

The Time of Revelation

Welcome Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's lecture's title is the Time of Revelation. A few months ago, a sister called me and asked if it was time for the Apocalypse. She was moved by both the world events and the content of our publications. At first I didn't know what to say to her. But after a moment's reflection, I confirmed. The year 2020 started or launched an avalanche of events, which will continue uninterruptedly until the very end, gaining more and more speed and range.

Let us make it clear that the "apocalypse" means: unveiling, removing the veil, revelation or disclosure. It is showing something that has not been seen nor heard before. If this veil is not removed, we will see nothing.

If *God* does not reveal what was written in the last book of God's Word, we will not come up with anything ourselves.

Therefore, if we talk about the coming of the apocalypse, we won't be talking about it in terms of conspiracy theories but about what *God* wants to reveal to us. And His revelation is crucial for our generation, so that we could know what God expects from us in the connection to what awaits us. We need to know when this all is supposed to start; how long it will last and when it should end.

But the most important piece of revelation is: getting to know our God and His Son, so that together with the Father and His Son, in union with them, we can go through the last events on our earth for their glory.

The testimony that the last generation of God's people is to give before this world is primarily to show the glory of the Most High and show adoration to our Creator.

Therefore I believe that we are living in the time of a complete revelation which means that Christ is revealing fully and thoroughly the truth about Himself to us.

It is the time of revealing of - all the events and *the time* of their occurrence - in the flow of the final history of this world; one after another they will become unveiled because, as we have read many times, God has promised that He will never do anything without revealing to us first, what He intends or what was foretold in prophecy (see: Amos 3:7).

The closer to the end, the more light shines on these matters and the knowledge grows to its fullness, which is to help God to complete His work.

I called this message *The Time of Revelation*, because when, if not today, we need to analyse thoroughly all the recent events in order to understand them properly and to know what God expects from us in connection with the end of the history of our sinful earth.

In such a serious time there must be full cooperation between Heaven and the earth and the earth with Heaven, so that the work of God may develop and reach all those who constitute His body and have been called to take part in this final confrontation with the powers of darkness in order to achieve the final and undisputed victory over "the dragon", "the beast" and "the false prophet".

Their victories over this triple alliance will cause it to be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone after the seventh millennium (see: Rev. 16:13; 20:10). I don't think I need to explain who these allied forces represent. Undoubtedly, they apply to Satan himself, the Papacy and the fallen Protestantism. It is the spirit of persecution, the spirit of false teaching and the spirit of this world which rules and exercises its authority in the children of rebels, in the children of disobedience, in the people who rebel against God, who live according to the order of *this* world, according to the principles of *this* world, according to the temporal demands of *this* world, according to the lusts of the flesh, succumbing to their inclinations and agreeing to be infected in their minds with evil thoughts (see: Eph. 2:2-3, in various Bible translations).

Regardless of whether today one of us is already the stalk, the ear, or the full corn in the ear - if we still live with the old life and have not experienced death in Christ and resurrection to a new life, i.e. rebirth from the Spirit of Jesus Christ, it is our last wake-up call, the last trumpet announcing the time of our visitation / anointing, for the time has been fulfilled.

It is "*today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears ...*" (Luke 4:21, BW), for we only have four years left for this God's plan to be fulfilled. This is what is left out of the time of grace for God's people. But as you will see in a

moment, this time is divided, which in turn puts us in a factual situation: "today ...". We can say that the seven years that is still left till Jesus return can be divided in the same way as were the last seven years left to Israel as their time of grace while Jesus Christ first coming. However, then the time of grace ended for Israel as the chosen people, but now, this time of grace will end for the whole world. At that time, in the middle of the week (in the middle of the seven years) the sacrifices ceased because Christ offered Himself as an offering for our sins (*see: Dan. 9:27*). Similarly, in the middle of the last seven years, i.e. at the turn of winter and spring 2024 the Sunday Laws will be enforced in the whole world, which in turn will trigger the last 3.5 years of proclaiming the last message of the warning to the world. In autumn of that year, i.e. during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2024 God's people will grow up and mature to receive the fullness of God's Spirit, in the fourth installment or visitation of this incomprehensible God's blessing. Thus, for God's nominal people, the time of grace will end, for whoever will not receive the final seal of the latter rain at that time will never receive it again, and thus will remain unsealed.

This is what the words from Daniel 12:11 tell us, that the abolition of Christ's daily or incessant service in the Temple for the nominal people of God was set as - the beginning for the 1,290 days. This important event marks the beginning for the creation of the abomination of desolation, which is the introduction of the Sunday Laws in its global scope, thus exalting the false Sabbath and its maker. This worldwide event also begins the period of 1,260 days and 1,335 days. The message coming from Daniel chapter 12:11 was presented in 2018 (*see: our journal called Philadelphia No. 23*). We will come back to these issues later in this year's Feast of Tabernacles' lectures, too. So as we read yesterday: the ankles, the knees, the hips and the fullness of the Spirit, like the rushing stream from the prophetic vision of the prophet Ezekiel, will anoint God's people to equip them and separate them for the public service for the perishing and dying world.

Why has God shown us that He will do it gradually in four bits or portions, so to speak, or in progressive fourfold visitations of His people - increasing His power in them? Nothing is accidental, so the number "four" has its symbolism and means *universal truth*. When apostle Peter was raptured while he had a vision in which God showed him the need to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, he "*sees [the] heaven open and some object descending, like a great linen with four ends falling to the ground*" (*Acts 10:11, BT*). This vision shows the extent of the preaching of the gospel to the four ends of the earth. By the power of the early rain, God's messengers were to become witnesses of Christ from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (*see Acts 1:8*). Here, too, we see this four-level range. Moreover, the angels will gather the elect ones from the four corners of the world (*see: Matthew 24:31*). In Revelation 7: 1 we see four angels standing at the four ends of the earth, holding back the four winds. And in Revelation 20:8 we see the allied forces of evil - gathering from the four corners of the earth to go into the battle against the camp of the saints after the seventh millennium, i.e. after the so-called millennium, i.e. after the seventh thousand years during which the saved ones will be in Heaven. Thus, the number "four" has its meaning and symbolism denoting the universal truth of global reach. Thus, the growing flow of water / spirit from the Temple, transforming in the fourth portion into a rushing stream from Ezekiel's prophetic vision, covers the entire world in the power that will surpass that of the apostolic times.

