus' day</u>.



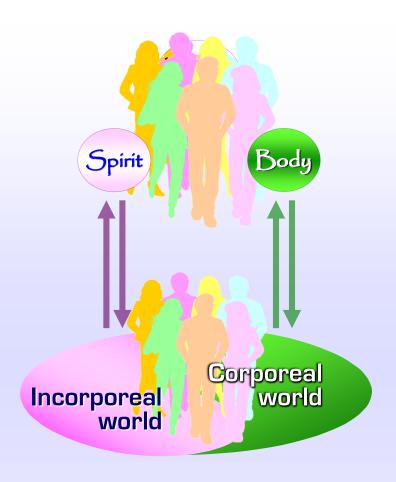
In Matt. 7:22-23, Jesus said: "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'" (p. 386-7).



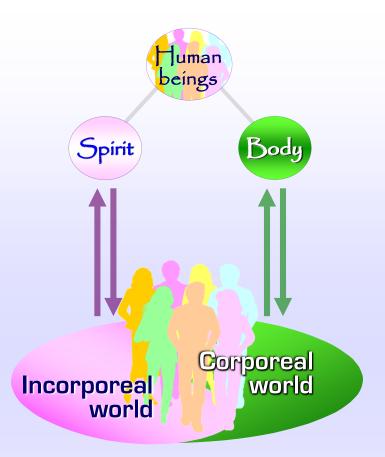
At the Second Advent of Christ, those Christians who expect his miraculous and glorious appearance will almost certainly reject him if he comes in the flesh of humble birth.

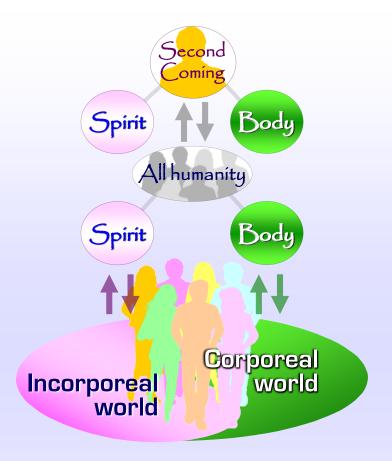


Then, the Lord will be left with no choice but to abandon them because they will have transgressed against God.

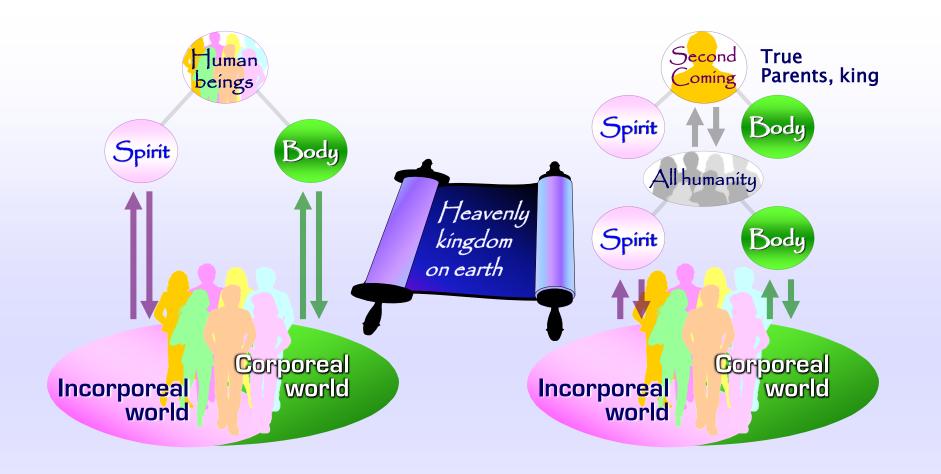


Odd created both the <u>incorporeal</u> world and <u>corporeal</u> world. Then God created <u>human beings</u> with the aspects of both <u>spirit</u> and <u>body</u>, intending for them to rule over the two worlds (p. 391).





Christ must come as a human being and grow to perfection in both spirit and body. Then, by engrafting all humanity with himself, he is to guide them to perfection both in spirit and body and make them qualified to be the lords of both the incorporeal and corporeal worlds (p. 392).



At the Second Advent, Christ is responsible to build the <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> on earth and there become the True Parent and king of all humanity.



Christ must be born on earth

This is another reason why Christ at his Second Coming must be born on earth.

