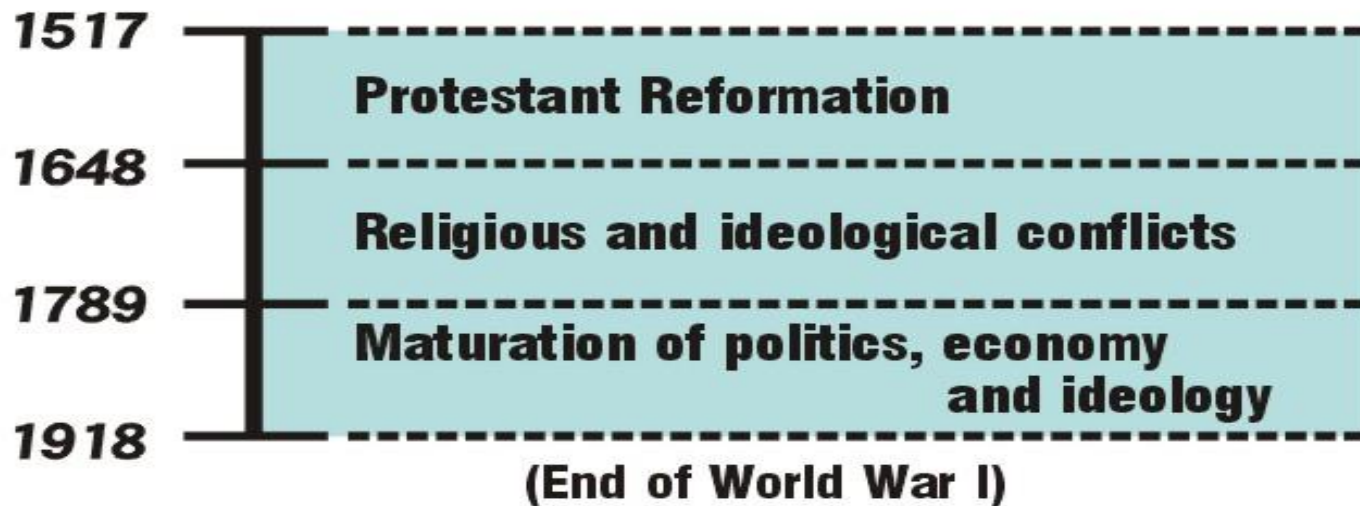


Chapter 5 The Period of Preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah

**Period of preparation for the Second Advent:
400 years (1517~1918)**



- The period of preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah was the four-hundred-year period from the Protestant Reformation in 1517 to the end of World War I in 1918.
- With respect to the providence of restoration, this period is divided into three periods: the period of the Reformation, the period of religious and ideological conflicts, and the period of the maturation of politics, economy and ideology.

Section 1 The Period of the Reformation (1517-1648)



Restoration of original nature

Cain-type : Hellenism : Humanism → Renaissance

Abel-type : Hebraism : Faith → Reformation

- The Cain-type movement began as a revival of Hellenism. It gave rise to the Renaissance, whose core value was humanism. The Abel-type movement began as a revival of the Hebraic heritage of Israel and the early Christian Church. It gave rise to the Protestant Reformation, whose core value was faith in God

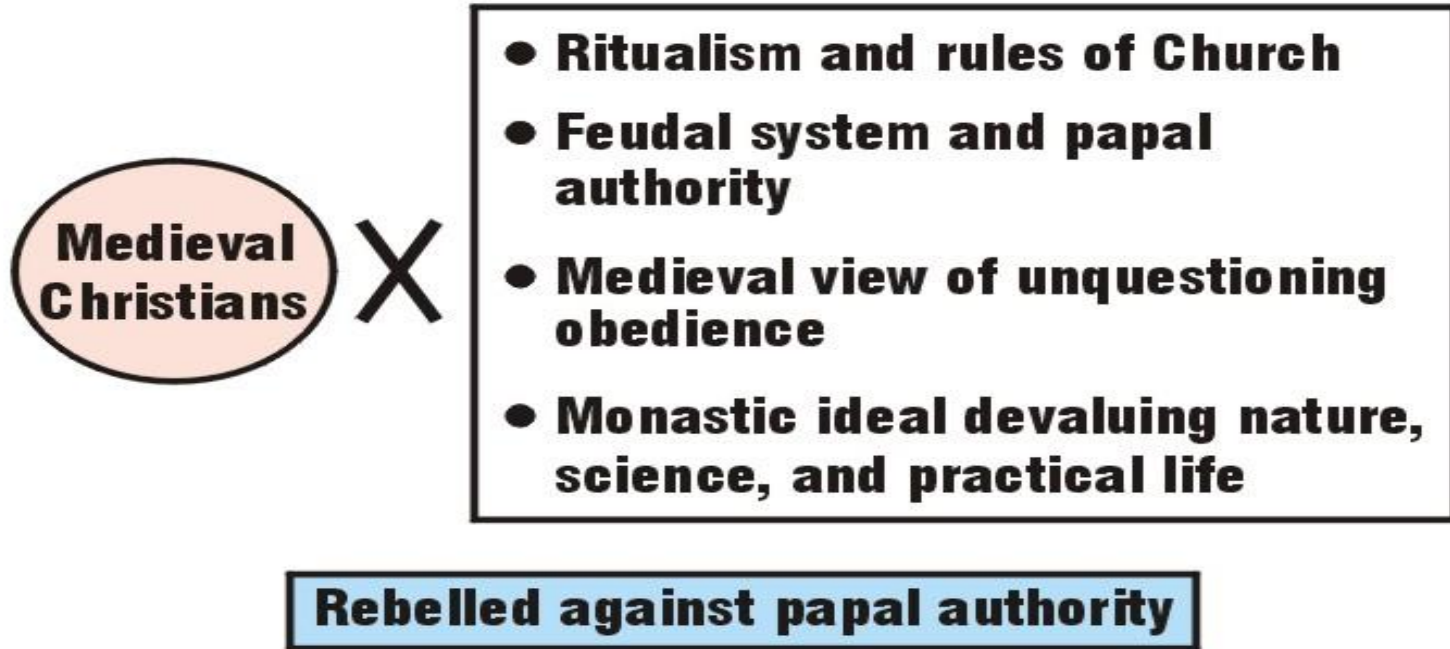
The Renaissance

**External
pursuits of
original
nature**

- **Freedom and autonomy**
- **Reason and understanding**
- **Natural world, science, and practical life**

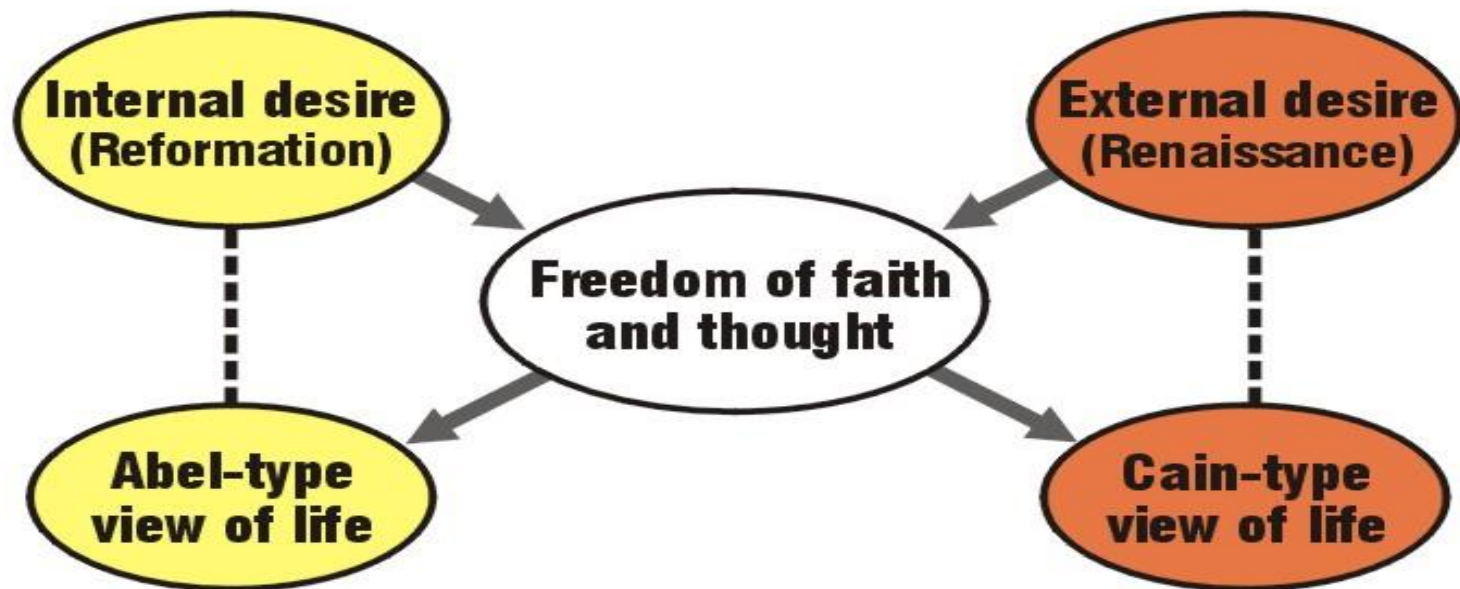
- A person of perfect character understands the Will of God and puts it into practice through his own insight and reason. Hence, it is only natural that we pursue reason and understanding.
- We also are endowed with the God-given right to master the natural world. Hence, we value the natural world, pursue science, and esteem the practical life.