"As He [Jesus Christ] passed through the towns and cities He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy wherever He went" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 350).

It will happen in the same way as it was with the gushing stream from Ezekiel's vision which flew from the Temple in Heaven and caused "all things to live" and be healthy (*see: Ezekiel 47:5-9*). Therefore, it is "Christ in you" that is to become the hope of glory for the fallen humanity. Coming to us as the early and the latter rain, as our Comforter, He announces to us:

"You are to be My witnesses upon earth, channels through which My grace can flow for the healing of the world" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 357). How did Christ do this?

"Through continual communion He received life from God, that He might impart life to the world. His experience is to be ours" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 363). How does this experience work? It will work in us - just like it worked in Jesus Christ. Through constant communication with God the Father - in Jesus Christ, we receive the life which we are to give to the world, that is, to those who are dead. So far we have only been taught to tell people doctrinal truths, or the theory of truth. And as a result of which more people intellectually

embraced these theories but still remained dead. We cannot give to others something that we ourselves do not have.

"He who would confess Christ must have Christ abiding in him. He cannot communicate that which he has not received" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 357). You cannot hand over life if you do not own it yourself.

Whereas the spirit contrary to the spirit of Christ would deny Him - despite the professed theory of truth in its dogmas and doctrines, and is manifested:

"...by evil speaking, by foolish talking, by words that are untruthful or unkind. They may deny Him by shunning life's burdens, by the pursuit of sinful pleasure. They may deny Him by conforming to the world, by uncourteous behavior, by the love of their own opinions, by justifying self, by cherishing doubt, borrowing trouble, and dwelling in darkness. In all these ways they declare that Christ is not in them." (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 357 despite the professed theory of truth!

In contrast: "In all who are under the training of God is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practices" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 363).

We will talk more about this when considering the message "The Final Testimony." There will be more practical clues for our daily lives.

So, how can we determine the time when this special sealing process will begin, or the time of judgment at God's house? When I was thinking about it and I prayed, asking God for *His* understanding of these truths, God drew my attention to Jesus' parable of the farmer and the grower. Let's read:

"Someone planted a fig tree in a vineyard. And he looked for fruit on it, but found none. So he said to the grower: I've been looking for fruit on this fig tree for three years, but I haven't found any. Cut it out, what but it is taking up space (why cumbereth it the ground?!KJV) And he replies, "Leave it alone this year, let me dig around it and cover it with fertilizer (dung it KJV), maybe it will bear fruit for the next year - and if not, you will cut it down" (Luke 13:6-9, BP).

Then I understood that this very year, until the next Feast of Tabernacles, is the last year in which God wants to show His mercy to His people, namely to the sons of the Kingdom, because for the sons of evil, for the tares and the stupid virgins, **it is already too late**. But let's not feel too confident as the sons of the Kingdom may eventually be cast out, too. You can read here about it: (see: Matthew 8:11-12).

I also asked God if the three years for which He has been looking for the fruit in our community - have any special meaning for us. And I heard the answer which on one hand may surprise you and on the other hand will show how amazingly God leads us. Do you remember what was preached three years ago? What was the title of that message? Three years ago God put the foundation for the creation of the community based on the power of His word, based on the order of gospel. It was three years ago when God sent us the message titled: „The Community of the Called Ones Before the Coming of the Armageddon.“ This was the foundation on which He wants to build the gathering of the saints as a germ of a mustard seed by which in the power of His word He will begin and will lead to the very end His work.

Is it difficult for you to acknowledge and accept the fact that it is in our country where the final awakening movement will rise ? Is it hard to believe that it is in our country where God found a few people; one, two maybe three families from whom the light of the truth about the end times will spread all over the world?

If you do not believe this, then go back to your homes and take into something else. But if you stay, then I am really asking you to stay deeply focused, quiet and serious.

Let us ask God to let His fear penetrate us, so that sometimes too much self-confidence does not turn into bitterness, and joy into sadness, from which there will be no return.

Having received the Word from God for all these years, a great responsibility has been put on us. „*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48, KJV).*

However, the word preached in 2017 has not born any cherished and expected by God fruit. So, we will either wake up and let God possess us fully and unconditionally - or God will call others in our place. In the prophetic Word, in the vision that Ezekiel received, we see the progressive outflow of water i.e. of the Spirit of God.

During the next Feast of Tabernacles, i.e. in 2021, the gradual pouring of water from the Temple will begin and it will reach our ankles. In 2022 this water will reach our knees, and in 2023 it will reach our hips. At the

Feast of Tabernacles in 2024, God's people will receive the full gift of God's Spirit, and this water will become a rushing stream, and wherever it flows it will give life. God's people will be sealed and set aside for public service, to complete God's work in place of Christ, inviting God's people who are still in Babylon to leave it and to be finally reconciled with God, for the hour of His judgment has come - judgment over the living.

"Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth and the sea and the springs of water" (Rev. 14:7, BW).

Then, with great strength and courage, God's people will proclaim the fall of Babylon, the fall of all Christianity, and will call people to leave all religions and churches over which great woe has been pronounced. For: *"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Rev. 14:8, KJV).*

How many nations has Babylon made drink of the wine ? All of them!

A powerful warning is therefore given against worshipping a false religious system, i.e. the Papacy, Protestantism, and any religion, in order **not** to support any laws that undermine freedom of religion and conscience. God's people will warn others not to think nor do anything to support, agree, or obey the Sunday Laws which will directly attack and strike our Creator and His seventh day Sabbath which is Saturday, thus exalting the false day of rest which is Sunday and which was established by the Papacy with the backing of Protestantism. Whoever accepts any laws that violate the Biblical Truth, and thus if he or she accepts on his/her forehead or hand the mark that seals the rebellion against the Creator of heaven and earth, then like the dragon, the beast and the false prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, and thus his or her existence will end - once and for all (see: Rev. 14:9-11).

And this time will show *"the patience of the saints ...who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"* (Rev. 14:12, UBG) Then it'll show who possesses Jesus' faith, and not faith *in* Jesus. It is a very significant difference, because without *His faith*, no one will be able to endure this increasing oppression and persecution, remaining peaceful and faithful till the end, even despite martyrdom.