Section 3

Where Will Christ Return?

Rev. 7:4, Matt. 10:23, and Matt. 16:28

--- Among the Jewish people

And I heard the number of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel, ...

RSV (Rev. 7:4)

Some Christians expect that Christ will come again among the <u>Jewish people</u>, based on such passages as <u>Rev. 7:4</u>, Matt. 10:23, and Matt. 16:28 (p. 396).

Rev. 7:4, Matt. 10:23, and Matt. 16:28

--- Among the Jewish people

... for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.

RSV (Matt. 10:23)

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Rev. 7:4, Matt. 10:23, and Matt. 16:28

--- Among the Jewish people

".. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

RSV (Matt. 16:28)

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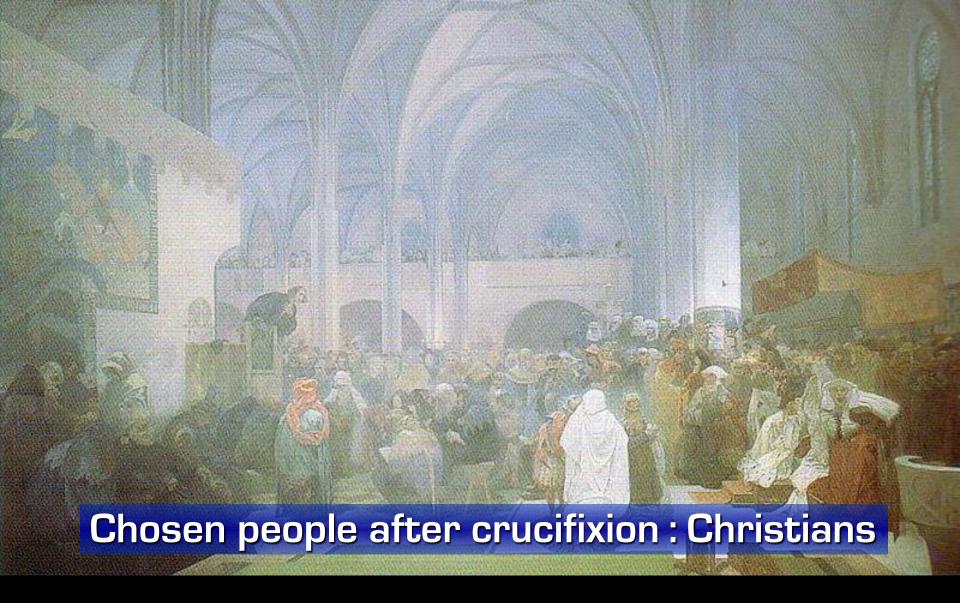
Rev. 7:4, Matt. 10:23, and Matt. 16:28

--- Among the Jewish people

Matt. 21:33-43

→ Not among the Jewish people

But in <u>Matt. 21:33-43</u>, Jesus clearly conveyed that he would <u>not</u> come again to the people who persecuted him. God will take away the mission previously entrusted to them and give it to another people who can produce its fruits upon Christ's return (p. 396-7).



■ Therefore, the <u>chosen people</u> after Jesus' crucifixion are not the descendants of Abraham, but rather the <u>Christians</u> who have inherited the faith of Abraham (p. 398).

3.2 Christ Will Return to a Nation in the East

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Then I saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, And I heard the number of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel, RSV (Rev. 7:2-4)

Rev. 7:2-4 indicates that the seal of the living God will be placed on the foreheads of the 144,000 in the East, where the sun rises (p. 399).

3.2 Christ Will Return to a Nation in the East

Where the sun rises

Then looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

RSV (Rev. 14:1)

 Rev. 14:1 says that these chosen ones will accompany the <u>Christ</u> at his return.

3.2 Christ Will Return to a Nation in the East



We can thus infer that the nation which will inherit the work of God and bear its fruit for the sake of the Second Advent is in the <u>East</u>.

3.3 The Nation in the East is Korea



 Since ancient times, the nations in the East have traditionally been considered to be the three nations of <u>Korea</u>, <u>Japan and China</u>.

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 Japan entered the period of the Second Advent as a fascist nation and severely <u>persecuted</u> Korean Christianity.

