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*“And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer”
(Rev.6:2)*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Psalm 133:1 “...how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Unity is so important. When we cannot meet together, we can feel alone and disconnected. However, the unity we have in God is so unique because it is not based on earthly conditions, but on the Spirit of God. “...keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit...” (Ephesians 4:3-4) The Bible calls us a body - the very life-Blood of Jesus runs through each one of us and connects us on a spiritual level. This means that when we remain connected to Christ then, no matter where we are or our circumstances, we are always connected to the rest of His body. Be blessed.

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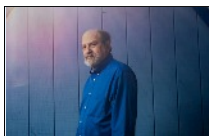


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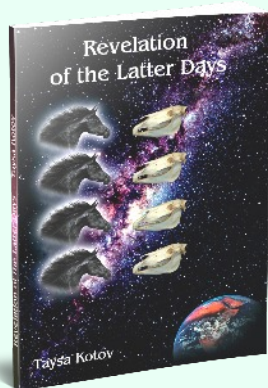
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I also began to contemplate other questions. Where did the universe come from? How did life begin?

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Attention!

Anyone who wants to know what time he is living in, what is happening in the spiritual world and how it is reflected on the earth, about which God wants to warn His people speaking about the last days and the approaching end (Apocalypse) through the Apostle John and Prophet Daniel, can read about this in the book “Revelation of the Latter Days” which was received from God and written down by the pastor of Philadelphia Church, Taysa Kotov.

At the present time the book is available to purchase for the retail price of £5.50 or EURO 7.70. For churches who would like to place a larger order, a discount is available.

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Abiding in Him

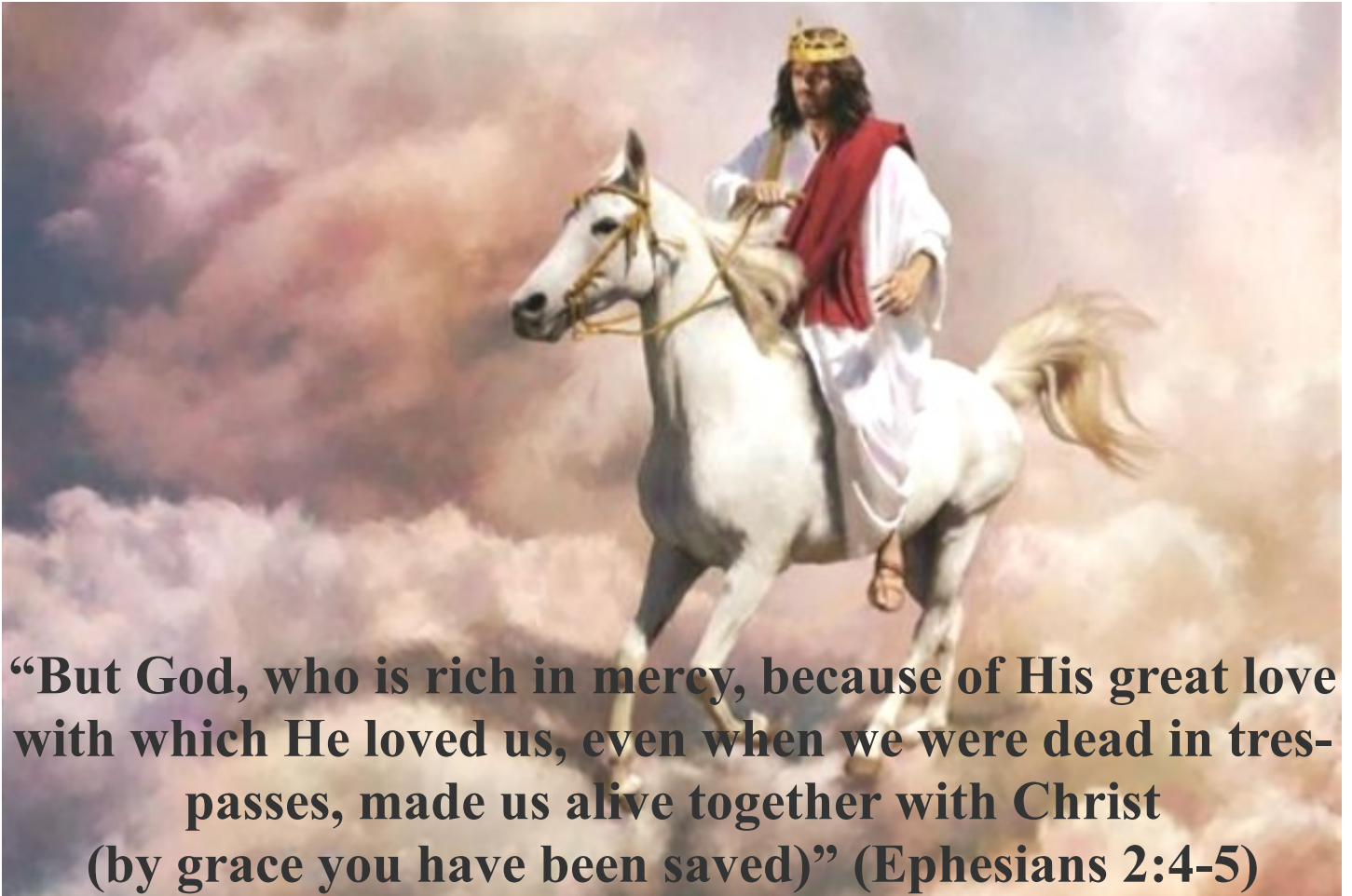
Abiding in Christ, we're secure
And need never be alarmed;
There's not a weapon anywhere
That can cause God's children harm.
He gives His angels charge o'er us
When He saves our sinful soul—
Our names are written in Glory...
And we're secure in His fold.