"Happy/Blessed from now on, the dead, dying in the Lord. Truly the Spirit tells them to rest from their labors [of BWP afflictions], for their deeds are going among them " (Rev. 14:13, NBG). At this time, death will be happiness, for God's people will already be sealed with the seal of eternity. Besides, those of God's people who will die, will avoid the time of great tribulation which will be so massive as never before since our world has existed. The torment that will then fall on God's people who will be still alive cannot be compared to anything but the torment of Christ Himself which He experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane.

So, at the end of the little tribulation, a group of the 144,000 will emerge. They will not experience death, and will give the final testimony by which Jesus Christ will be able to come down for His bride (first fruits, barley, the 144,000) and simultaneously raise the dead (the wheat, the wise virgins, the wedding guests), who had put their hope in His grace and love, thus giving their lives to Christ, forgetting about themselves, and living only for His glory, until death.

"From the west they will see the name [Yahweh, BP], and from the sunrise His glory, for He will come like a rushing stream, driven by his breath [Yahweh, BP; like a dammed river, E&S; which the Spirit of the Lord/Yahveh rushes, BJW] "(Isa. 59:19, BT). This is the most beautiful summary of Ezekiel's prophecy. The one who will come to us in the late rain as a rushing stream of His Spirit / Life, will lead us to the very goal of our journey.

And although we will have to spend some more time on this earth, *this* what will begin then - will never end; *"...and we shall remain with the Lord forever" (1Thess. 4:17, BP).*

So... we only have a year left to allow God to prepare us properly for His Spirit to reach our "ankles." Anyone who is left out of God's nominal people in this *first*, out of four blessings, will not receive the increasing power of the latter rain which should reach its fullness in the following three years. Since:

"To those who refuse the precious rays of light which would illuminate the darkness, the mysteries of God's word remain such forever... From them the truth is hidden. They walk blindly, and know not the ruin before them" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 587).

So let us repeat: *"To those who refuse the precious rays of light (...), the mysteries of God's word remain such forever..."* These are shocking words which should make us fully aware of the consequences of not following the light, and thus of rejecting the precious beams of God's truth. And especially now, we should be fully aware of these consequences when God shines on us the light of the truth for the times of the end.

Interestingly enough, after I had finished preparing this message: *The Revealed Time*, I wanted to send it to my wife so she could read it. But it turned out that the night before I sent the text of this lecture to her, she had had a dream. In the dream, someone put on her feet golden socks, woven and seamless, (exactly the same as the described robe of Jesus) which reached exactly up to her ankles. She did not know the content of this message at all, so she could not even cherish this message in her thoughts. Therefore, when she read the message, she understood that in this dream God confirmed the truth contained in this message.

Do you remember how it was at the times of our Advent pioneers? They discovered certain truths and then God confirmed them by Ellen G. White giving her a dream or vision confirming the discovered truths. It is a tremendous privilege be allowed to take part in these experiences. It is a real God's grace.

Let us come down to earth, as they say, because I want to tell you something that, if not expelled from your lives by God's grace, you will not be those who will get this inconceivable privilege of participating in the final events as God's tools or vessels, filled with God's glory, by His Spirit.

Did you listen or read the message I gave a few months ago, titled "The Resistance and Rebellion"? I hope that none of you shows this spirit of resistance and rebellion any more, and that it is God's love that binds us in the Spirit of sonship, in His submission, humility and in enduring everything and everyone, without any grains of dissatisfaction, aversion or murmuring. It is extremely important because as I said at the beginning of this message, it is in the sons of those who are resistant that the spirit of this world, which is the spirit of Satan himself - dwells (see: Eph. 2:2). But once more God showed me a much more subtle factor that may also cause us not to achieve our goal - even if we do not show resistance. Since as we read:

"It is not only by resistance but by neglect that the soul is destroyed" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 323).

So not only resistance but neglect. So what is neglect? Let me share with you some most significant synonyms of this word, because as you will see, probably each of us is to some extent infected with the aftermath of what in its broad aspect means "neglect" which destroys our souls in the same way as resistance does.

So "neglect" is also: apathy; immobility; dawdling; phlegm; slothfulness/indolence; disregard; laziness; being a straggler or lazybones; negligence; idleness; inconsideration, tardiness; slowness; (slacking; hanging around aimlessly); disrespect, inattention, mess; disorder; lack of cleanliness; lack of order; dirt; chaos, confusion; sloppiness; clumsiness; inconsistency; being unorganized; disorganized; carelessness; indifference; delaying; being late; default; procrastination/protracting; overlooking/missing, disdain, lack of supervision; dissipation, oversleeping, lack of care, abandonment; imprudence; oversight; unreliability; thoughtlessness.

If we see ourselves in the mirror of the above mentioned synonyms of the word "neglect", it is high time we found a remedy for it. It is high time we started changing our habits because they are what makes up our character. Nothing is done by the touch of a magic wand, because our God is not a fortune-teller, but the Creator of the Universe, and by the power of His creative Word He can create in us a new creation, thus restoring in us the image from Eden, in which we were created. And this work is done only by the power of His Word, as long as we allow this Word, being obedient to it, to transform us, that is, to adapt us to live in the holy presence of our Father and His Son, from now forever. Let's read from the Testimonies:

"It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 324)

And: "Light comes to the soul through God's word, through His servants, or by the direct agency of His Spirit; but when one ray of light is disregarded, there is a partial numbing of the spiritual perceptions, and the second revealing of light is less clearly discerned" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 322).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is evident and easily seen how it works in practice; how it works around us and in us if we follow the world and not the Word. But it is not all - since:

*"We offer insult to the Prince of life, and put Him to shame before the synagogue of Satan and before the heavenly universe **when we refuse to listen** to His delegated messengers, and instead listen to the agents of Satan, who would draw the soul away from Christ" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 324).*

If we do not obey God's Word, if we do not obey those whom God sends to us with His Word, if we do not obey the overwhelming influence of God's Spirit thanks to which God the Father convicts us of sin,

righteousness, and judgment, we lose our ability to recognize the truth and to see the light in it, and we make Christ a laughing stock.

As I said before, we have to fight against three powers, that is, Satan and two powers that he inspires: the Papacy and the Protestantism. These three powers basically control the entire religious and secular world. To overcome these three powers it is possible only by obedience to the three witnesses - the Word of God, God's messengers and God's Spirit.

Referring to the previous lecture on *The Anointing*, it is at this very moment that I would like to recall an expression of God's Word about anointing that is commonly misunderstood.