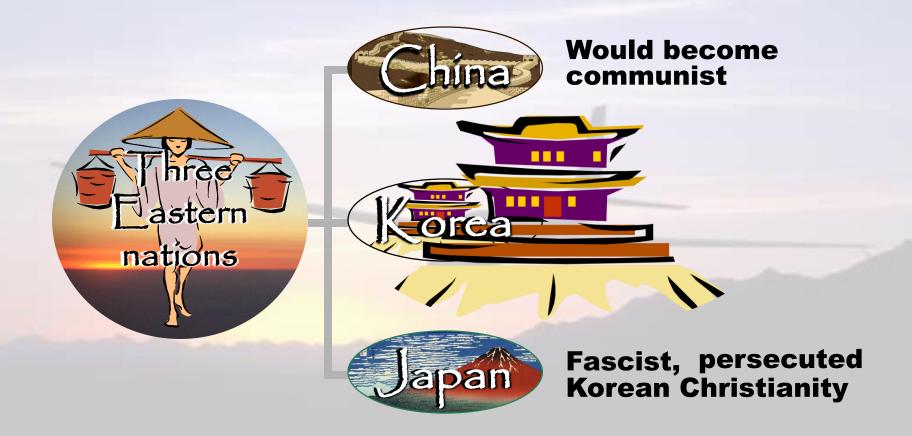
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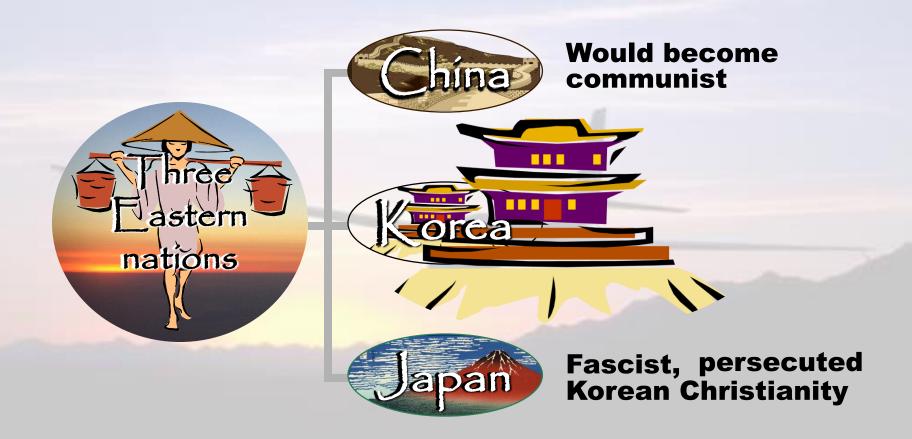
China at this time was a hotbed of communism and would become a <u>communist</u> nation. Thus, both nations belonged to Satan's side.

3.3 The Nation in the East is Korea



■ Korea, then, is the nation in the East where Christ will return.

3.3 The Nation in the East is Korea



As the nation to which the Messiah returns, Korea had to meet the following qualifications:



The First Israel suffered four hundred years in Egypt in order to fulfill a dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan (p. 400).



The Second Israel had to prevail over the four hundred years of persecution in the Roman Empire.



As the <u>Third Israel</u>, the Korean people had also to suffer under a nation on Satan's side for a period which fulfills the number forty. Thereby they could fulfill a <u>dispensation of forty</u> for the separation of Satan as required to commence the cosmic-level course to restore Canaan.



- Korea ··· forty-year hardship under Japan
 - This was the <u>forty-year period</u> during which Korea suffered untold hardships as a colony of Japan (1905-1945).

God's side



Satan's side

At the fall of the <u>first human ancestors</u>, God's side and Satan's side parted ways from a single point (p. 402).



These divided realities consolidated separately into the <u>Cain</u>-type and <u>Abel-type worlds</u>, which eventually matured to form the <u>democratic</u> world and the <u>communist</u> world.



 When these two worlds came into global conflict, it was centered on the Korean peninsula.



Religions, ideologies, political forces and economic systems all came into conflict and caused great confusion in Korean society, which then had worldwide impact.