Abiding in Him, we're connected
To the life-sustaining Vine,
And, as branches, we bear fruit—
Righteous fruit of every kind.
We have the nutrients needed
To do good works and grow strong,
And as we depend upon Him...
He fills our hearts with a song.

Clothed in a robe of righteousness—
A robe purchased at the cross—
Let us live lives of faithfulness...
Ever reaching to the lost.
O what peace and joy flood the soul
Of a sinner saved by grace!
Alive in Jesus Christ the Lord,
Headed for that glorious place...
Abiding In Him.

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ !

We would be very pleased to receive letters from you and any testimonies about how God is working in your lives, about any miracles and signs you have experienced on the path of following Christ, or while you were searching for Him. Please send your letters to us and we will be glad to publish them in our magazine. The editor has the right to edit all material which is sent for publishing, but the content will not be changed. Unfortunately we are unable to return any originals.



The spirit of disobedience is ruling over this world and he will continue to do so, until someone deprives the devil of his power and rule over darkness and over the fallen world. He still remains the prince of this world and his rule is palpable in all spheres of world governance. Most people submissively accept the system of his governance and for morality they choose what God's law calls immoral, and for democracy they choose what is lawlessness. For example, fornication outside of marriage is called a civil partnership, and shameful passion is called sexual orientation. This is how the Scripture describes it: "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;" (Romans 1:26-28). There are customs of this world which are dictated by the will of the prince of the power of the air. This is what Paul writes about it: "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of

the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others." (Ephesians 2:1-3). This spirit operates in the sons of disobedience and is now corrupting society. But why is it called disobedience and what is it disobedient to? Of course, it is disobedient to God Himself and everything which has been determined and appointed by Him. It resists holiness, purity, truth and righteousness. Those who are in approval and agreement with the customs of this world are fulfilling the will of the spirit of disobedience and are sons of disobedience. One can live among the sons of disobedience, or one can live in disobedience fulfilling the desires of the flesh. However, having repented one can come out from under the authority of the spirit of disobedience and be sanctified by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, as we were all by nature children of wrath, but not according to the spirit. Those who choose a life in the fulfillment of the lusts of the flesh because they love it are sons of disobedience.