"And you have the anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things" (1John 2:20, BW). Do we or we don't. One more text, let's read:

"But the anointing you received from him remains with you, and you do not need anyone to teach you; but as his anointing teaches you everything and is true, and it is not a lie, and as he taught you, so abide in him" (1John 2:27, BW).

A brother who phones me from time to time, keeps referring to these verses whenever I try to say something new to him or draw his attention to something else. Then he immediately tells me that no one will teach him, because he knows everything having the anointing from God's Spirit. Well, there is no access to this brother. Do these words actually say what many *think* they mean, and therefore they do not accept any instruction or reproof and do not even allow anything to be said to them? Because they already are anointed.

Let us read these words in yet another translation, which already expresses these thoughts a bit differently:

"As for you, make sure that the anointing from Him remains in you. Neither do you need any other instruction from anyone, because His anointing teaches you everything. This teaching is reliable and fully true. Stay with Him/it, therefore, as He taught you" (BWP).

Well, anyone can say that they are anointed by the Supreme with His Spirit and knows everything, but it doesn't work that way. Why? For the body of Christ has not reached its fullness in its Head, yet, namely in Christ. That is why teaching, instructing, prophesying, preaching the good news, etc. **is still obligatory today**. Through these actions and people who perform these actions - Jesus builds His body in unity and creates the so called *finished product* which is the temple of God and His spiritual home which at the end, Jesus will present to His Father. Moreover, these words apostle John spoke in the context of those who deceive the children of God, in the context of those who question the Father and the Son and having the spirit of the antichrist, do not accept God that the apostles preached from the very beginning, but accepted the pagan, Babylonian trinitarian deity which is the spirit of the antichrist dominating all Christianity (see: 1John 2:18-26).

So there are the three witnesses. The Word, the servants, and God's Spirit. You cannot claim that you listen to the Word if you do not listen to God's messengers. These three witnesses must always agree with what the Word is sent to you and what God's Spirit is convincing you to do. It is humility, or the Spirit of sonship, that will never elevate you above any of these three witnesses, but you will always remain within the boundaries of a coherent truth, both the truth about yourself and the truth in general.

The Adventist pioneer Brother E.J. Waggoner wrote very important words about this message. Let's read them:

"No one is to learn of man. It is true that God has sent teachers in the church, and He uses men as agents for conveying instruction; but the one who receives the instruction as coming from man, instead of direct from God, does not know the truth. No matter by whom the instruction comes, unless the learner receives it so directly from the Spirit that he knows it as a personal revelation from God, he does not have it as he ought to have it." E.J. Waggoner, "Waggoner on the Gospel of John", p. 99

It is only through the Spirit of God that we can understand God's things properly and at the right time. We must be so possessed by God's Spirit that we no longer have our own understanding, but only that which comes from the Spirit.

And only this person will fully benefit from the ministry of God's messengers who will recognize that it is the personal revelation from God - directed specifically to this person. And in such a case - he/she does not accept the truth from man but from God directly, because man is only a mere agent whom God is using at that moment; so he or she accepts the Word - from God Himself who sends or reveals the truth. God can do it either directly from God's Word or through His servants, His messengers, or also directly by the influence of

God's Spirit. We are safe when we are able to recognize these three witnesses and reject any falsehood of Satan's agents who will not rest until they outmaneuver, deceive, cheat, lie, and draw us away from the truth that has always but now, in the end times, especially is so mixed with false that hardly anyone can discern it and see the full light of God's present truth sent to us for the time of the end.

There is no independence in the body of Christ. No member of the body lives only for itself - independently of other members, because Christ's body *is* dependent on the Head, but also each member *is* dependent on another member of that body.

Let's read from the Testimonies:

"Selfishness is death. No organ of the body could live - should it confine its service to itself" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 417).

Three years ago - among other things we talked about the fact that if you cut out your hand, it will not function on its own because it is dead.

Our own body works similarly. The finger will do nothing unless the arm gives direction and strength to the hand. In the same way your finger and hand will do nothing unless the legs carry them to their destination. And the legs won't go if the eyes don't guide. Moreover, the eyes will not guide, unless the ears hear which direction to go.

"Your eyes will see your Teacher [Master, BT], and if you depart to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice calling behind you: This is the right way, follow it!" (Isa. 30:20-21, EŚP).

As the body of Christ, we need one another. We need our ministry done to one another; We need endurance in love and patience shown to one another, because we are not yet a body which has gained fullness in Christ. However, we must be aware that not everyone is eyes or ears, not everyone is an arm, a leg or a finger. In the body of Christ there are weaker members, less honorable or even shameful ones, and yet:

"God so fashioned the body that he gave a less reverential member more respect; That there may be no division in the flesh, but that the members may equally care for one another" (2Cor. 12:24-25, UBG).

And another translation:

"God so shaped the body that he gave greater value to the weaker, that there would not be a split [lest there be a split, UBG] in the body, but that the members would take care one of another" (NBG).

How wonderful is God's wisdom! If we do not learn this lesson well, that as the body of Christ we are to cooperate with one another, then let us forget about the final seal. God will seal only a perfect, completed work, and His seal will be placed on the assembly of the elect, *not* on independent individuals. For only as **one** we are able to resist the army allied with Satan. Therefore, let us keep this message in mind and let us not make the mistake of past generations, especially the mistake of Lucifer himself, who as a member of the Kingdom of God, seeing his own glory, decided that he could take the place of another Member of that Kingdom. And the position he had held so far became unsatisfactory for him. And when his claims were not recognized, he launched a rebellion, the effects of which are borne today by the entire Kingdom of God, including the earth and God's creatures.

Now I would like to show you the uniqueness of the Word of God, which is always relevant for each and every generation and has brought hope and truth for six thousand years. God's word showed the way, gave direction, strengthened, supported, gave power and has also been prophetic and sustained the faith of each of the past generations. God made me realize an extraordinary thing that should reconcile many interpreters of prophecies. First:

"But first and foremost, remember that no one alone can understand any of the prophecies contained in Scripture [no prophets in the Scriptures can be interpreted arbitrarily, BP]" (2Pet. 1:20, BWP).

And how is it today? There are so many different interpretations of prophecies as there are many churches and religious groups. Christianity is imbued with a multiplicity of interpretations of both Biblical and non-Biblical prophecies. And the world, in turn, is drowning in conspiracy theories and is relishing all this confusion which mingles the truth with lies.