3.3.3 The Object Partner of God's Heart

1 Path of blood, sweat and tears

1 To become the object partners of God's Heart, we must first walk a path of blood, sweat and tears.

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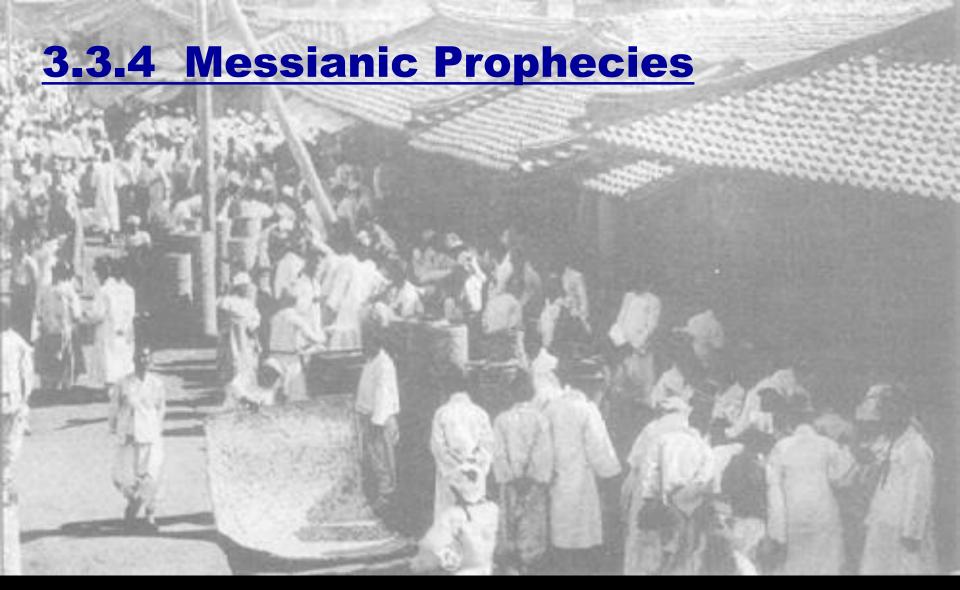
- 1 Path of blood, sweat and tears
- 2 People of goodness

The nation qualified to stand as the object partner of God's Heart must be a <u>people of goodness</u>. The homogeneous Korean people rarely invaded other nations (p. 403).

3.3.3 The Object Partner of God's Heart

- 1 Path of blood, sweat and tears
- 2 People of goodness
- 3 By nature endowed with a religious character (worship God; loyalty, filial piety and chastity)

The Korean people are <u>by nature</u> endowed with a religious character. They have evinced a strong desire to worship God, and always revered the virtues of loyalty, filial piety and chastity.



The Korean people have believed in the prophecy that the Righteous King will appear and found a glorious and everlasting kingdom in their land.

1 Messianic idea among the Korean people (Chonggamnok)

This <u>messianic idea</u> was revealed through the Chonggamnok, a book of prophecy written in the fourteenth-century Korea (p. 404).

1 Messianic idea among the Korean people (Chonggamnok)

2 Revelation that religious founders will return to Korea

2 Among the faithful of every religion in Korea are those who have received revelations that the <u>founders</u> of their religions will return to Korea.

'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

RSV (Acts. 2:17)

Revelations and signs are being given to spiritually attuned Christians testifying to the Second Coming of Christ in Korea; they are sprouting in profusion like mushrooms after a rain (p. 405).

- 1 Messianic idea among the Korean people (Chonggamnok)
- 2 Revelation that religious founders will return to Korea
- (3) Revelations and signs (Acts 2:17)
- Clear revelations that the Lord will come to Korea

 Hence, many are receiving clear revelations that the Lord will <u>come to Korea</u>.



The <u>spiritual</u> and <u>material</u> aspects of civilization developing from <u>religion</u> and <u>science</u>, which have flourished all over the world, will be embraced and harmonized in <u>Korea</u> as guided by the new truth.



Then they will bear fruit in the ideal world of God's deepest desire (p. 406).



The essences of all civilizations which developed on the <u>land</u> should bear fruit in <u>Korea</u>.



The essences of civilizations born on the shores of <u>rivers and seas</u> should bear fruit in the <u>Pacific civilization</u> to which Korea belongs.



3 Civilizations born out of different <u>climate zones</u> should bear fruit in the <u>temperate-zone civilization</u> of Eden, which is Korea (p. 406-7).