The victory of Jesus Christ over death and hell deprived the devil of power over those who were recorded in the book of life of the Lamb before the creation of the world. However, neither death nor hell have yet been abolished. "I will ransom them



from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.” (Hosea 13:14), through Hosea the Lord says that He will redeem His people from the power of hell and deliver His people from death. It is not possible to accomplish deliverance from the power of the ruling spirit without having received the rights of the victor to do so. Therefore, Jesus first won the victory, then He received the power of deliverance. It is written that He is Lord of lords, which means there are other rulers. “ ‘O Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory?’ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) Jesus was victorious, but He has not yet crushed his kingdom and the spirit of darkness still rules in this world over the sons of disobedience. As long as there are sons of disobedience, there will be rulers over them. Until death and hell are defeated in the lake of fire, the kingdom of darkness will exist and rule the sinful world. As long as the law exists, there will be resistance to the law and condemnation according to the law. Jesus said that He did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it, and those who live in Christ become the fulfillers of the law. That is why it is said that there is no condemnation to those who live in Christ Jesus and live according to the spirit but not according to the flesh. “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1-5). There is no letter of the law in heaven because there is no flesh which has been spoiled by sin. The human spirit, born of the Spirit of God and abiding in Christ, enters into heaven and this is a state of eternal life. “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:4-6) Eternal life in Christ Jesus is attained in a person while still living in the flesh,

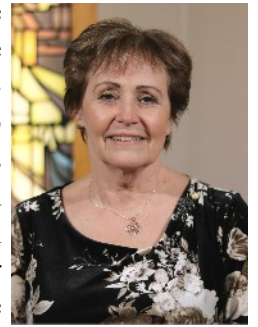
it is the state of mind of the spiritual person who has been born of the Spirit of God. We abide in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and we have also ascended with Him. When it is said that we were made to sit together in heavenly places, “...made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”, it means that at the time of His ascension into heaven, Jesus ascended together with us in Himself into His kingdom. We have already inherited the Kingdom of Christ in Him, and therefore inherited His most glorious name and the power of this name. We have already been made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit, Who has come down to us and Who abides upon us, is a witness of our inheritance and of our unity with the heavens. We have already been exalted over the world and over the ruling spirit in this world, if we live in Christ; meaning when we live according to the spirit and not according to the flesh. We are children of God according to the spirit, not according to the flesh, therefore, it is not the flesh that inherits the Kingdom but the spirit, and neither must we put our hope in the flesh. But, with faith, we hold on to the promise given to us through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” (1 John 4:4-6) In these verses John is saying that we have overcome the deceitful spirits of this world and overcome the disobedient spirit of this world in ourselves, because in us is the One Who is greater than the spirits of this world and the spirit of disobedience. He has attained this victory in us, He is greater, meaning He is stronger. All we did was give Him a place within us, and He attained the victory. Notice that John did not say that the one who is in the world is not strong, but he said that the Spirit of God abiding in us is stronger than all the spirits of this world. If He lives in us, we are able to defeat all the spirits of this world, which means all temptations and seduction, all lies and false teachings, all fears and sickness and all hell and death which prevails over the sons of disobedience in this world. We can resist the ruling spirit of this world precisely by having faith that the Spirit of God is in us, the Spirit of the Lord over all lords. But if He is not in us, we are condemned to failure and we will be defeated by the spirits of this world. One cannot withstand such power with one's own strength. Jesus Himself was able to withstand it because He was

born of God, and His Spirit was the Spirit of God. He said that They are one: "...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." (John 17:21-23). Jesus was one with the Father and left this unity for us through the Holy Spirit. Now we have the opportunity to be one with God through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The bond of perfection is in the love of Who He is, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." (Col. 3:14), this is the state of completeness, when we come into the state of God's love we are one with Him. It is impossible to expect victory when one does not allow the Spirit of God within oneself. Therefore, Jesus warned that the one who is not with Him is against Him. This is because that one has been captured by the spirits of the world, the spirits of disobedience and is already on the side of the enemy acting against God and His decrees. Such people live according to the customs of this world, in disobedience to the commandments of God. In order to live in victory over the spirit of the world, one must

live in Christ, in unity with the Spirit of God.

When Jesus spoke these words, He wanted to call attention to something: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives* do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27 - *the system of this world). Jesus had brought the system of heaven so that those who received Him would live in His peace, that is, according to His commandments and not according to the commandments of the system of this world. He left us His teaching which is different from the teaching offered by this world. The system of this world is built on opposing everything that is holiness, purity, righteousness and truth. Jesus gave peace which is different to what the world gives, but only those who accept it have eternal life in themselves and unity with God. Then they leave the community of the sons of disobedience and become sons and daughters of God, inheriting eternal life. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



Pastor Taysa Kotov
(translated from Russian)

Prophecy about the latter days

Everything that we went through earlier will seem only a little scary in comparison to what is coming at the end of time. Today's events are just a test, not only for the world, but also for the church. Nominal Christianity will fall. It cannot resist the temptations to come. The church will be tested as Job: "...But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" (Job.1:11), "So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" (Job.2:4,5). For many, the test will be beyond their strength. For those who are attached to their possessions, and who have not loved the Lord more than their own souls, this will seem unbearable. But Jesus warned that "...he who endures to the end will be saved." (Matt.10:22).