However, what is of divine origin **never comes from man**, *"for prophecies were not made by human will..." (2Pet. 1:21, BWP).* Understanding the Word, including prophecies, depends solely on God who gives knowledge / the Spirit to whomever He wants and when He wants. Those who can recognize what comes from

God's Spirit are blessed, and those who do not recognize it are drowning in all sorts of false interpretations and conspiracy theories based on cheap sensation. Let's an important thought from the Testimonies:

"Never can humanity, of itself, attain to a knowledge of the divine...Only the spirit of adoption can reveal to us the deep things of God" (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 412). So, we will never have knowledge or understanding of what comes from God unless we become synonymous with the Spirit of Christ.

But to know the truth, not the theological *one*, as there are many, but **the real Truth**, we need to rise to a very practical aspect of our religious conduct, which should be based on the Spirit, not the letter. Let's read:

"The perception and appreciation of truth, He said, depends less upon the mind than upon the heart. Truth must be received into the soul; it claims the homage of the will. If truth could be submitted to the reason alone, pride would be no hindrance in the way of its reception. But it is to be received through the work of grace in the heart; and its reception depends upon the renunciation of every sin that the Spirit of God reveals. Man's advantages for obtaining a knowledge of the truth, however great these may be, will prove of no benefit to him unless the heart is open to receive the truth, and there is a conscientious surrender of every habit and practice that is opposed to its principles. To those who thus yield themselves to God, having an honest desire to know and to do His will, the truth is revealed as the power of God for their salvation. These will be able to distinguish between him who speaks for God, and him who speaks merely from himself" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 455). Do you see the reason why people are unable to recognize the truth? And why they cannot recognize those who speak from God's Spirit from those who speak their own words?

The truth is recognized when your heart and your will agree with God's will; when there is your renunciation of every sin, your willing submission of your every wrong habit and practice that defies the principles of truth. This is a very practical message. Do these words refer only to some specific sins? Do these words refer only to these most apparent and visible wrong habits and practices? No! Even the smallest details can turn out to be sinful, and every little habit or practice that violates the principles of God's Kingdom is a sin. This was the first aspect...

Secondly, the Word of God is always relevant to every generation, because it is the living Word! The same Word that we study today was the Word of support for past generations; For them it was also- just like for us it is today - a Word of prophecy, a Word of hope, a Word that gives direction and reveals the truth. The Word of God is always up-to-date, regardless of the time in which it is sent and learned.

Therefore, I do not intend now to refute past interpretations of prophecies that have been a signpost of faith for the past generations of God's people. This is especially true of our pioneers in the Advent movement. I am not going to prove now that their interpretation of, for example, the 12th chapter of Daniel is incorrect, even though today their interpretation has nothing to do with our reality and actually it does not meet the criteria of the truth. For them, it *was* the Word of Truth, thanks to which we are in this place today, and not, for example, in Catholicism or Protestantism. But to us who are living at the end of the days of this world, their understanding of that time **is of little use**, for it does not directly refer to us; neither it shows us the way, nor it gives us the direction in which to go in order to gain full knowledge of the end times in order to be victorious.

Maybe at this very moment I will introduce you to the timeliness of the living Word of God, through which God spoke and continues to speak and will continue to speak till the end.

"... Be patient, comfort and uplift one another [take courage, EŚP], for the coming of the Lord is already at hand" [for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, KJV] (James 5:8,BWP).

James was martyred in 62 AD, so it is obvious that he wrote his epistle before 62 AD, before he died. Then how are we to understand today his words in which he wrote to his brothers and sisters that Christ's coming was *right at hand* - since it did not take place in the time of his generation, neither in the next, nor even in the next after next generation, nor in none of the following generations? So it hasn't taken place within hundreds of years, even thousands of years until today. Jesus has not come, yet – nothing has happened in this matter for nearly 2000 years since James wrote the words that the Lord's coming **is at hand!** Did the people of his generation believe James? Yes, they did and they died and they did not live to see the return of Jesus, which was said to happen so soon when James wrote about it. What about the next generations who also read these words? So looking at the fast flow of time, **was Jesus' coming right at hand or not?** Did James write the truth, or did he exaggerate? Shouldn't he have written that Jesus would return in about two thousand years, wouldn't that be true then? Or shouldn't he have written that we will have to wait hundreds, thousands of

years for Jesus to return? Or perhaps we should reject James's epistle, as did who? ...Martin Luther, the father of the Reformation, who heavily criticized the letter. Luther believed that the epistle of James did not contain Christian doctrine and spoke of it dismissively, calling it "the letter made of straw", but eventually James's epistle found its way into Luther's translation of the Bible. Another passage from God's Word related to time:

"Blessed is the one who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, for the time is near" (Rev. 1:3, UBG). And the next words:

"Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book! For the time is at hand" (Rev. 22:10, BW).

And these words were written two thousand years ago. These words have been read both in the first century AD and in every generation that followed, up to this day, and nothing has changed: there is still time which can be called "near." So, both for the first Christians as well as for the following generations this time has always had to be close, but it never has come true in none of their generations. So how do you understand these words? How can you talk about something that is so close and so near and yet so distant? How can you say that something is close when that time is hundreds, thousands of years away?

As I mentioned before, the Word of God is relevant at all times because it is the living word. For example, for the Advent pioneers / the Millerites, the word from the Book of Habakkuk 2:1-3 was the Word that God showed them as an instruction how to deliver the message about the year 1843 and then 1844, placing it on two charts and then explaining to them the time of delay, which they did not understand at first. And only later God explained to them what difference was in time between 1843 and 1844 as the appointed time of Jesus' return, and which in reality meant the time when the pre-advent judgment began, which they had not originally understood. And now, with what theological arguments are we able to prove that both the two charts from Habakkuk's description and the delay time given there - are about the experience of the Advent pioneers? Who can prove it in a theological way? Through the theology and exegesis of the text, we are not able to prove it, because only the Spirit of God convinces us about the meaning of this Word. Moreover, the meaning of the word also depends on the time when it is being sent. Let's read some quotes about their (Advent pioneers) experiences:

*"When the year 1843 entirely passed away unmarked by the advent of Jesus, those who had looked in faith for his appearing were for a time left in doubt and perplexity. But notwithstanding their disappointment, many continued to search the Scriptures, examining anew the evidences of their faith, and carefully studying the prophecies to obtain further light...Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the prophetic chart, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk, "to write the vision and make it plain upon tables." No one, however, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the prophet: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." [Habakkuk 2:2, 3]. (Ellen G. White, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. IV, 1884, p.241)*

We must understand that all these today's phrases, such as theology, biblical hermeneutics, biblical exegesis, have simply replaced *simple* revelation, i.e. the presence of God's Spirit through whom God reveals the truth that was written and communicated to us by Heaven under the inspiration of His Spirit.