The Reformation



- As the people advocated humanism, they also rebelled against the ritualism and rules of the Church which were constraining their free devotion.
- They fought against the stratified feudal system and papal authority which deprived them of autonomy.
- They protested the medieval view that faith required unquestioning obedience to the dictates of the Church in all areas of life, which denied them the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience based on their own reading of the Bible.
- They also questioned the other-worldly and ascetic monastic ideal which devalued the natural world, science and the practical affairs of life.

Section 2 The Period of Religious and Ideological Conflicts (1648-1789)



- The period of religious and ideological conflicts refers to the 140 years beginning with the secure establishment of Protestantism at the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 and ending with the French Revolution in 1789.
- As modern people continued to pursue the internal and external desires of their original nature, they could not avoid divisions in theology and disputes among philosophies arising from freedom of faith and thought.
- The Cain-type and Abel-type views of life developed in this period .

The Cain-type view of life

- **Elevated human beings and the natural world**
- **Understand through reason (Rationalism)**
- **Understand through experience (Empiricism)**
- **Leads toward Satan's realm**
- **Cornerstone of communist world of today**

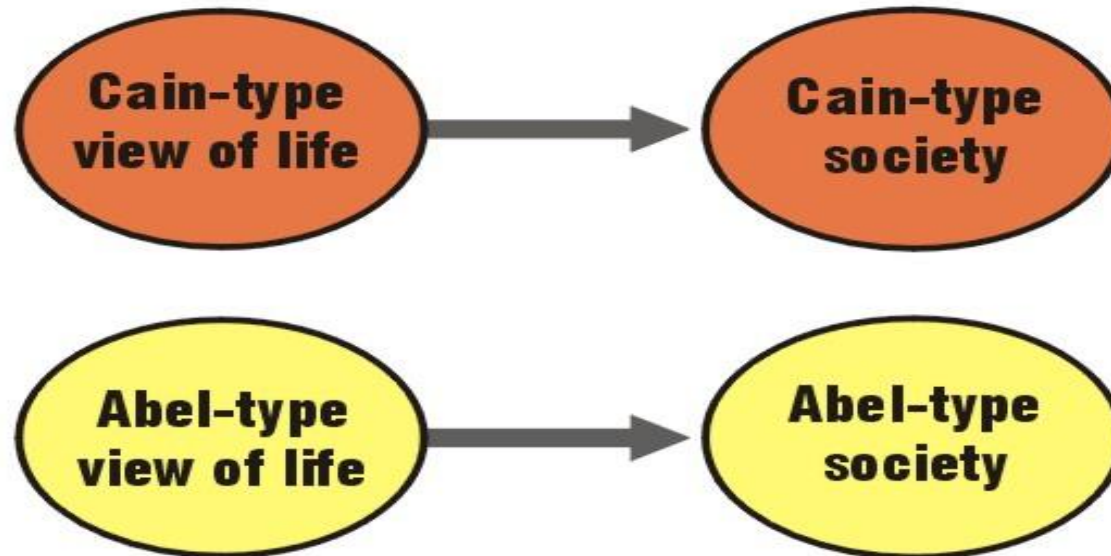
- Renaissance humanism elevated human beings and the natural world over God.
- The Renaissance established a new perspective on life which sought to understand the universe through reason and experience, logic and experiment.
- The Renaissance gave birth to a view of life which encouraged people to follow only external pursuits, blocking their path to God and leading them toward Satan's realm. For this reason, it is called the Cain-type view of life.
- The Cain-type view of life grew through the Enlightenment and matured into Marxism, which became the cornerstone of the communist world of today.

The Abel-type view of life

- **Sought to realize God-given, original nature**
- **Guided people to seek God in a deeper way**
- **Formed the democratic world of today**

- The Reformation spawned philosophies and religious teachings which developed a multi-dimensional view of life seeking to realize the God-given, original nature of human beings .
- This view of life guided modern people to seek God in a deeper and more thoughtful way. We call this the Abel-type view of life.
- In diverse ways, the Abel-type view of life matured to form the democratic world of today .

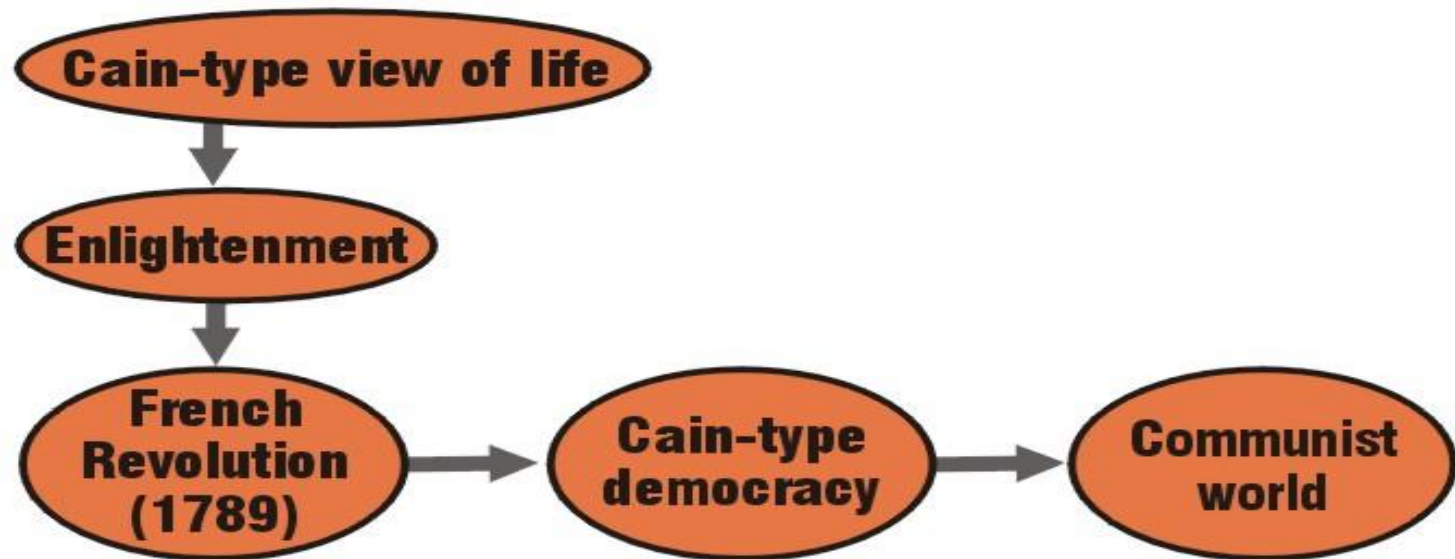
Section 3 The Period of Maturation of Politics, Economy and Ideology (1789-1918)



- This period refers to the 130 years between the French Revolution in 1789 and the end of World War I in 1918.
- Cain-type and Abel-type views of life matured, taking their separate paths.
- As they matured, they founded two different forms of society with distinct social structures: a Cain-type society and an Abel-type society.