This warning of Jesus speaks not only of those times when the first church was persecuted, but also of the last, when evil will multiply, and the spirit of the Antichrist will rise in strength: "But beware of

men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved." (Matt.10:17-22). A difficult time will come, when people will betray their own, because they will be angry with those who remain standing in the faith and do not give up; because they are no longer able to endure and are ready to give up, while others patiently continue to remain in the faith.

Persecution will be presented as disobedience to the authorities; therefore, they will be judged by the authorities, and by families and churches. Those who do not accept the decrees of the Antichrist and do not



submit to the government established by him will be cruelly persecuted. The church will be divided into those who will remain faithful to the end, and those who choose to submit to the established authorities of the Antichrist. The harlot church will appear. The harlot church will be motivated by the fact that the Scripture says that we need to obey the authorities, we must be law-abiding, as Paul wrote: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." (Rom.13:1-7). This is what will become the basis for their justification and condemnation of the church, which refuses to obey the authority of the Antichrist. But this will be the betrayal of the harlot church, it will betray faith and Christ in order to preserve itself in this world. This church itself will betray the faith and will persecute and betray those who remain in the faith. Hatred will increase in families for those who will maintain faith.

Hunger, inability to provide for the family, in the case of disobedience to the establishment of the power of the Antichrist, will lead to such fierceness that children will betray their parents. Children will rise up against their parents and kill them, even if not with their own hands, then with the hands of the authorities: "He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Rev.13:15-17). In families where there are those who will not stand in faith, the refusal of believers to bow down to the beast, in whatever form he is offered, will be considered as acts of cruelty, dislike, selfishness and madness. How did Job's wife react to the suffering of her husband and the

loss of their children and all possessions? She suggested that he blaspheme God, knowing that his death would follow, but that did not frighten her. In her eyes, he was the culprit of all the suffering, and not only of his own, but also of her and her children. This is how Satan is able to shape a person's view of a situation.

What is the mark, and why is it said that the mark will be received? The Greek version says "stamp": "...receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads..." (Rev.13:16). The mark of the beast is a destiny from the beast, the plan of the beast on the fate of man, he will receive from the Antichrist his definition, the mark. This means that a person will begin to obey and fulfill the beast's destiny intended for him. Everyone who accepts the mark of the beast on his forehead or on his right hand will do his will, that is, receive a destiny from the beast for his life, will obey the devil, like one of the fallen angels, unconditionally fulfilling his will. The mark is also a calling, so that they will all receive their calling in the spirit of the devil, will bow to him, he will become their master, their father. That is why they share his fate with him, as they shared with him his calling to destroy and kill.

Denunciations will be encouraged, as a duty. Many will have great disappointment in faith, hence why Jesus said: "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (Luk.18:8). For disobeying the authorities, a capital punishment will be imposed, because they will be presented to everyone as pests, along with terrorists, saboteurs and enemies: "He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed." (Rev.13:15).

The picture of what will actually happen will be so distorted in the minds of the masses, perverted in the minds of the people, that they will believe the lies of the Antichrist, rejecting all truth.