In the face of all these scientific formulations, *even* revelation, i.e. the discovery, the disclosure of the truth through God's Spirit, is mocked. All these human expressions which began to give the Word of God a scientific sound, and which, in turn, could only be understood and explained by scribes, i.e. all kinds of doctors of theology, or professors, lecturers, priests, bishops, pastors and, of course, the Pope - include such concepts referring to the Bible as: literary criticism, structuralism, psychology, and sociology, which means that the method of studying the Bible has been extended and has incorporated *new methods* referring to contemporary humanities. Today it is humanism which is the basis for contemporary biblical hermeneutics and text exegesis. Of course, it is said that all these methods serve for the best understanding of the text which must be in line with the author's concept. But God's Word has the only one Author who by His own Spirit inspired the Biblical writers. So only in the same Spirit it is possible to read and understand the Word of God, taking also into consideration the time at which this Word is being researched.

But unfortunately people have become convinced that they themselves cannot understand the Bible, so they leave the study of the Bible to "scholars" about whom they think that they are highly educated by seminaries, theological studies and therefore allowed to study the Bible. Besides, people have become too lazy to reach for the Word of God and seek the Truth. And on top of this - is the devil's masterpiece which shows that Bible scholars are inspired by his own spirit – the antichrist spirit. That's why there is such an enormous confusion about the truth contained in God's Word that it is practically impossible to discover it - if we do not devote ourselves to it - completely and thoroughly - and if we do not go beyond the walls of Babylon, outside the camp to be at the feet of Christ so we could learn the true meaning of His words.

Perhaps as a reminder, I will provide the historical background related to the text from the Book of Habakkuk in order to present the circumstances surrounding this experience shared by the Advent pioneers.

"Miller's initial calculations had carried him down to "about the year 1843". In the early part of 1843 he published in the New York Tribune an open letter to Joshua V. Himes, making clear what he meant by the term. Miller understood that the Bible year 457 BC began in the spring, or, more specifically, on March 21, 457, and that therefore the twenty-three hundredth year after it would begin in the spring of 1843 and end in the spring of 1844. So he announced in the Tribune that he set the time no closer than somewhere between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844(...)

Alas, in spite of all the sermons preached, in spite of all the publications distributed, in spite of all the camp meetings held, in spite of Miller's clear Bible evidence, and in spite of his miraculous call to tell it to the world, the year of the end of the world passed and Christ did not return. The believers were perplexed. They had set their hopes on no particular day within the year, so their disappointment in the spring 1844 was not so accurate as it was going to be on the day after October 22(...)

*Turning again to their Bibles, they read in Habakkuk 2:3, "The vision is yet for an appointed time...: though it **tarry**, wait for it; because it will surely come. (...) Discovering that the Bible predicted a tarrying time became a source of real courage." (C. Mervyn Maxwell, *Tell It To the World*, pp. 26-27, publisher Pacific Press Publishing Association).*

This experience gave them confidence that they were the people of prophecy and that God was with them. How important it is to know that God is present in our lives and that He guides us, regardless of our life circumstances, struggles and experiences accompanying our lives, and even disappointments - we may experience. Thus, originally Jesus' return was expected between the spring of 1843 and the spring of 1844.

The fact that Artaxerxes' decree came into effect in autumn and not at the beginning of year 457 was not initially noticed by Miller and his associates; therefore they looked for the return of Christ in 1843, which resulted in their first disappointment because of the delay. But there was a discovery of the right time in connection with a different testimony of the Bible, leading to the movement known as the Midnight Cry in 1844. Therefore, the calculation of the prophetic periods which place the end of the 2,300 days in the fall of 1844 is unquestionable.

But another question arises: if the calculation of Miller's time was correct, why did the disappointment follow it?

This error had to appear. The prophecy says: *"Up to two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the temple will be cleansed" (Dan. 8:14, UBG)*. Miller and his companions did not understand the subject of the temple and its cleansing.

Yet another question arises: If there was a mistake in this event, then was the whole work a mistake? Of course, not.

Christ's disciples were completely wrong when Jesus entered Jerusalem, and they greeted Him as the king with signs of victory. They thought he was to be crowned as the king on the throne of David. But it was not a mistake that they followed their faith and, in so doing, fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, which they would **not** have fulfilled - had they realized that Jesus was going to judgment and death. It is very important for us to understand. And the prophecy had to be fulfilled, so, had it be necessary, the stones would cry out about it. (see: Luke 19:37-40).

Likewise, Miller and the Advent pioneers fulfilled the prophecy by making the loud cry with the trumpet announcing the commencement of judgment at God's house, *"for the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God ..."* (1Pet. 4:17, UBG; see also: Rev. 14:6-7). And it was the time appointed in the prophetic

order of events, not any random time. And this was the task of the Advent Movement at its inception, and today we are on the verge of completing of this task, which was and continues to be the essence of our vocation.

As with the text from Habakkuk it is also with Revelation 10:8-11 - 11:1. These words were addressed to the Advent pioneers after their disappointment. In this way, this Word, as the living Word, was realized *in their* experience and directed their attention to the cause of their disappointment and gave them direction for their further pilgrimage. You know the prophecy about the little book sweet as honey in their mouth but made their bellies bitter. We cannot believe that, for example, these verses had already been fulfilled so they no longer refer to us, ...and that the Revelation 11:2 and further verses - are yet to be fulfilled. This is a misunderstanding to think that one verse was already fulfilled and the following one is to be fulfilled. It is also not possible to forcibly adjust the rest of the content of Revelation, seeing, for example, the two witnesses as the Old and the New Testament, just because it fits somehow. Looking back at the history, it was partly true. But today, for the last generation of God's people, this interpretation is of no avail.

So, if we turn to the prophetic Word as to the Word with which God wishes to speak to us today, emphasizing the peculiarity of the time we are living in, we will put aside all interpretations which have existed so far, even the correct ones or only partially correct, and we will focus on what God wants to convey to us *today* through the same Word that He addressed to past generations, for whom this Word met *their* needs and supported *them* in *their* experience and led *them*. Today, the same Word must guide *us* in such a way that *we* are aware of what God expects from *us*. So *we* could know what the scale of *our* preparation should be and so *we* could recognize and understand and accept the task that Heaven has assigned to *us*; so *we* could recognize the time in which *we* are living and how much time *we* still have left.