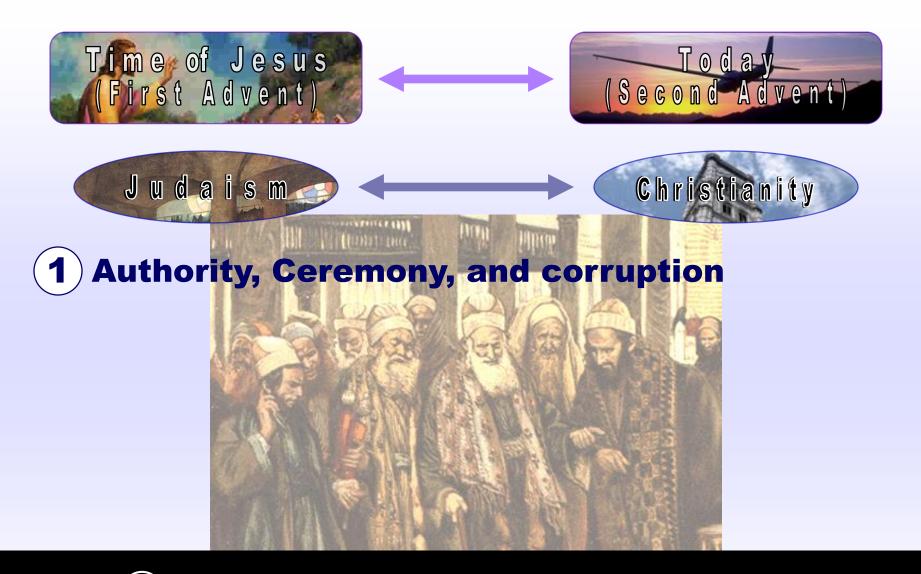
Section 4

Parallels between Jesus' Day and Today

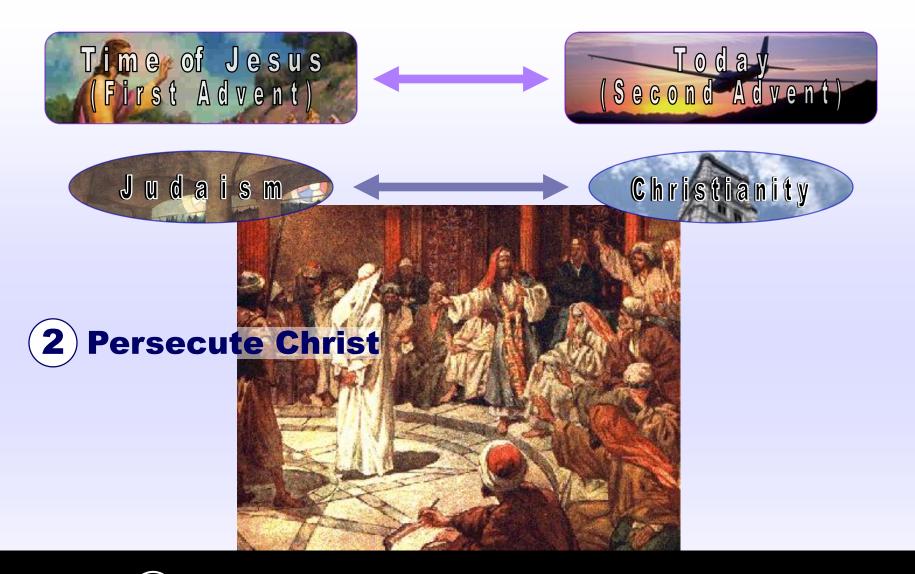




■ The period of the <u>Second Advent</u> is parallel to the time of <u>Jesus</u>, and the two periods have many similarities.



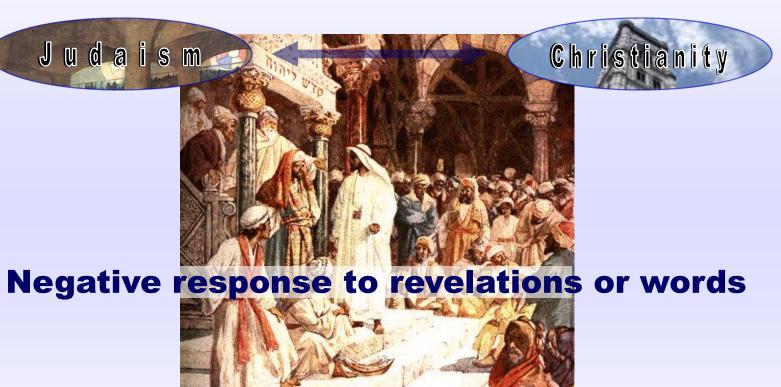
Today's <u>Christianity</u>, like the <u>Judaism</u> of Jesus' day, adheres too rigidly to institutional <u>authority</u> and ceremonies, while internally it is corrupt.



