

CHURCH IN REGINA

2 Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

HWMR Week 4—The Need for God's People to Seek the Lord's Direction and Have the Lord's Presence to Display His Victory for the Building Up of His Body and the Spreading of His Kingdom

Jehovah's Charge to Israel to Depart from Babylon

Isaiah 52:11 says, "Depart! Depart! Go out from there [Babylon]!/Do not touch any unclean thing! / Go out from the midst of her! Cleanse yourself,/ You who bear the vessels of Jehovah!" This word about the vessels of Jehovah indicates that the vessels of the temple, which had been carried away to Babylon, would be brought back to Jerusalem. Verse 12 continues, "You will not go out in haste, / And you will not go in flight;/For Jehovah will go before you,/And the God of Israel will be your rear guard."

The entire Bible gives us **one complete revelation**. This revelation shows us that **God has an economy, a plan with many arrangements, to gain a people who are regenerated, sanctified, renewed, transformed, and conformed to His image to be His corporate expression that He may be glorified forever**. This revelation includes the fact that God has an enemy—Satan. As God's adversary, Satan is always rejecting God, opposing God, and doing whatever he can to frustrate God from accomplishing His economy. This opposition to God's economy indicates that there is a war raging in the universe between God and Satan.

In the Bible, the **result of Satan's work** is called Babylon. In God's eyes, all the attacks carried out by the nations come from one source—Babylon. **Babylon signifies division with confusion**. Babylon was first called Babel in Genesis 11, but at the end of the Bible, Babel consummates in Babylon (Rev. 17—18). Babylon is also seen in the image in Daniel 2. The head of that image is Nebuchadnezzar, indicating that Nebuchadnezzar is the head of Babylon, and the ten toes of that image are Antichrist with the ten kings. Hence, Antichrist also will be a part of Babylon.

In the Old Testament, Babylon was mainly political, but this **political Babylon** also **interfered with the worship of God**. When Babylon invaded Jerusalem, it destroyed the temple of God and carried away to Babylon the vessels of the temple (Dan. 1:1-2), which typify the ways and means for God's people to enjoy Christ. These vessels continued to exist, but they were marred. Furthermore, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, captured the people of high rank in Israel, including the royal family, and forced them to worship his god in Babylon. Hence, the worship of God was damaged and marred by Babylon. This shows that **Babylonian politics went together with Babylonian religion**.

In the New Testament, Babylon is mentioned in a strong way in the book of Revelation. The religious aspect is mentioned first (Rev. 17), then the political aspect (Rev. 18). The religious Babylon is revealed as "Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of the Prostitutes and the Abominations of the Earth" (17:5). In Revelation 2:20 she is signified by Jezebel.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting
Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting
Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting
Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting
Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference
November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training
December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ is
the Lord of
Glory.**

In contrast to political Babylon, **religious Babylon**, the **apostate Roman Catholic Church**, is very mysterious. It has God, Christ, and Satan within it. It has a name that it proclaims God and preaches Christ as the Savior. But when its members believe its preaching, they are brought into the secrets, mysteries, and deep things of Satan (v. 24) to worship idols. The apostate Roman Church **preaches God but worships idols**. This is **hypocrisy**.

Presently, political Babylon is less prominent than religious Babylon. Political Babylon is somewhat in a state of repose, whereas religious Babylon is flourishing. For example, Christmas, which is celebrated throughout the world, is altogether from Babylon. Participating in Christmas may seem to be a small thing, but **anything that is part of Babylon is abominable in the eyes of God**. The system in the church meetings of one man speaking and all the rest listening is also a part of Babylon. This Babylonian element must not be allowed to remain among us. God **commanded** His Old Testament elect, Israel, to **depart from Babylon** and to **separate themselves absolutely from Babylon** (Isa. 52:11). In the New Testament, God also **charges** His elect, the church, to come out of Babylon (Rev. 18:4). **We all need to ask ourselves whether or not we have made a thorough clearance with today's Babylon**. We are here following our Christ, who is the Servant of Jehovah, and He requires us to depart from Babylon and to have a thorough clearance with Babylon.