Besides, these words from the Book of Habakkuk must have meant and actually *had to* mean something different for both Habakkuk himself and his contemporaries. The same refers to the Book of Revelation which was read and studied by many past generations. But as the last generation of God's people, we must now waste *no time* pondering what these words meant to past generations, or to those to whom those words were sent at specific times in the past history. Today, God wants to address the same Word *to us*, although for us it may mean something *completely different* and we do not even have to seek compatibility with the understanding of the past generations of the same Word. God's Word is the Living Word.

For example, during the Babylonian exile, God sent Israel the prophet Ezekiel who, through the vision of a new Temple, strengthened their faith and pointed to the connection of the Temple with the renewal of the Covenant, whereas for our generation, this prophetic message means something completely different in its spiritual reality of the end of times. So the meaning of the Word of God in the history of God's people is determined by the Spirit of God, and not by any human intellect. Hence, we read that "*none of the words of a prophet in Scripture can be **freely** explained*" (2Pet. 1:20, BP). It is only the Spirit of God that gives the proper meaning to the Word of God, and thus the proper understanding of the message from Heaven, and what's more, the meaning also *depends on the time* in which this Word is sent to God's people through God's chosen servants, messengers, heralds and prophets. It has always worked this way.

So any disputes over the Word of God are pointless, because *only* the human intellect is involved in these disputes, and their result is human confusion which, in turn, results with human interpretations of what comes from God. And this is the source of the lack of unity. One says: 'I don't agree', another says: „I don't think this way!" Therefore, our only need **is to have God's Spirit**. We can submit to God's Spirit when it influences our hearts, consciences, minds; or we can or **should** in fact, be born of this Spirit, then we have it in ourselves, because whoever joins Christ through being born from the same Spirit, and therefore experiences new birth, becomes one Spirit with Him (see: 1Cor. 6:17). Let's read from the Testimonies:

"When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life" (E. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 311).

And this is what it actually means to wear the robe of His righteousness - His mind and His spirit

"Let there be a mind in you as was in Christ" (Php. 2: 5, KJV).

And then: *"As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life....His character is to be ours"* (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 311).

The problem, however, is that not only the Spirit of God affects human hearts and minds, but also the spirit of this world / Satan's spirit, which takes the form of an angel of light and deceives almost all humanity in its religiosity. So, let us ask God for the gift of discerning spirits, for in the time of the end - this is a key issue in recognizing the truth. Let's read:

"Beloved, do not believe too easily anyone who claims to be under the influence of the spirit, but try to find out whether it is really the Spirit of God [is the spirit from God, NBG]. For you know that there are many false prophets in the world... for many deceivers have gone out into the world" (1John 4:1, BWP; 2John 1:6, BW).

People unite in the spirit of this world, too. Although there will never be harmony, peace and rest there, as it is in the Spirit of true God- the Spirit of Christ. It is crucial which spirit guides you, because it is under the influence of that spirit that your mind thinks and determines what the truth is and what is not, and under the influence of that spirit your heart is prompted to experience certain emotions related to it.

So the time of revelation is not the time for religious argument, but it is the time of revealing the truth in its power. God's work will not be completed by theological arguments, but by the power of God's Spirit. Do you remember us reading that: *"My Spirit shall finish the work"* says God.

You know perfectly well your own experiences in which God binds together the truth which He personally reveals to you in your personal relations with Him, with the truth that you later listen to or read about at the Feast of Tabernacles. More than one person has already told me that God had been preparing him/her for the whole year for the message he/she heard later that year at the Feast of Tabernacles. This is what unity in spirit is all about. It is the Spirit that confirms the compatibility of an individual experience with the Word that God personally sends us, with the one that He sends to us through a chosen messenger. It must always work together harmoniously and bless our lives.

Unfortunately, it works similarly in the opponent's camp. There also people experience unity on the basis of his spirit, but they are wrong, because through the resistance they show against the authentic truth, they adhere to theological truth, which unfortunately does not give life.

"A jealous regard for what is termed theological truth often accompanies a hatred of genuine truth as made manifest in life" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 309).

They are the kind of religious bigots who murdered Christ. The word that God personally addresses to you must be one with the Word that is preached at the Feast of Tabernacles. Both must complement each other. They must deepen and bring in new elements in cognition and experience, and there must be harmony, coherence, peace and rest in them, and at the same time we must all believe that it is the same Spirit that guides us.

On the opposite side, people also have similar experiences. Satan does not miss anything, but continues his parallel and deceptive campaign, emitting his spirit to human minds mixing the false with the truth to simulate God's work. These people also experience the so called "divine guidance", they also have their experiences, they feel various emotions, sensations, deep feelings, lofty raptures of sentimental love.

If we are unaware of the devil's intrigue in simulating God's work, then sooner or later we will also be swallowed up by an alien spirit whom we will consider to be God's. The closer to the end it is and the more light we receive from God, and the more people I meet who cannot be helped to see the truth because the other spirit guides them. They simply cannot see the truth anymore, and besides, they do not want to, because the resistance to the truth is so strong in them that it dominates their way of thinking, and they cannot be reached with any arguments anymore because the spirit that has taken over their hearts, minds and conscience has just enslaved them. Why has this happened? Let's read:

"... because they did not accept with love - the truth that would lead them to eternal salvation" (2 Thess. 2:10, BWP).

They did not accept with love the truth about themselves, nor did they accept with love the truth about Christ their Redeemer, despite of the fact that they thought they confessed Christ and invoked His name in their religious activities.

They did not allow God's touch to melt their hearts so they would fade away into nothingness with all the record of sin that was engraved with an iron stylus and diamond blade on every sinful heart that was born on this earth (see: Jer. 17:1).

Only by accepting the truth with love and gratitude and allowing God to touch with His touch which will break the old and hardened heart, can we receive a new heart and a new spirit, because it is "My spirit I will put into you," says God, "and I will make you act according to my commandments, you shall keep my laws and do them" (Ezek. 36:26-27, BW). So, do you have this very Spirit? Or does the religious spirit of this world guide you? You must know it.