2 Christian leaders today, like the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day, will probably be the first to persecute Christ at the Second Advent.



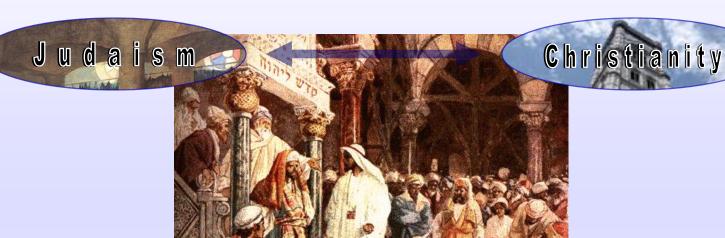




When people receive revelations about Christ at the Second Advent or hear his words, they will <u>respond</u> in ways similar to the way the Jews in Jesus' day responded (p. 408).



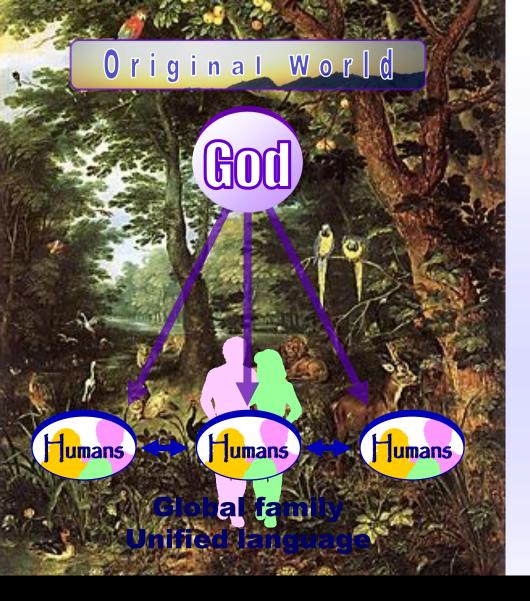




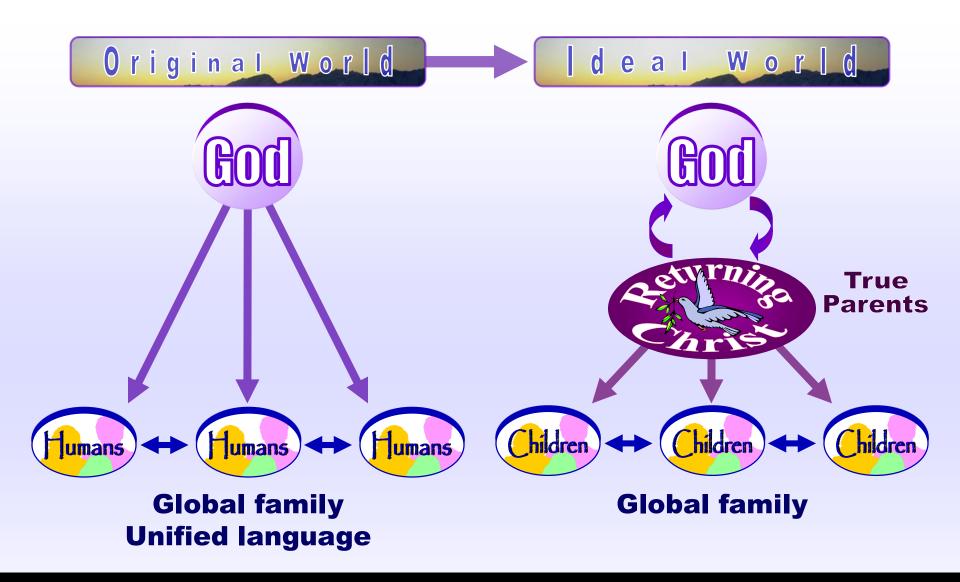
- 3 Negative response to revelations or words
- 4 Find themselves in hell
 - Both in Jesus' day and at the Second Advent, many devout believers who set out with the hope of entering Heaven may actually find themselves in hell (p. 409).