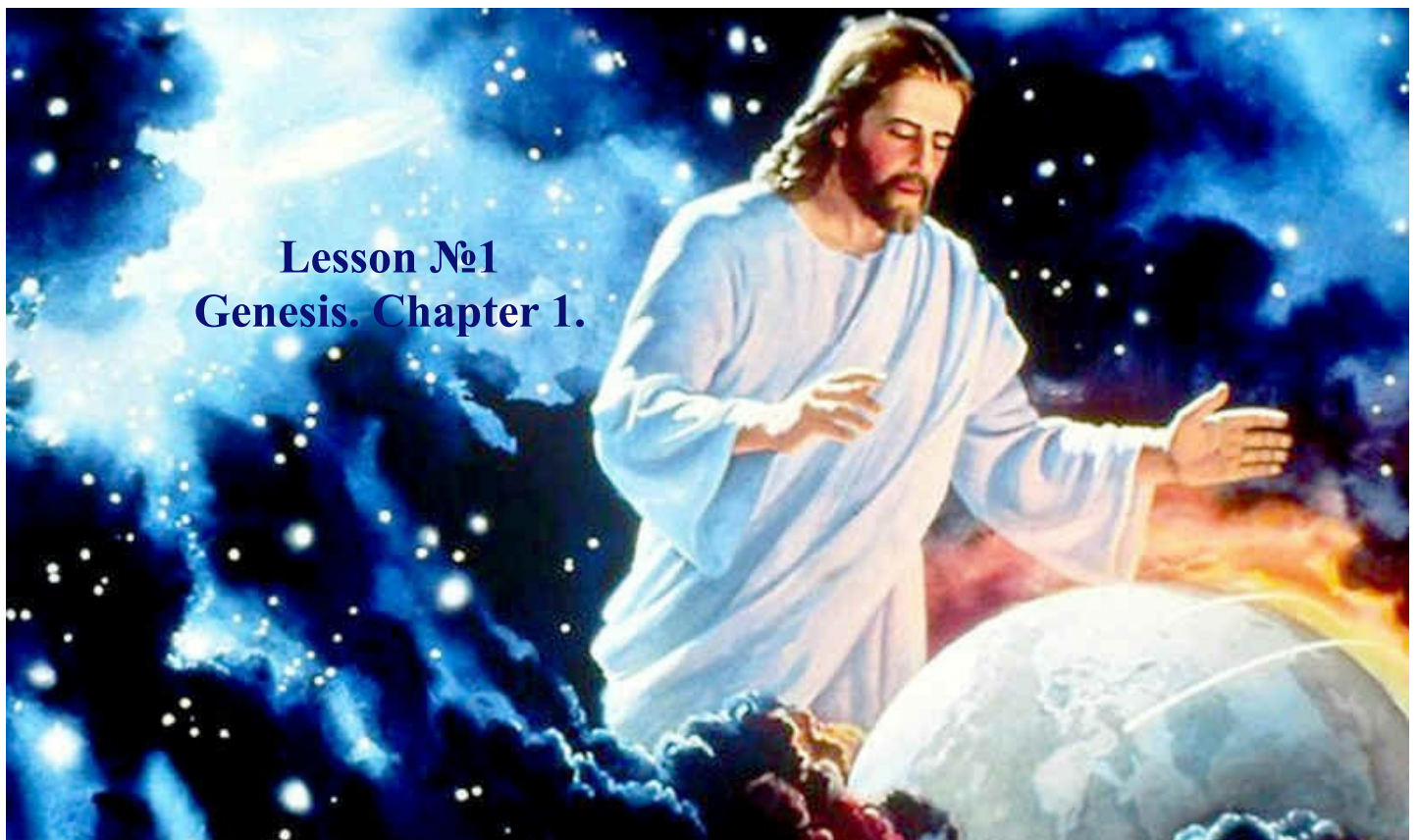
Today's test opens up a picture of the future, of how easy it is to turn the masses and direct them in the direction they need. Fear and horror will seize the whole earth, panic, all this will precede the arrival of the so-called "saviour of the world", a single ruler. He will offer peace and security in return for freedom and faith in Jesus Christ. And for their own safety, however the proposal of the Antichrist will seem to them, the masses will agree to accept the mark of the beast, that is, they will worship him. Having accepted him as the saviour of the world, they will show him this worship: "...Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to

Your face!” (Job.2:4,5). This is what the politics of the Antichrist is based on. And for a while, people will get what they were promised, but not for long: “For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.” (1Thes.5:3).

In order not to lose anything, to continue the normal way of life, to buy and sell, to arrange his life, a person will give everything. But not the church of Christ, not the bride of the Lamb. A church that has gone through trials and hardships, like Job, and remained faithful, will be exalted, although not all, there

will be those who pay for their faith with their own lives. John testifies of them in his epistle, in the Revelation of the last time: “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Rev.20:4). For some, the great honour of reigning with Christ will be at the cost of their own lives. However, this is a great honour given to those whose faith will be judged to

Taysa Kotov, 19/03/2020



Lesson №1 Genesis. Chapter 1.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Gen.1:1).