In Joshua 6 the children of Israel gained the victory over Jericho, but in fighting against Ai they were defeated. Because Achan kept a Babylonian garment (7:21), God's people suffered a defeat. **Anything that is Babylonian gives Satan the ground to defeat the people of God**. Therefore, we must forsake everything Babylonian. If we would serve God as His pure people, we first need to have a **thorough clearance** of all Babylonian things (Excerpts from the LS of Isaiah Msg. 26).

A Life of Fellowship

Man's eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Genesis 3 was according to the principle of independence from God. The *principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil* is that **man lives and works apart from God**. Man lives without God, without needing God, without having God, without depending on God, and without contacting God. This is the principle of independence, the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The *principle of the tree of life* is the opposite. Its principle is **dependence**, not independence. In the universe anything dead is independent and unrelated to other things, but anything living is dependent. As long as a tree is living, it relies on soil, and as long as a fish is living, it relies on water. But once they die, soil and water mean nothing; the tree is independent from the soil, and the fish is independent from the water. **The tree of the knowledge of good and evil results in death**; therefore, its principle is independence. **The tree of life results in man having life**; therefore, its principle is a **continual dependence** on God. The **entire** Christian living should be of life. There should not be any trace of death. Nevertheless, whenever we are independent from God and live according to the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are living in death, not in life. Regardless of whether we are working, studying, taking care of our family, or doing other things, as long as we do these things on our own, apart from God, we are cut off from fellowship with God. This is abnormal. A **normal Christian life** is a life of fellowship. This means that we cannot be separated from God; we cannot be independent from God. From the day of our salvation we no longer exist as individuals, and we should no longer be independent.

If we desire to be a **normal Christian**, we must not be independent toward God and individualistic toward the brothers and sisters. **We fellowship with God and with the brothers and sisters in all matters**. We have God, and we have the brothers and sisters. Hence, in everything we can say, "I have consulted with God, and I have also conferred and considered it with my brothers and sisters." If we are like this, everything we do will be safe and secure, and it will definitely be full of light, peace, and sweetness. When we are living in this way, we are living in fellowship, and this kind of life is called the life of fellowship (Excerpts from CWWL, 1959, vol. 3, "Lessons for New Believers, Msg. 21).

Announcements:

- Thanksgiving Conference on November 25 to 28. Subject: Living in and with the Divine Trinity

Message 1 - November 25 at 7pm	Message 4 - November 27 at 7pm
Message 2 - November 26 at 7pm	Message 5 - November 28 at 10am
Message 3 - November 27 at 10am	Message 6 - November 28 at 7pm

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord we exercise our faith and believe in You. We openly testify to Your redeeming blood. Save us from any disbelief and make us those who surround ourselves with proper people to bring forth proper fruit.
2. Cause us to always inquire from You. Save us from losing Your presence. Instead, we want to be one with You – walking with You, living with You, and having our entire being with You.
3. Lord, nothing matters to us more than Your presence. How we seek Your smiling face everyday. May Your presence keep us, rule us, govern us, and guide us to fully go on and possess the good land.
4. Do not allow us to seek glory and honor for ourselves. Enlighten us, in Your light, to see everything in us which is not absolute toward You. We forsake anything “Babylonian” and render true worship to You.
5. Lord, You are our Husband and we submit to You. Save us from making any decisions without first seeking counsel from You. May we never forget our position as Your wife.
6. Lord we depend on You. We have no alternative but to fellowship with You in all things, discuss all thing with You and allow You to handle all things, speaking all things, and make every decision. Make this our habitual practice – to have a co-living with You.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the word of God to reach all parts of Canada, especially the remote areas. Pray that many genuine seekers of the Lord will receive a copy of the New Testament Recovery Version.
2. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the French publication work for His move to build up the Body of Christ, perfect His bride and consummate His economy.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and **meeting hall**.
2. Pray for the **small group meeting** and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
3. Pray for a **regular bible distribution** and the continual **preaching of the gospel**. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. Pray for all the saints to pick up the burden to spread the truth embodied in the **New Testament Recovery Version** so that it would become part of their daily living.
5. Lord, we pray for our individual **pursuit of the Life-study messages**. May we see Christ in Exodus and speak the same thing—the new language.