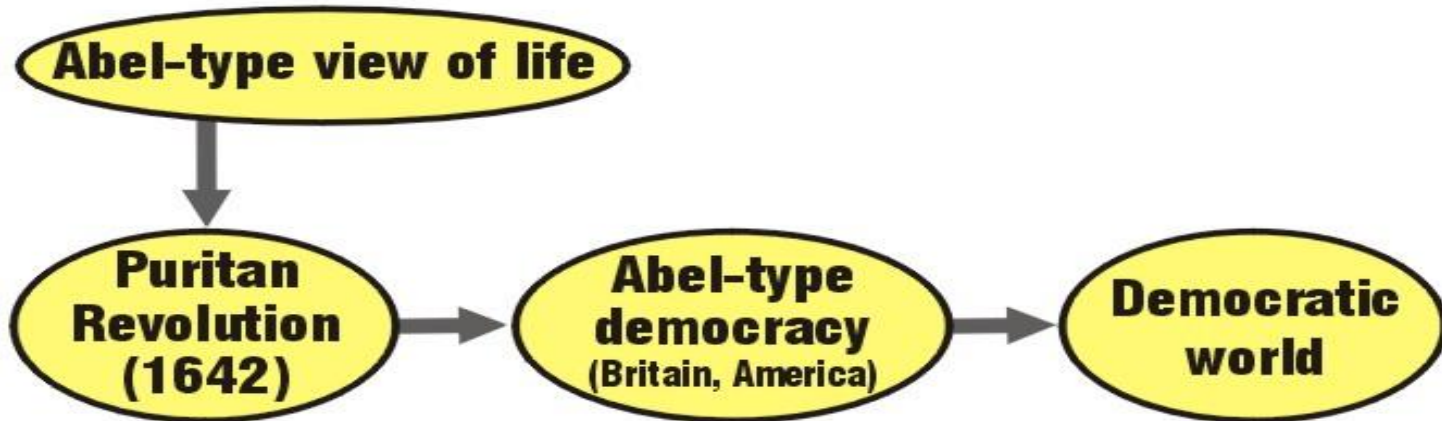
Democracy

Cain-type democracy



- In this way, those espousing the Cain-type view of life championed the Enlightenment and gave rise to the French Revolution, thus establishing Cain-type democracy.
- It would later be systematized into Marxism in Germany and Leninism in Russia, eventually forming the communist world.

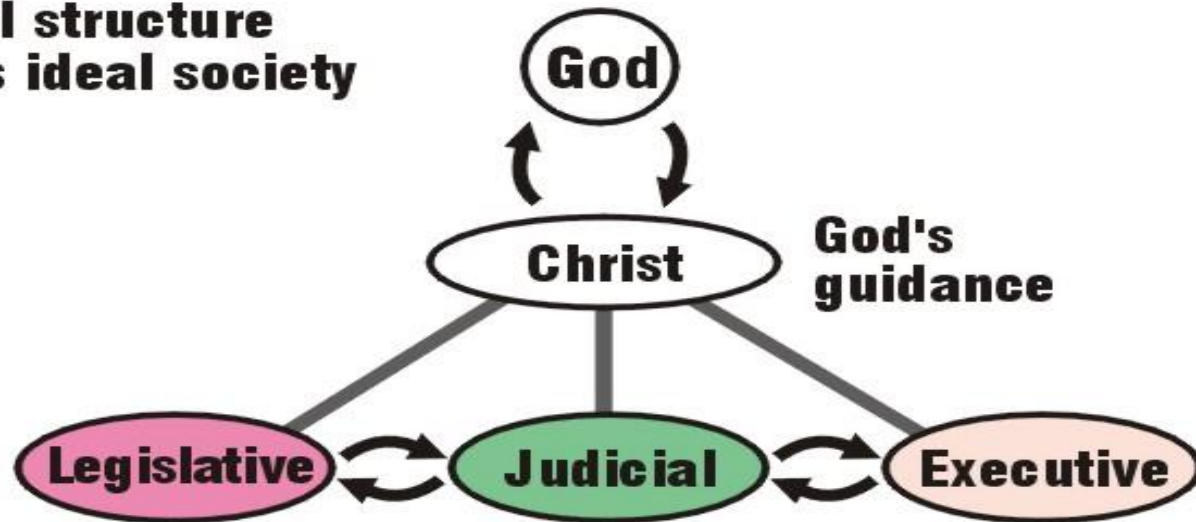
Abel-type democracy



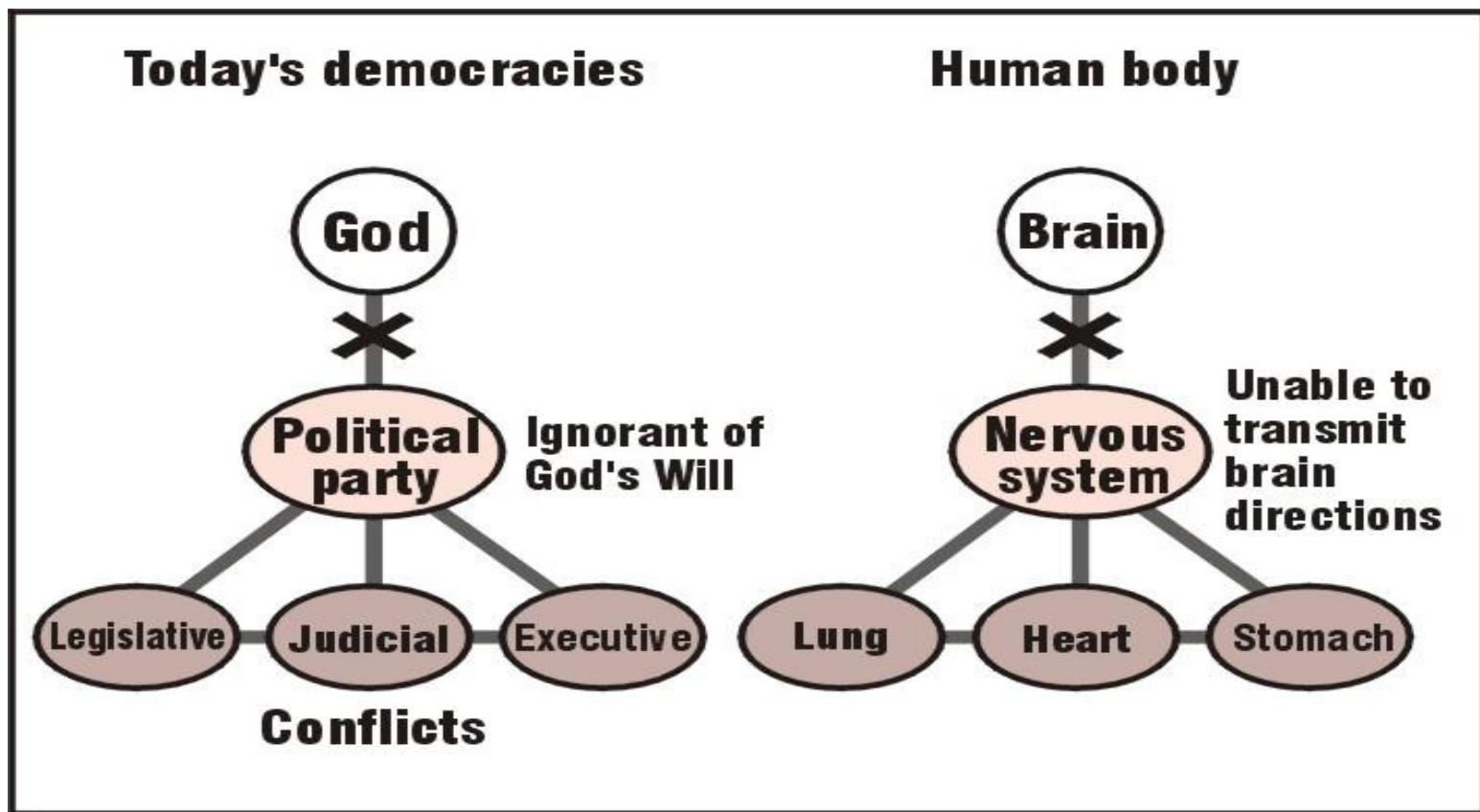
- Sincere Christians (Puritans), the fruits of the Abel-type view of life, founded Abel-type democracies through their victorious fight with absolutism to win religious freedom.
- Many Puritans emigrated to the American continent to obtain religious freedom. They founded an independent nation in 1776 and established American democracy .
- Abel-type democracy has developed from these beginnings into the democratic world of today.