In the beginning God created the heavens. Here it talks about heaven as a spiritual, invisible world, not embodied. That is what God created in the beginning. It is a world for angels. And then God created the material earth, which still had no form or shape. Only on the second day God created the sky, called the firmament, that is, the material, visible, and tangible, and not spiritual, therefore the sky was called the firmament: “Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.” (Gen.1:7-8).

When is says: “In the beginning God created”,

it uses the Hebrew word ‘bereshit’, which means ‘at the start’ or ‘in the beginning of time’, that means, when the spiritual heaven was created, the world of angels, and the material world without form, time didn’t exist yet, there was eternity. Time appeared from the beginning of God’s calculation of days.

When it says: “...darkness was on the face of the deep...” (Gen.1:2), then, most likely, the word “deep” means an unlimited and chaotic space, which, subsequently, was to be transformed into our universe and limited to time.

“...the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” (Gen.1:2). At this point, it is said that the Spirit of God was still enveloping the shapeless mass of the earth, covered with a thick shell of water, or with a vaporous substance, that promotes the formation of life on earth, like the embryo of a



child in the amniotic fluid of the mother. The Spirit gave life to the earth.

Day in Hebrew is 'yom' and it means 'day' or 'period of time'.

On the first day God created light and divided it from darkness. However, the heavenly lights were created on the fourth day. This may indicate that the light formed on the first day was also not material. These could have been God's Angels, and the division between fallen angels that have become darkness and God's angels represented as light is described here. And the first day appeared as a concept of the time of day and night. Although this time could have been completely different from the 24 hours that we determine for a day and night. This daily time is determined by the sun and moon, which at that time were not yet created.

But most likely, on the first day, God made a covenant of day and night. This concept was initially spiritual, and then became a physical manifestation. Only on the fourth day there was a physical separation of day and night, through the created lights. God said they were given to separate day from night for the earth: "Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good." (Gen.1:14-18).

Therefore, before this, this concept was more spiritual than physical, and it was given then, not so much for the earth, but for the light and darkness. Obviously, the boundaries of darkness and light were laid, because it is said that God separated the light from the darkness, having seen that the light is good: "Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness." (Gen.1:3,4).

We should also not forget that God said that for Him one day, is like a thousand years: "For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night." (Ps.90:4), "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2Pet.3:8).

"So the evening and the morning were the first day." (Gen.1:5). You can understand that there was a beginning, and there was an end to this period; and

when the "day" expired, the evening came, and with the morning of the new day, the previous day or the past period ended. God created everything according to periods, naming each period according to the order of days.

On the second day, or period, God divides waters from waters: "Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so." (Gen.1:6,7).

That is, there was a division of the waters in which the earth was, and by which it was shrouded, into waters above the firmament and waters under the firmament, and this separation was called the firmament - heaven. Modern physicists have a concept of visible and invisible matter. It is the invisible matter that creates the stability of galaxies, preventing them from collapsing, and stars from scattering.

The visible matter is stars, planets, asteroids and cosmic dust, but the invisible, yet actually existing matter of gaseous molecules and photons in the universe represents a larger mass than the visible.

So, air is a material medium, and in the language of physicists it is called a continuous matter in which there is no void. Its molecules are tightly pressed against each other by shells, by mutual gravitational attraction, and this state cannot be changed under any conditions. The atmosphere of the earth is highly densified by the action of the gravitational force of the earth's core. That is why the sky is called the firmament.

On the third day God immediately creates land and vegetation: "Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so." (Gen.1:9).

Despite the fact that there was a separation of waters, the land had not yet been revealed. It continued to melt, shrouded in water in a vaporous state, this is waters above the firmament. The earth's crust had to cool down so that the water that fell on its surface did not immediately evaporate. That is why everything happened in sequence and in time.

In this period of the earth, there was no organic life on it yet. The earth, cooling, took shape, and oceanic depressions formed, into which water was later collected and land appeared. Only after that did God say the word about the appearance of organic life on earth: "Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so." (Gen.1:11).