Section 5

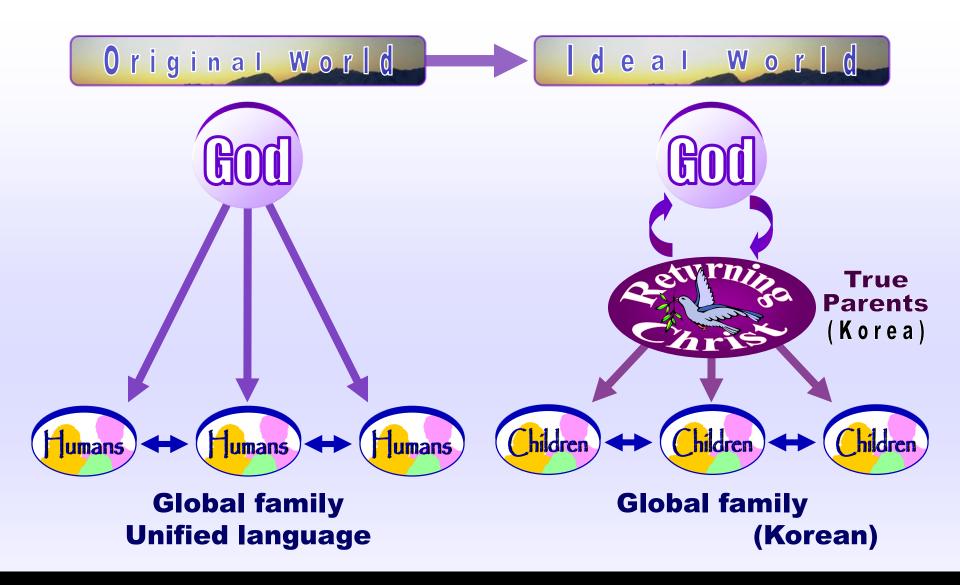
The Chaotic Profusion of Languages and the Necessity for Their Unification



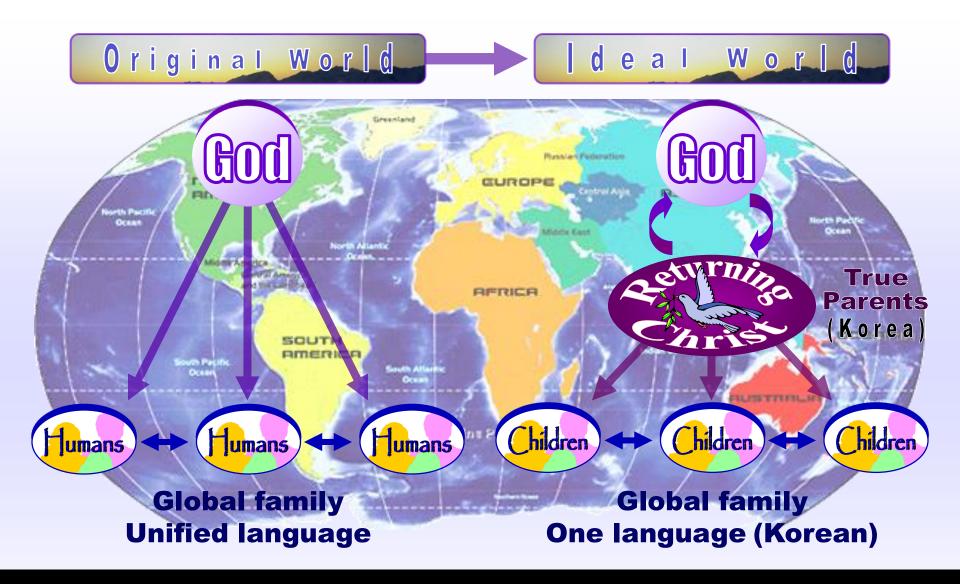
If human beings had not fallen, we would have formed one <u>global family</u> like one body with <u>God</u> as the head. Then there never would have risen a profusion of tongues unintelligible to one another (p. 410).



If we are to realize the ideal world of one global family which can honor <u>Christ</u> at the Second Advent as our True Parent, surely our languages must be unified.



 If Christ does indeed return to Korea, the Korean language will become the mother tongue for all humanity, and all people will have to speak it.



 All of humanity will become one people and use <u>one language</u>, thus establishing one global nation under God.

This concludes Part Two of the Exposition of the Divine Principle

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