The significance of the separation of powers

- **Advocated by Montesquieu**
(Declaration of the Rights of Man)
- **Political structure of God's ideal society**

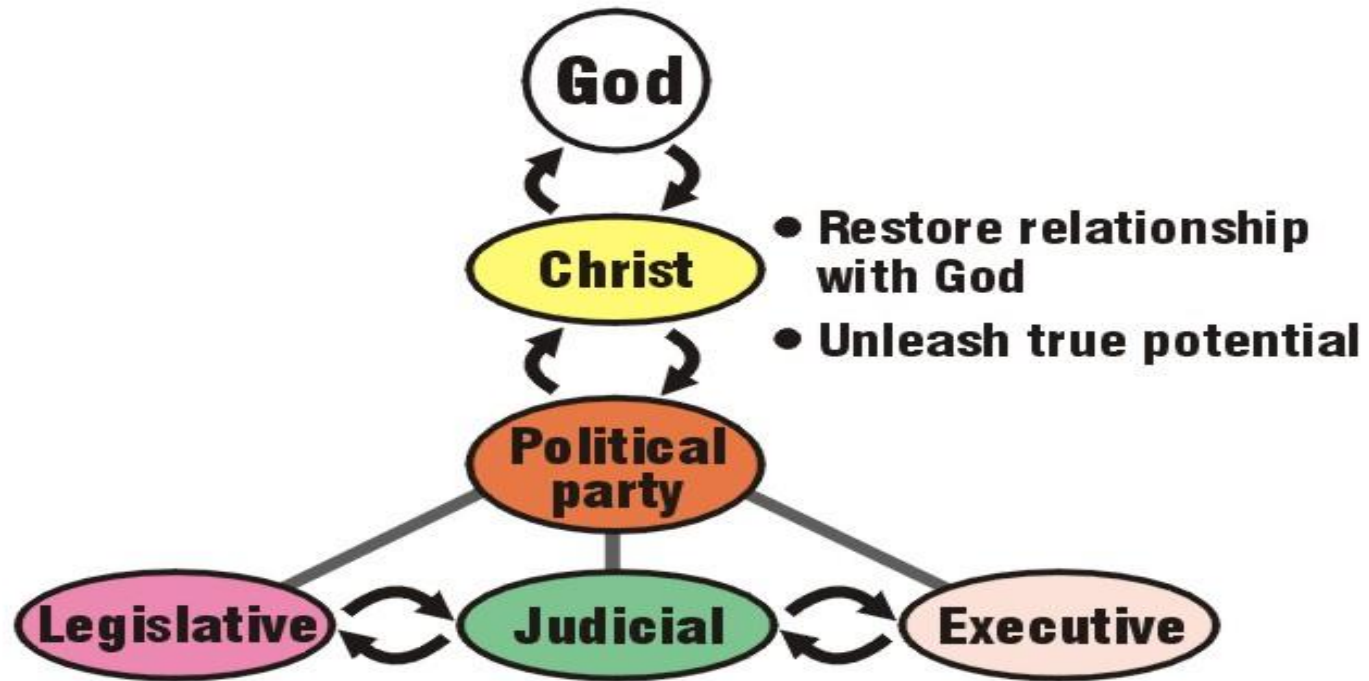


- The concept of the separation of powers into three branches of government was advocated by Montesquieu. It sought to prevent the concentration of political power in the hands of a single individual or institution. The idea was proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of Man during the French Revolution.
- From the beginning, the separation of powers was to be characteristic of the political structure of God's ideal society. Yet here again, Satan was mimicking an aspect of the Principle ahead of its realization by God. Hence, the three branches of government—the legislative, judicial and executive branches—should interact in harmonious and principled relationships by following God's guidance as conveyed through Christ



- Since constitutions are not written in accordance with the Word of God, the three branches of government currently function like internal organs which cannot sense or respond to the commands of the brain because the peripheral nerves have been severed. They lack order and harmony, and suffer continual conflicts among themselves .

Purpose of the Second Advent



- Therefore, Christ at the Second Advent will remedy the illness of the present political system that it may reflect God's design by restoring people's vertical relationship with God. This will unleash society's true potential.

The significance of the industrial revolution

Economic Structure of ideal society ↓

Production (digestive): adequate
Distribution (circulatory): fair
Consumption (metabolic): reasonable
→ **Organic, interdependent relationship**

Industrial Revolution

- **Claimed vast colonies**
- **Opened up vast territory for propagation of Gospel**

- The mass production born of the Industrial Revolution led England to claim vast colonies as sources of raw materials and markets for goods. In so doing, the Industrial Revolution opened up a vast territory for the propagation of the Gospel. Accordingly, it contributed to both the internal and external aspects of the providence of restoration .

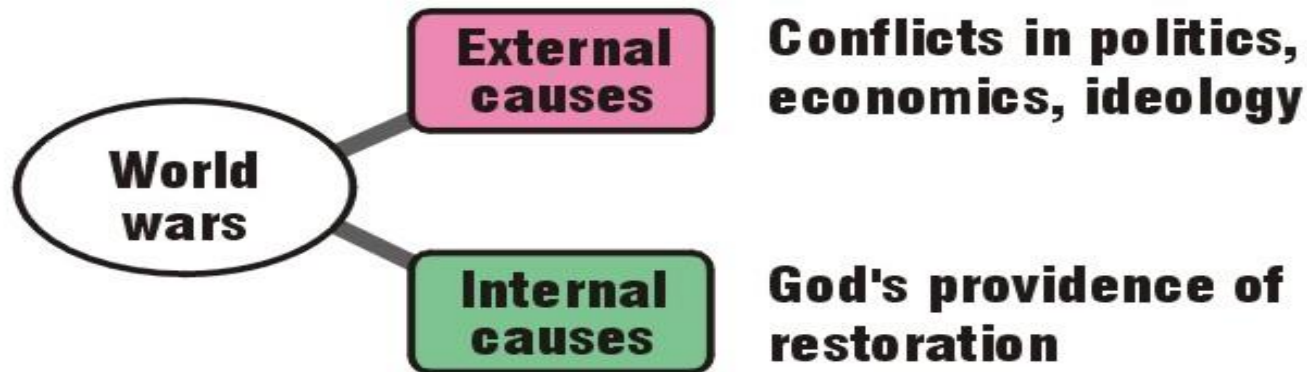
The rise of the great powers

- **Economies characterized by over-production**
- **The great powers of Europe grew strong
(scramble for colonies)**
- **Division of the world into democracy
and communism**

- Following the Industrial Revolution, spurred by the rapid progress of science, industrialization created economies characterized by over-production.
- The great powers of Europe grew strong as they competed with each other in the scramble for colonies.
- The Cain and Abel trends in ideology and economic development caused the later political division of the world into democracy and communism.

Section 4 The World Wars

The providential causes of the world wars



- Wars break out due to such factors as conflicts of political and economic interests and clashes of ideology. Yet these are merely external causes, and there are also internal causes of wars .
- Accordingly, we cannot grasp the providential significance of the world wars by focusing only on external causes.

What are the internal, providential causes of the world wars?

The world wars have occurred:

First, as a result of Satan's last desperate struggle to preserve his sovereignty;

Second, in order to fulfill the worldwide indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings defectively realized by Satan in advance;

Third, in order that all humanity may overcome on the world level the three temptations by which Satan tempted Jesus;

Fourth, in order to fulfill the worldwide indemnity condition to restore God's sovereignty.

The First World War (1914~1918)

Summary of the providence in the First World War

	Abel		Cain
Politics	Democracies	×	Authoritarian states
Economics	Imperialists on God's side	×	Imperialists on Satan's side
Religion and ideology	Upholders of Christianity	×	Persecutors of Christianity
	Britain • U.S. • France		Germany • Austria • Turkey

- In the political sphere, the First World War was a conflict between Abel-type democracies and Cain-type authoritarian states.
- In the economic sphere, it was fought between the imperialist nations on God's side and the imperialist nations on Satan's side.
- In the sphere of religion and ideology, the Abel-type nations of Great Britain, the United States, and France, which generally upheld Christianity, fought the Cain-type nations of Turkey, persecuting Christianity, and its allies, Germany and Austria-Hungary .

The providential results of the First World War

Victory of God's side

- ① **Fulfilled formation-stage indemnity condition to restore three blessings**
- ② **Fulfilled indemnity condition to restore first blessing**
- ③ **Established formation-stage foundation to restore God's sovereignty**

Foundation for birth of returning Christ

Formation stage of the dispensation of Second Advent

- This laid the foundation for the birth of the returning Christ, and the formation stage of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced .

The Second World War (1939~1945)

God's side (Democracy - US, Britain, France) → Victory

Satan's side (Fascism - Germany, Japan, Italy) → Defeat

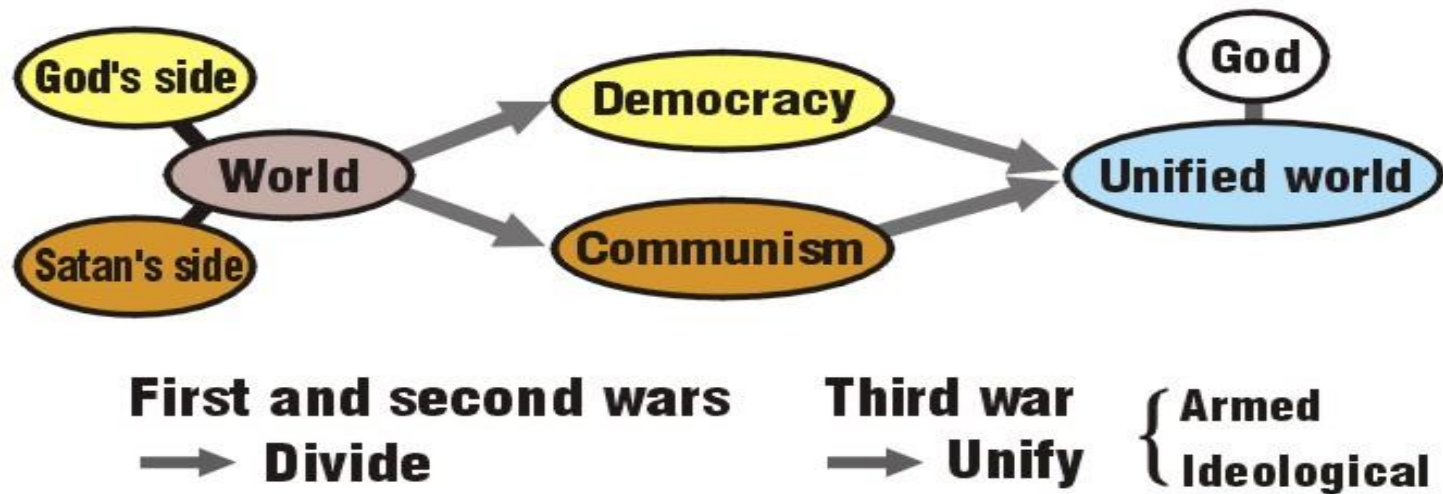
- ① **Fulfilled growth-stage indemnity condition to restore three blessings**
- ② **Fulfilled indemnity condition to restore second blessing**
- ③ **Established growth-stage foundation to restore God's sovereignty**

New heaven and new earth under Second Advent
Growth stage of the dispensation of Second Advent

- The age for building a new heaven and new earth under the leadership of Christ at the Second Advent had begun, and the growth stage of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced.

The Third World War

Is the Third World War inevitable?



- The First and Second World Wars had the providential purpose of dividing the globe into the communist world and democratic world. Afterward, yet another war must take place to bring about their unification. This conflict is the Third World War.
- One way to bring Satan's side to surrender is through armed conflict. The other way this war may be fought is as a wholly internal, ideological conflict. By which of these two ways will the Third World War actually be fought? It depends upon success or failure in carrying out the human portion of responsibility.

The providential results of the Third World War

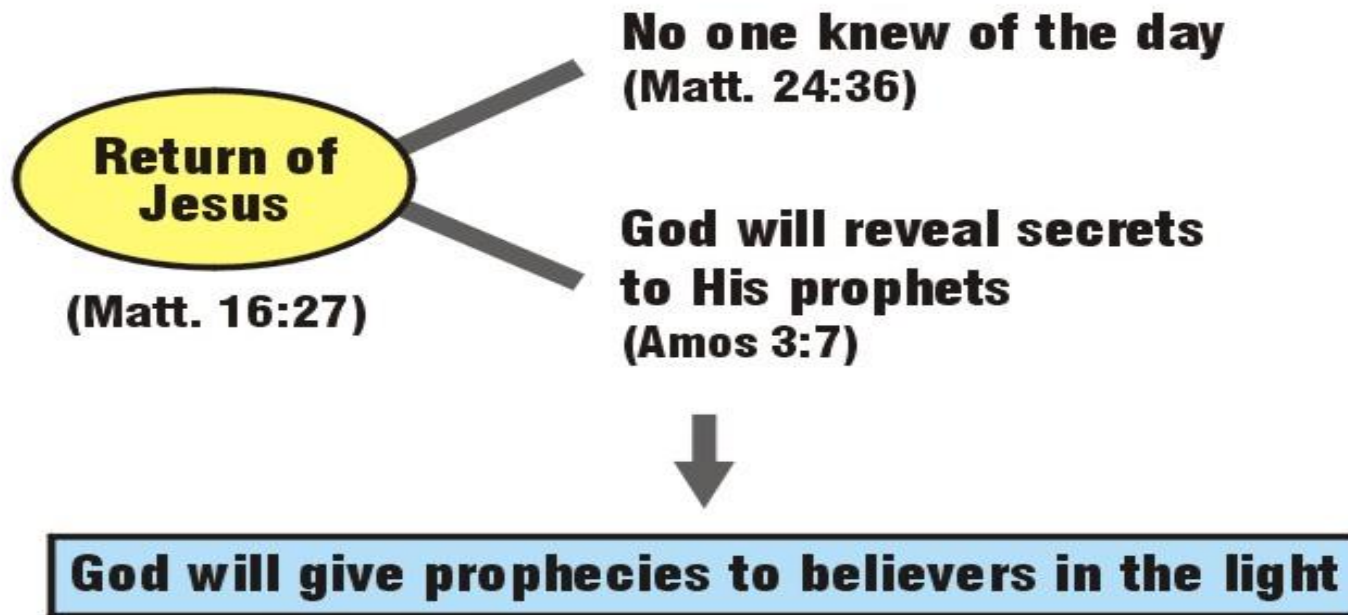
By winning victory in the three world wars

- ① **Restore entire providence, prolonged to the third stage**
- ② **Providence of restoration completed**
(God's Word → saved spiritually and physically → God's lineage)

Realization of God's ideal world

- The victories of God's side will fully restore through indemnity all the aspects of the providence of restoration. They will make possible the realization of God's ideal world, for which God has labored with unremitting tears over the centuries of human misery since the Fall.

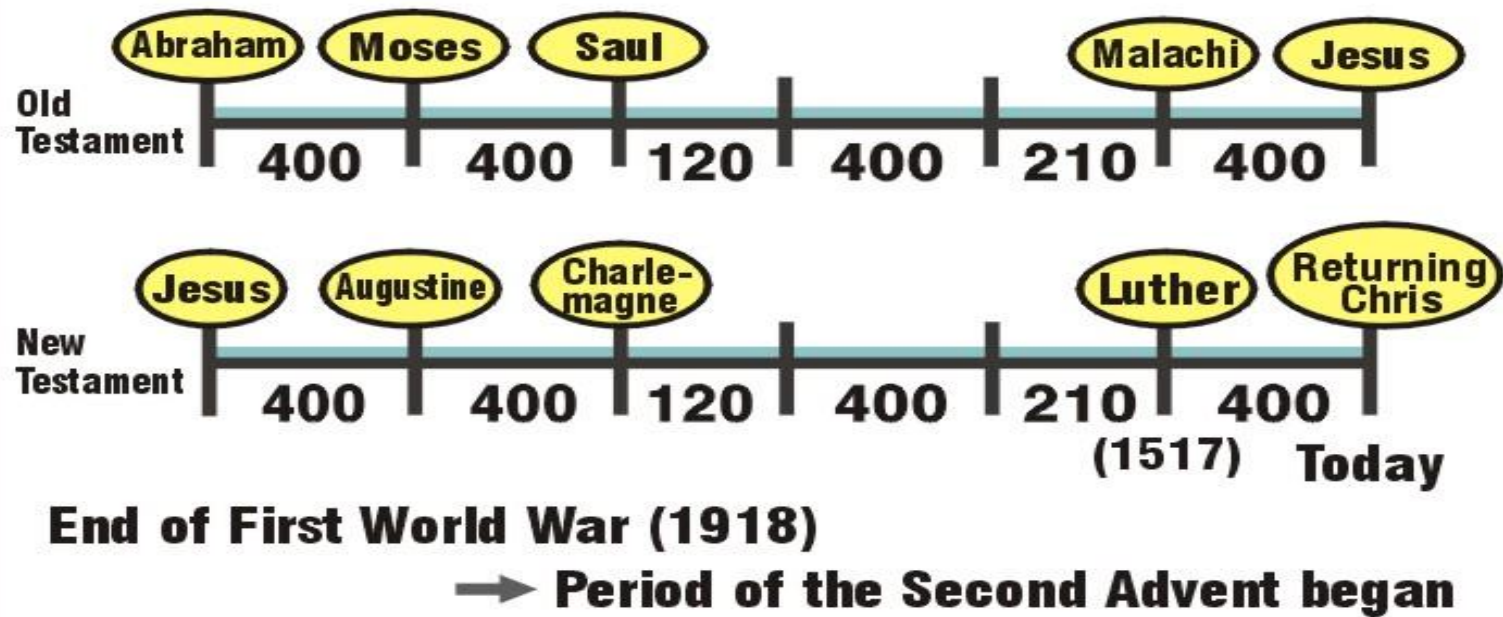
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- Jesus clearly foretold of his return (Matt. 16:27). Yet he added that no one knew of the day and hour of his return (Matt. 24:36) .
- Nevertheless, we can deduce from the Scriptural verse "Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7) that God will surely reveal all secrets about the Second Advent to His prophets before He carries out His work.
- Accordingly, God will certainly give prophecies to those faithful believers who are in the light.