Algae and, in general, plants were the first to appear on earth. It was in water that the first vegetation appeared, algae, which turned into terrestrial grass, therefore, first it mentions greenery: "...let the earth bring forth grass...", then about herbs: "...the herb that yields seed...", and later it is said about the appearance of trees: "...and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth." That is, algae turns into the grass, and giant grass turns into the grass-like trees and so on. So, through seeds the plant world developed. And there was evening, and there was morning, that is, there was a beginning and an end of this period, called the third day.

Despite the fact that the earth had already come to life and was covered with dense vegetation, it still had no animals, no birds, no insects. There was absolute silence. Throughout the globe there was a warm climate. Water vapor was still enveloping the earth, since only a part of it settled in the oceans and seas.

On the fourth day God creates the stars in the firmament of heaven: "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years...'" (Gen.1:14).

Only on the fourth day do lights appear that give a definition of day and night, seasons and days. A whole complex of phenomena appears, associated with astronomical laws. Up to this point, there was no winter, no summer, no spring, no autumn, and there were no climate zones. We can say that now the day has appeared, not figuratively and symbolically, but, as we already understand it, this is a 24 hour day.

The preceding days were devoted to the astronomical period of the Earth's life, and all the subsequent ones will talk about the geological period.

On the fifth day God commanded the water to produce reptiles, living souls and birds: "Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.'" So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." (Gen.1:20,21).

In the Hebrew text, in the original, the place: "...every living thing which moves..." is written as "seres nepes hayyah", what is understood as the creation of the lowest animals. «Seres» – crawling, teeming, a lot of something small, like worms and the like, that is, we are given a general idea of the development of the animal world from reptiles to winged animals.

When it says about the winged animals "...and every winged bird according to its kind", this applies to all winged creatures, including insects. Almost all insects have wings. This biblical mention of winged creatures is consistent with scientific evidence showing that the appearance of insects was a radical stage in the development of the animal world. Not only were the insects the first to fly, but they were among the first and earliest living creatures that lived on land. Thanks to them, there have been environmental changes that paved the way for all subsequent inhabitants of the land. It is not surprising, therefore, that these extremely important creatures are mentioned in the biblical story about the creation of the animal world.

On the sixth day the earth was ordered to produce a living creature, animal life and man: "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Gen.1:24-27).

As the crown of all creations, God creates man so that he will rule over all the creations of the earth. When it is said that God created man, then the word "bara" is used, which means "created from nothing". This word "created" – "bara", is used in the place where it is said that God created the light, and where it is said that God created man. In other places where God's creation is described, the word "created" is written as the word "asa". It is also interesting that God created the world in all three forms, as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The word "God" is written in the plural, that is, not Eloah or El, but Elohim, which is plural. However, the word "created" is put in the singular. So it turns out that the trinity is the one-being of the Persons of the Holy Trinity. You can translate what was written in the first chapter of Genesis, in the first verse, like this: "In the beginning Gods created the heavens and the earth." In the image and likeness of the Trinity, the first man was created: "Then God said: Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ...".

"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day



God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” (Gen.2:1-3).

So the days of creation ended, and man became the crown of creation and king of the earth. God determined to man a great purpose - to rule. And God gave Adam the command to give every creature a

name. This means that God put such a mind into Adam that all the physical laws of the universe and the animal world were revealed to him. However, Man did not linger in the seventh day. Because of his fall, he was expelled from the seventh day, and therefore all of humanity is in the sixth day even today, and still needs to enter into the seventh day of rest. It remains for man as a promise.

The Bible study session is led by Pastor Taysa Kotov
(translated from Russian)

I assumed science had all the answers. Then I started asking inconvenient questions.

I had an unusual childhood for an American. Members of my extended family were union organizers and left-wing radicals, and my parents had even been members of the American Communist Party. My father gave me a love of science and reason, and he taught me the importance of asking questions. These gifts, along with my training in scientific thought and research, eventually cracked open the prison cell that held my soul captive during those early years.

Breaking free was a slow process, akin to chipping away at a dungeon door with a dull spoon. Early on in life, my curiosity led me to ask questions. I saw contradictions in some of what I had been taught. If humans were a blind product of evolutionary chance, with no special purpose or significance, then how could the stated goals of socialism—to advance human dignity and value—make sense? And if religion, particularly Christianity, was really such a terrible historical evil, then why were so many Christian clergy members involved in the civil rights movement?

