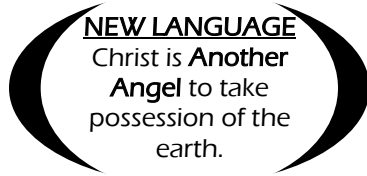


CHURCH IN REGINA

EPH 5:32 THIS MYSTERY IS GREAT, BUT I SPEAK WITH REGARD TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.



Church Meetings:

Lord's Table

Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

YP & College Meeting

Friday, 6:45 - 8:30 PM

Children's Meeting

Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting

Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 18-20, 2022

April ITERO

April 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference

May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual Training

July 4-9 2022

October ITERO

October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference

November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 26-31, 2022

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Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 1

An Introductory Word

This introductory word to the life-study of 1 and 2 Kings presents the intrinsic revelation of the books of history in the Old Testament. Such a revelation is necessary to get into the real significance of these books. Otherwise, we may regard these books merely as story books.

God promised Abraham that He would give him and his descendants Canaan as the good land. Through Moses He brought Israel as a people, the descendants of Abraham, out of Egypt through the wilderness to the border of the good land. After Moses, Joshua was used by God to bring His elect into the good land He had promised to them.

The intrinsic revelation of the history according to the record from Joshua to Esther is to **unveil** to us **how the eternal economy of God was carried out by His elect on the earth**. The **eternal economy of God** is altogether concerning **Christ and for Christ**, mainly in the *person of Christ* and the *kingdom of Christ*. Regarding the person of Christ, the record of history in the Old Testament keeps a lineage of the **genealogy of Christ** for His coming through His incarnation to be a man. Regarding the kingdom of Christ, the Old Testament history keeps a line on the kingdom of God for Christ **to establish His divine kingdom** on the earth. These two items form the **governing line of the divine revelation** in the books of the history of Israel. Now in 1 and 2 Kings this governing line must be realized by us for our study and understanding of these two books.

For the carrying out of His economy, God needs a people and a land. For Christ's person, there is the **need of a people** to be the lineage of His genealogy to bring Him into humanity. For Christ's kingdom, there is the **need of a land**. Although the earth was created by God, it has been usurped by Satan. Thus, God uses His people to gain a part of the Satan-usurped earth to serve as a "beachhead" for Him to set up His kingdom...

The two books of Kings present us a **full picture** of the details by which God's elect remained in and participated in the good land. It depicts, as an x-ray, in detail, the character, the intention, the preferences, the habits, the morality, and the actions of all the kings as the descendants of David the king. By such a picture we can see that **what we are, what we desire, what we intend to do, what we want, and how we behave** ourselves have very much to do with our remaining in Christ and participating in all His unsearchable riches for our enjoyment. This picture concerning Israel ends with a tragedy of all the kings who were put into the blessed situation of the Davidic kingship and who were not faithful to God and did not take good care of their inheritance: they lost the good land and were carried away as captives to the idol-worshipping world. This should be a **solemn alarm** and **warning** to us in our relationship with Christ. If we are wrong in any of the matters mentioned above, we will suffer the loss of Christ as our enjoyment. I hope that we all will see this and be deeply impressed with it.

Christ is our good land, and we need to remain in this land, participate in it, and enjoy it.
(Excerpts from The Life-Study of 1 & 2 Kings, Ch. 1)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You, Lord for giving us the key in understanding Your word. Continue to enlighten us that we may see what the economy of the mystery is. Reveal to us not only Christ, but Christ and the church.
2. Lord, we want to know You and Your Body as the center, reality, and goal of Your eternal economy. Keep working Yourself into us, Your redeemed people, to make us the same as You are, the New Jerusalem.
3. Thank You for showing us a vivid portrait of You in the Old Testament. You are the centrality and universality of God's eternal economy, the all-inclusive good land promised to us, the unique satisfaction for us, and the God-man to fulfill God's economy.
4. Lord, we believe and receive You as the all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit. Not only do we have a picture, but we also have the reality, which is You spreading Yourself in us for the producing of the churches, the fullness of Your Body that will consummate in the New Jerusalem.
5. Lord, You are our real Passover – the One who redeemed us back to God and saved us from the hand of the enemy. Continue to work Yourself in us to save us from degradation and from falling into captivity.
6. Lord, make us Your priests and kings today, exercising Your authority on earth. Transform us with Your element so that we live not by our own life but by Your divine life and enjoy You as our God-allotted portion.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Churches in Canada: for the producing of overcomers through the practice of the vital groups "to conquer the deadness of Sardis, the lukewarmness of Laodicea and the barrenness dealt with by the Lord in John 15". Pray for the perfecting of the saints in function, coordination and service (Eph. 4:11-16), the shepherding of the saints of all ages (John 21:15-17) and the practice of the God-ordained way church life in the homes (Acts 2:42)

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for a habit of reading the Life-studies for our spiritual nourishment and growth in Christ. May all of us endeavor to ready the 500 life-study messages consistently (www.500lifestudies.org).
2. Raise up new ones and strengthen us through our in-person small group meetings.
3. Pray for the new students/contacts (Judith, Ola, Naomi, Jack, Robin, Lysa, Joseph, Patricia and Cherubim) at the University of Regina. Pray that they will continue to attend the weekly college meetings on campus.

A Timely Speaking

The Consummation of the Complete Salvation of Christ

The church, the Body of Christ, as the bride, the wife, of Christ is the consummation of His complete salvation by His ministry in three stages...

- A. By the judicial redemption accomplished by Christ as the flesh in His incarnation.
- B. By His organic salvation carried out by Him as the life-giving Spirit in His inclusion.
- C. By the intensified work of His organic salvation by Him as the sevenfold intensified Spirit in His intensification.

~Excerpts from The Crystallization of the Gospel of John, ch. 9

Announcements:

1. Service Meeting, December 11
2. Love Feast, December 11
3. Semi-Annual Training, December 28-January 7.