Section 1 When Will Christ Return?

Parallel providential ages



- As can be seen in the above chart, Jesus came at the conclusion of the two-thousand-year-long Old Testament Age, the Age of the Providence of Restoration. The Principle of Restoration through Indemnity leads us to infer that Christ is to return at the end of the two-thousand-year-long New Testament Age, the Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration, which has been restoring the previous age through substantial parallel conditions of indemnity.
- We can thus conclude that the period of the Second Advent began soon after the end of the First World War.

Section 2 In What Manner Will Christ Return?

Perspectives on the Bible

First Coming of Jesus

- **Jews' expectation: come on the clouds**
- **Actuality : born on earth**



Re-examine Bible

Second Advent of Christ

- **Same manner as First Advent**

- Hence, we should re-examine the Bible from the perspective that the Second Advent of Christ may not take place in a miraculous way. It may, in fact, take place in the same manner as the First Advent.

Christ is born on earth

Luke 17:25

“.. suffer many things and be rejected ..”

Return on clouds

Accepted and honored

Born in flesh

Persecuted

Christ is born on earth

- 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 suffer and be rejected by his generation .
- This prophecy in Luke can never be fulfilled unless the returning Christ is born on the earth.

Matt. 7:22~23

“Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name...”

“...depart from me, you evildoers.”



Jesus does not come on clouds

- 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. No matter how faithful they may be, the Lord will be left with no choice but to abandon them because they will have transgressed against God.
- Hence, this prophecy also cannot be fulfilled if Jesus comes on the clouds.

Why did Jesus say that the Lord will come on the clouds?

- ① To prevent the delusions of antichrists**
- ② To encourage Christians on difficult path of faith**
 - Hope of Jesus' imminent return**
(John 21:22 Matt. 16:28)
 - Overcame persecution and established early Christian church**

- The hope of Jesus' imminent return (John 21:22 Matt. 16:28) inflamed the zeal of his disciples and gave them the strength to overcome persecution by Judaism and the Roman Empire. Encouraged by the ardent hope of the Second Advent, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and established the early Christian Church, even amidst great adversity.

Section 3 Where Will Christ Return?

Will Christ return among the Jewish people?

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

→ Among the Jewish people

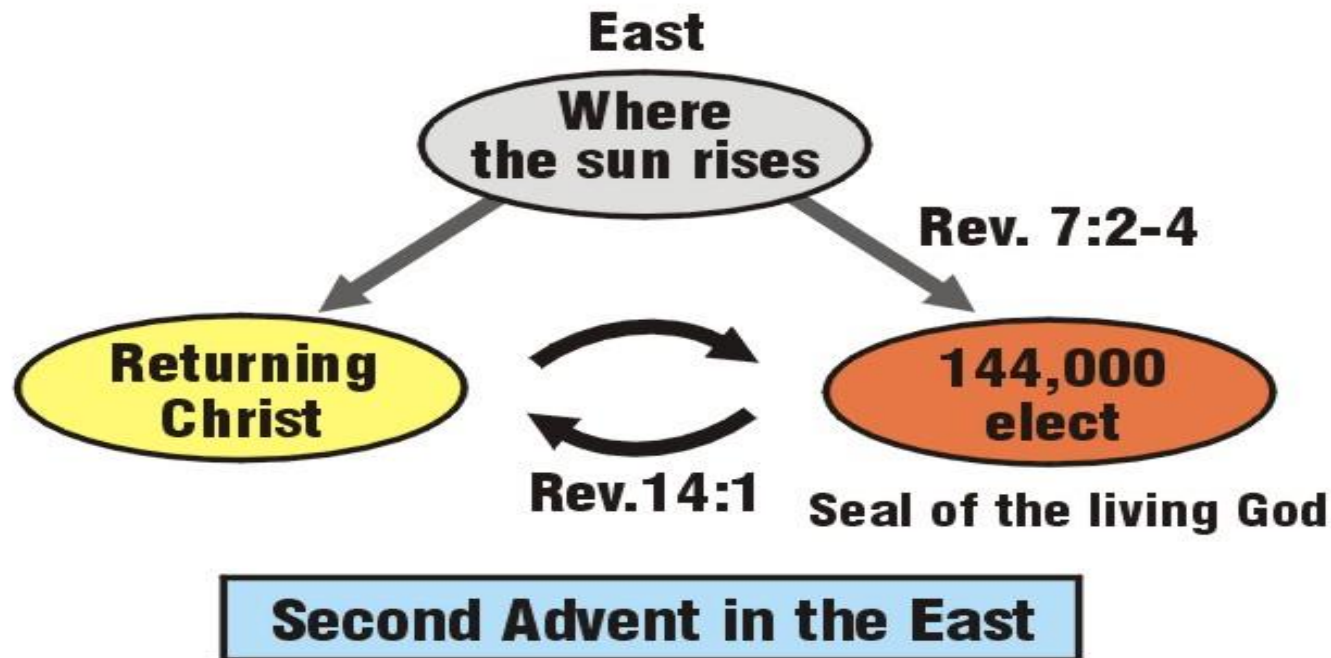
Matt. 21:33 - 43

→ Not among the Jewish people

Chosen people after crucifixion : Christians

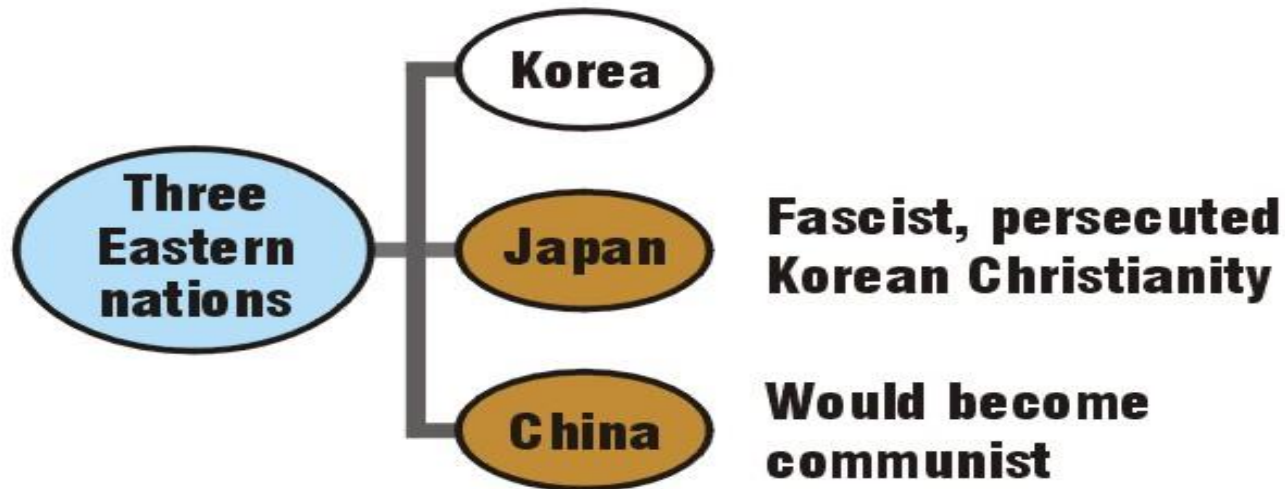
- Some Christians expect that Christ will come again among the Jewish people, based on such passages as Rev. 7:4, Matt.10:23, and Matt.16:28 .
- But Jesus clearly conveyed that he would not come again to the people who persecuted him. God will take away the mission previously entrusted to them and give it to another people who can produce its fruits upon Christ's return. (Matt. 21:33-43)
- Therefore, the chosen people after Jesus' crucifixion are not the descendants of Abraham, but rather the Christians who have inherited the faith of Abraham .