As I studied science and began my research career in biochemistry and molecular biology, I formed a passionate attachment to a life of knowledge rooted in the scientific world view. But I also began wondering whether there might be something more to human existence than science and pure reason.

At this point, the question of faith was off the table. I knew that evolution was true and the Bible (which I hadn’t actually read) was false. I knew that a supernatural god living in the sky was a fairy tale. I knew that science held the keys to unlock all mysteries. Or did it?

I was disturbed to learn that, according to science, some things are actually unknowable. It is impossible to know, for instance, the position and speed of an electron simultaneously. This is a critical feature of quantum mechanics, even though it makes little rational sense.

I also began to contemplate other questions. Where did the universe come from? How did life begin? What does it mean to be a human being? What is the source of our creativity—of art, poetry, music, and humour? Perhaps, I thought, science cannot tell us everything.

Now I was beginning to seriously wonder about the whole religion thing. I met Christians who were smart and scientifically minded, and for the first time I attended a church service. I was surprised at what I found. The pastor spoke about the power of love. The people next to me shook my hand and wished me peace. It was all quite beautiful, and I decided to return.

Then I read the Gospels and had another shock: I found them beautiful and inspiring. So far as I could tell, they carried the ring of truth. And the Book of Acts struck me as actual history, not at all like a fictional account concocted to enslave the masses.

The door to my prison cell was swinging open, and I stood there gazing out onto a new world, the world of faith. Yet I was afraid to fully leave. I remained stuck in that place of indecision for several years. And then the Holy Spirit pulled me over the threshold.

It happened one day while I was travelling alone. Turning the radio on, I heard the unmistakable voice of an evangelical Christian preacher, the kind I used to mock and avoid. But this preacher was really good. I have no idea what he was saying, but his voice and inflection were mesmerizing and I listened for a few minutes before turning the radio off. Driving in silence for a while, I began wondering how I would sound if I ever tried preaching—after all, I always liked to talk. The first thing that came to my mind was something about science—how, if there were a God, he might have used science to create the world.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march/sy-garte-science-answers-inconvenient-questions.html>

About our Church



Philadelphia Church International was established in London in 1995 by the wonderful and powerful prophetic word of God which spoke about its beginning. Members of the church are from different countries all around the world, but mainly from the former republics of the Soviet Union.

Philadelphia Church follows a charismatic path, or the path of the first apostles. The type of our ministry and its characteristics are described in the Revelation of Apostle John: *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let*

him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3: 7-13)

Each of the churches described in the Revelation of John has an Angel of God at its head who defines the anointing - the type of ministry. The ministry of the church depends on its development in the Spirit of God. Our church is called "Philadelphia" upon the revelation of God, because in the basis (foundation) of our church lies the Love of our Father God, which fulfils the new commandment of Jesus Christ: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:34-35)

The word 'philadelphia' is translated from the Greek language and means 'brotherly love', so the name 'philadelphia' itself speaks of our ministry. Just as the disciples of Jesus Christ, we try to fulfil His commandments of love for others with our lives and deeds. Brotherly love is shown through the support, help and sincere understanding of the needs and sorrows that close ones are going through. Everyone who comes into our church soon begins to feel that they have found a Christian family.

The church began with just nine people who became the living stones of its foundation. During the time of its existence the church has grown and widened. Today the church continues to be filled with new believers who are dedicating their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ. And God testifies by His Spirit that it is only the beginning of His plan about us.



***He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward...
(Matt.10:41)***

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ!

By the great mercy of our Lord God we have all been given the opportunity to be a part of the missionary ministry in Israel, Switzerland and Ukraine where by the will of God our brothers and sisters are working for Him.

A missionary fund to support this ministry has been opened and is successfully working in our church. If the Holy Spirit places on your heart to be part of this mission then you can send your donations to the church address.

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

Today God is calling you to become part of His family. This is a call to salvation which is also for you, our dear reader. We will be glad to see you.



Our Services:

- Su – 13:30 – main service, lunch, question & answer time on spiritual subjects, Sunday School
- Mo – 19:00 – youth services (house groups)
- Tu – 19:00 – prayer service
- Fr – 19:00 – prayer and Bible study



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