Christ will return to a nation in the East



- 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.
- Rev. 14:1 says that these chosen ones will accompany the Christ at his return.
- 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 East.

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 Korea, Japan and China.
- Japan entered the period of the Second Advent as a fascist nation and severely persecuted Korean Christianity. China at this time was a hotbed of communism and would become a communist nation. Thus, both nations belonged to Satan's side.
- Korea, then, is the nation in the East where Christ will return.
- As the nation to which the Messiah returns, Korea had to meet the following qualifications:

Dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan

Korea

: Nation fit to receive the Messiah?

- **National dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan**
- **Third Israel**

Third Israel

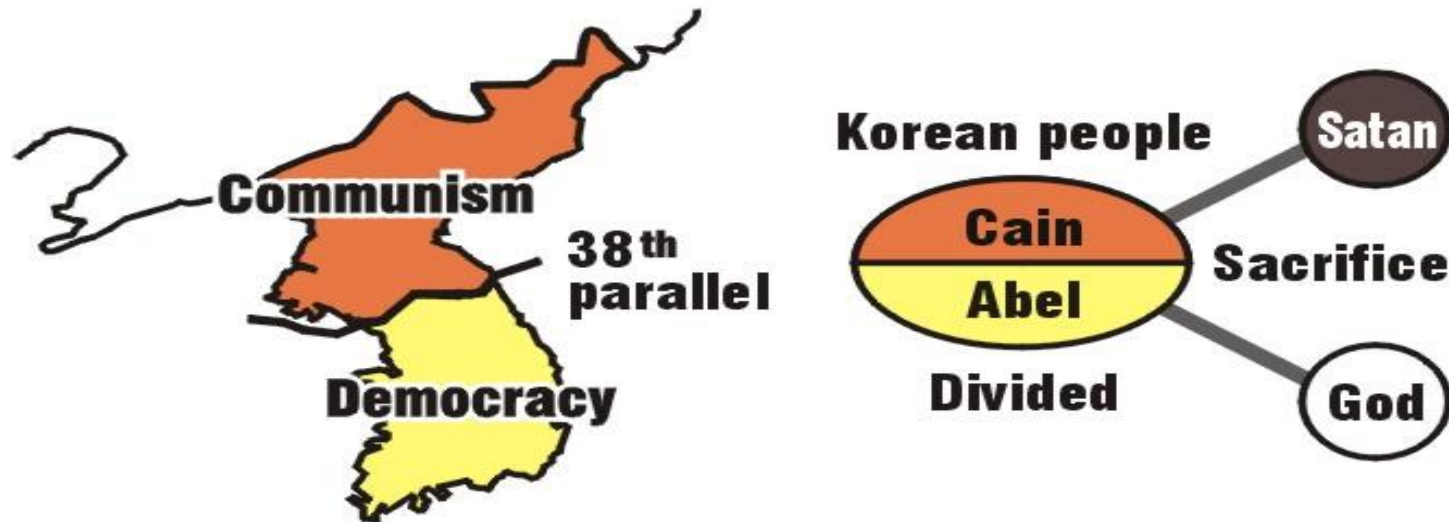
Suffered under Japan for 40 years

Cosmic-level course to restore Canaan

(Ulsa Treaty of Protection of 1905 ~ liberation in 1945)

- As the Third Israel, the Korean people had to suffer under a nation on Satan's side for a period which fulfills the number forty. Thereby, they could fulfill a dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan as required to commence the cosmic-level course to restore Canaan.
- The Korean people suffered under Japan for forty years, from the Ulsa Treaty of Protection of 1905 to their liberation in 1945. Their suffering paralleled the hardships of the First Israel in Egypt and the Second Israel in the Roman Empire.

God's front line and Satan's front line



- 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.

The object partner of God's heart

Suffering in deep agony



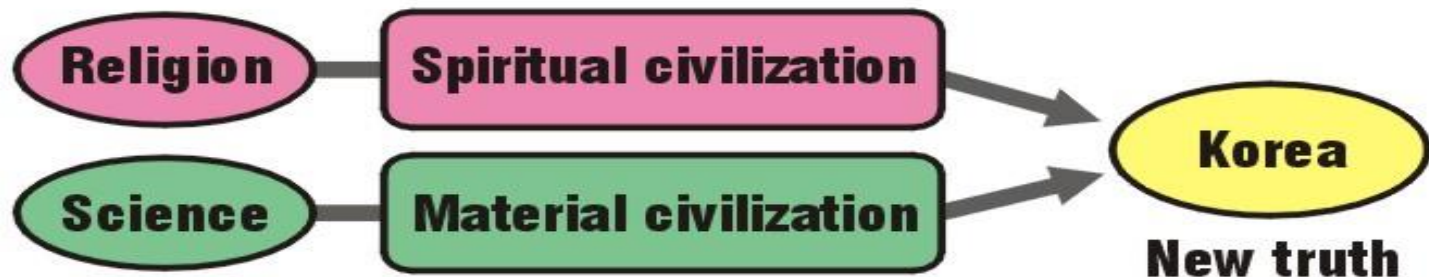
- ② The nation qualified to stand as the object partner of God's Heart must be a people of goodness. The homogeneous Korean people rarely invaded other nations.
- ③ The Korean people are by nature endowed with a religious character. They have evinced a strong desire to worship God, and always revered the virtues of loyalty, filial piety and chastity.

Messianic prophecies

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

- ① The Korean people have believed in the prophecy that the Righteous King will appear and found a glorious and everlasting kingdom in their land. This messianic idea was revealed through the Chonggamnok, a book of prophecy written in the fourteenth-century Korea .
- ② Among the faithful of every religion in Korea are those who have received revelations that the founders of their religions will return to Korea.
- ③ 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 .
- Hence, many are receiving clear revelations that the Lord will come to Korea.

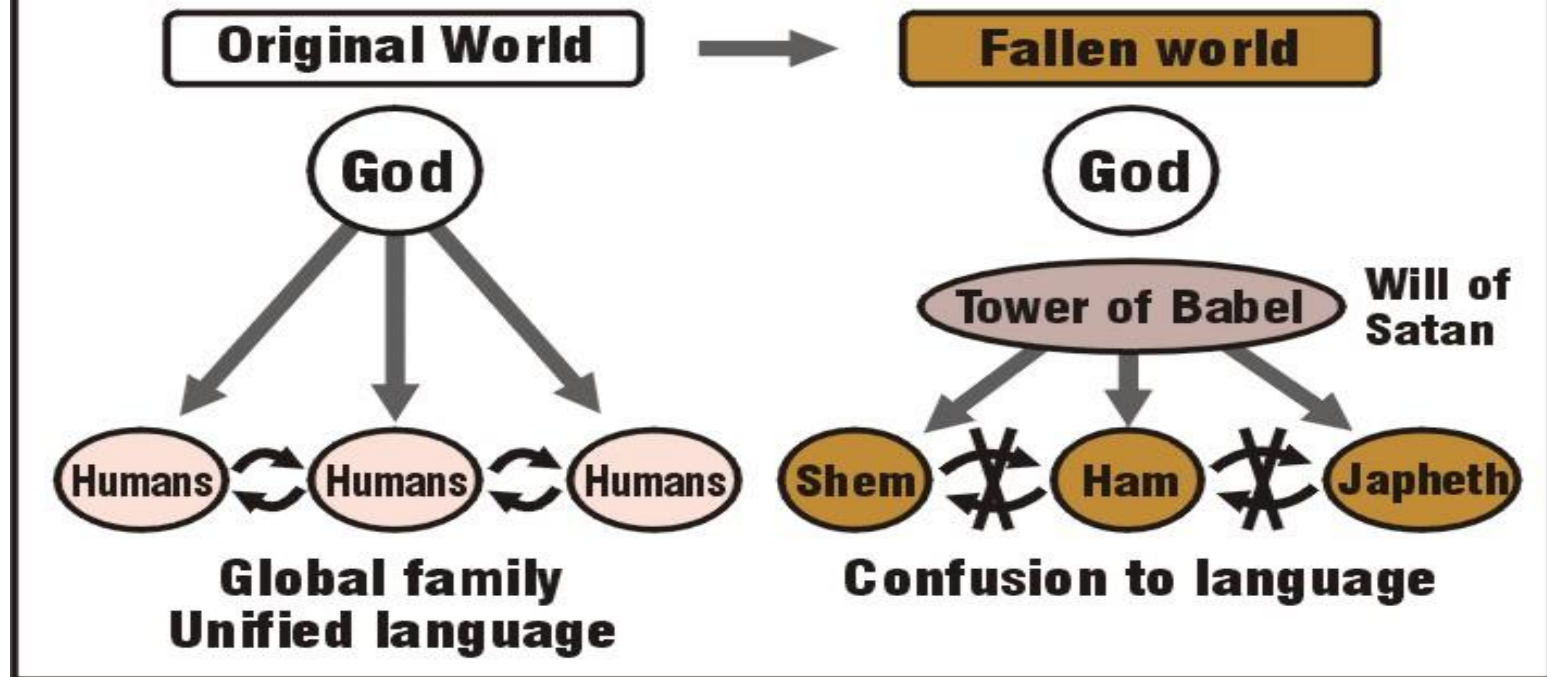
The culmination of all civilizations



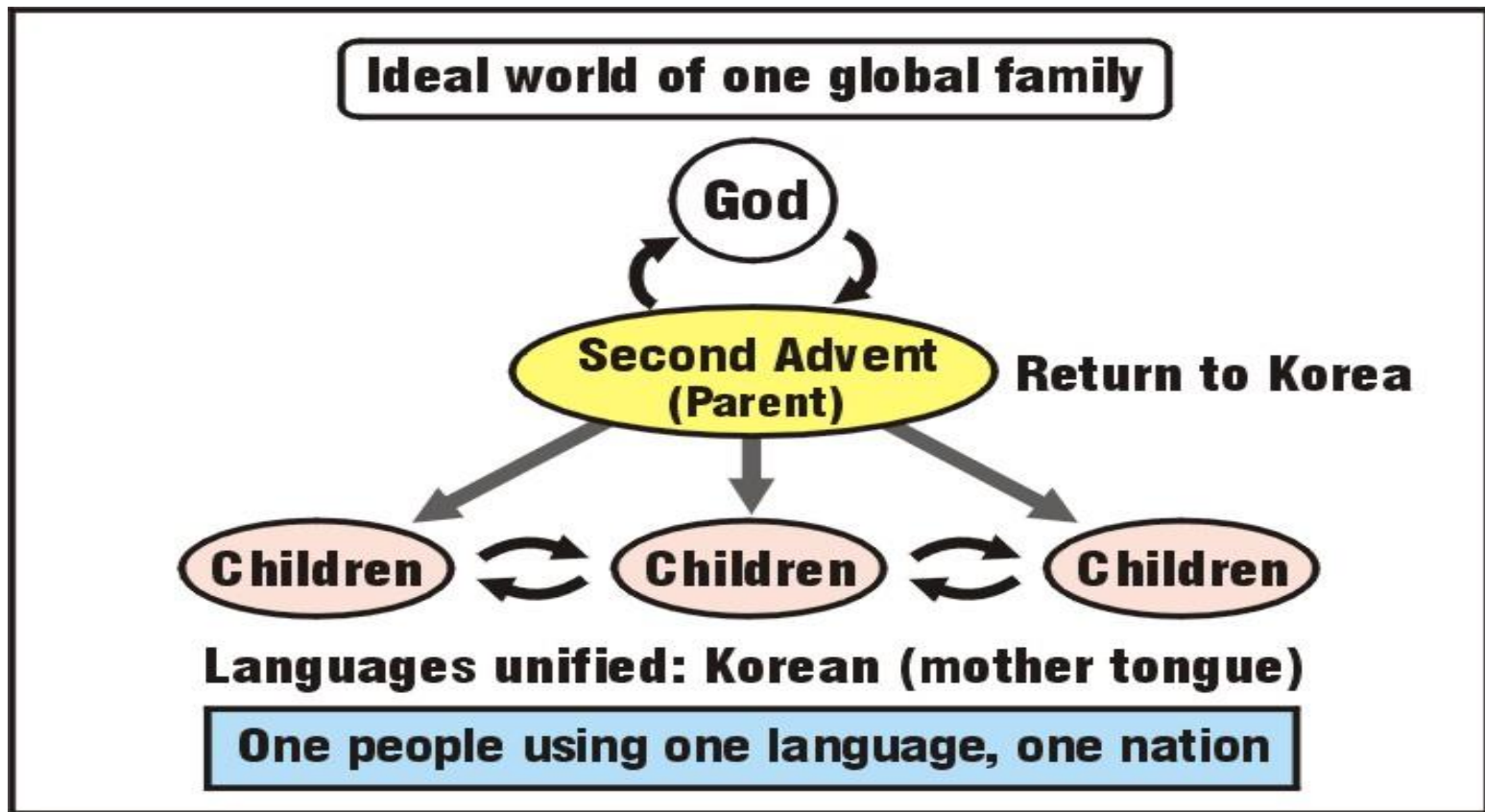
- ① Civilization of land ➔ Korea
- ② Civilizations of rivers and seas ➔ Pacific civilization
- ③ Civilizations of climate zones ... ➔ Temperate-zone civilization of Eden

- ① The essences of all civilizations which developed on the land should bear fruit in Korea.
- ② The essences of civilizations born on the shores of rivers and seas should bear fruit in the Pacific civilization to which Korea belongs.
- ③ Civilizations born out of different climate zones should bear fruit in the temperate-zone civilization of Eden, which is Korea .

Section 5 The Chaotic Profusion of Languages and the Necessity for Their Unification



- One day, the descendants of Noah's second son Ham, who had sinned against God, built the Tower of Babel to exalt themselves even above God, thus furthering the will of Satan.
- When the descendants of Shem and Japheth, who stood on God's side, helped with the construction, God brought such confusion to their languages that they could no longer communicate with each other to further the will of Satan.



- If Christ does indeed return to Korea, the Korean language will become the mother tongue for all humanity, and all people should learn to speak it.
- All of humanity will become one people and use one language, thus establishing one global nation under God.

This ends the Principle lecture, and I will conclude the program by reading an excerpt from the President Hak Ja Han's speech to world leaders.

From the President Han's speech
“Women are Leaders of the Ideal World”

The mission of the Messiah the Savior is to teach how to liquidate the sinful history, which has been tangled up after the human beings had fallen away from the paths of true parents, true husband and wife, and true children.

Today, I declare to the heaven and earth that my husband, the President Sun Myung Moon, is the one who has been pioneering the path of true parents and the Messiah for all his life. As you know very well, despite the severe persecution by the evil world, my husband, the President Moon, has been pioneering the future of the humanity by revealing the purpose of God's creation and the original sin committed by the human ancestors.

His teaching, the Divine Principle, affirms that the ideal of the Second Advent aspired to by the founders of all religions, be it the return of Maitreya, the Awakened One, New Confucius, or Jesus, is realized in the advent of one Messiah as the True Parent of the mankind, through which the religions will be unified. However, this advent will not occur as a return on the clouds of Jesus, who died two thousand years ago, as Christians believe, but rather in the form of the birth of the one who inherits the mission of Jesus.

So far, no one has been able to fight against sexual promiscuity and adultery, which have been corrupting the mankind, and yet the truth of hope that can thoroughly resolve this problem has emerged in our age in Korea. This truth, brought to light by the True Parents, will be the light of the mankind to unify the South and North Koreas and build the world of peace. Let us all embrace this truth and put an end to the sinful world, which has been tormenting us all along history, as fighters to build the world of unification overflowing with freedom, peace, and happiness.

Thank you.