How can you find out which spirit guides you? By recognizing what the mark of Judas is! If you have it, it means that the other spirit guides you. Can you still get rid of this mark? Yes, of course! It is possible in the power of Christ. But do you want it? Have you been disgusted with your own righteousness and religiosity girded with pride to the point that now you are ready to reach for the cross which is an instrument of death that will turn to dust your self-esteem and your conviction about your own honesty, godliness, faith, love and goodness? Are you determined to say: „That’s enough !?” and start all anew with Jesus in your heart and mind? Or will you continue to play religion filled with zealous actions? Either your "ego" with your religiosity will win, or Christ in you. Either He or you will live in you – you can choose...

“Only the power of God can banish self-seeking and hypocrisy. This change is the sign of His working. When the faith we accept destroys selfishness and pretense, when it leads us to seek God’s glory and not our own, we may know that it is of the right order” (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 409).

And one more helpful thought:

*“When we are born from above, the same mind will be in us that was in Jesus, the mind that led **Him to humble Himself that we might be saved**” (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 330).*

So what do you think: Is it hard or easy to recognize which spirit guides you? Of course it's easy. As long as we can be sincere, honest and open to God's revelation – it is easy! So, is your greatest desire *to humble yourself ?!*

Life which functions on the principles of the correct God's order, in other words, on the order of the gospel, will always be the life that strives for humility and seeks **only** the glory of God. This is the Spirit of Christ; This is His life; This is the Spirit of sonship; This is His faith.

Let us get back to the concept of "time" in God's Word. To do so - let us begin with the concept of love.

In the New Testament, the Greek language uses three words to describe love. But the translators of the Bible simply translate it as "love" thus impoverishing the concept of love.

Let's analyse how it is in the Bible. In God's Word, love is called "agape", "phileo" and "eros". "Eros" is most often used to describe marital love. Once I read a comparison of "eros" to "agape" love. I am sure that this description should help us see this subtle difference. Let's read it:

“Eros is a desire, a drive and a tension directed towards somebody else. Agape is a sacrifice, humiliation and devotion to another person. Eros is man's path to God. Agape is God's way to man. Eros is human achievement. Agape is grace. Eros is a self-centered, pseudo glorious and noble self-affirmation. Agape is selfless love and a gift of self. Eros is conditioned by the beauty of the beloved object. Agape loves and creates the value of the beloved object”.

So, agape love can only mean a gift. It is as a sacrificial love that can only come from God. It is the absolute love, the encompassing love. For those who have this gift, nothing else matters in this world except for this love. Jesus has loved each of us *with such love*. It was *this kind of love* and feeling that changed the human history.

Phileo love, on the other hand, manifests itself in friendship, it is brotherly love. Apostle John quite often uses this term of love in order to show a deep relationship among people, based on mutual understanding and friendship. The term *phileo* expresses the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Why am I invoking love in relation to time? Biblical Greek reached back to the richness of the Greek language where three fundamental terms were also used to describe time: *Chronos*, *Kairos* and *Aion*. These are three concepts that outline the Greek interpretation of time in its many aspects and diversity, and which are translated into Polish as simply "time". Let's analyse these terms and concepts:

Aion [αἰών] - means the longest possible period, which can be called "era", "age", "epoch", or even eternity!

Chronos [χρόνος] - primarily it is chronological time, therefore the devices for measuring time are called "chronometers". So it symbolizes the clock time. It is the time taken as continuity; it expresses the quantitative

aspect of duration; shows the sequential order of events; It is the definite time. Chronos is still ticking. We cannot slow it down nor stop it.

Kairos [καῖρός] - the word derived from ancient Greece meaning a turning moment/ turning point in life, in which a person is forced by fate to make a decisive decision that radically reverses the current course of events. So, it is the right moment, the right time, e.g. the visitation time, the right moment, the right time. It is the definite moment in history when God's action takes place. So "kairos" is an opportunity rather than an extension. So it is the time of some event, something important, an emerging possibility, an opportunity to get something, achieve something, show something. It also applies to e.g. harvest, the time of fruiting. "Kairos" is a term for the right time. So it is not the time in the context of the passage of time, but the time in the context of the event. (*defined by "kairos"*)

We are currently living in the chronological world and the concept of "kairos" is almost lost. When *chronos* is about measuring time, *kairos* is about judging it - not about seconds or minutes, but about its importance. *Kairos* opens the door to a specific event; invites you to reflect *before* deciding what to participate in or what to resign from. We must be aware that this what *kairos* defines to us, will affect our future. *Kairos* is the moment of truth. It is "**the**" time; the time of decision related to a specific event. Then we say that: "**the**" time has come – the right time! This is "this very" moment, and if you miss it - something good will miss you and it will be over. The *chronos* will go on, but the *kairos* is gone for you. People in the world define *kairos* as "your five minutes" or "fight or flight" or „take-it -or- leave it" offer, which if you recognize it , your life will take a different shape, but if you miss it, then something will be gone forever.

"Everything has its time [chronos]. For everything that happens under the sun, there is an appointed time [kairos]..." (Eccl. 3:1, BWP). Interesting, isn't it ? In our Bibles both words are translated as „time".

The Septuagint, i.e. the translation of the Old Testament into Greek, translates this fragment of the Word of God in the just mentioned way. So everything has its time in the concept of time as "chronos" which means passing time which puts events into chronology. But in this chronological passage of time there is another time, an *appointed time* called *kairos* which refers mostly to the event it brings with it. So:

"there is the time [kairos] to come into the world and the time [kairos] to die, the time [kairos] to plant, and the time [kairos] to harvest the plants planted. There is the time [kairos] to kill and the time [kairos] to heal, the time [kairos] to destroy, and the time [kairos] to build. There is the time [kairos] of weeping and the time [kairos] of laughter, the time [kairos] of mourning, and the time [kairos] of joyful dancing..." (Eccl. 3:2-4, BWP). These are all events which happen in chronos.

In the New Testament, time as *kairos* is not empty, but has its "fullness". It is the time that is always filled with God's presence. *Kairos* is the present moment. This is here and now. Moreover, it is the moment that will never happen again. This moment is event specific; and will have its special consequences. To miss it or to avoid it or to fail in recognizing or understanding it or ignoring it will always have serious consequences namely the lack of participation in *kairos*. Do you remember the words which were synonymous to the word: „neglect" which I've mentioned before – they are very useful here as they describe what it means to miss somebody's *kairos*. A man, so to speak „trained" in neglecting many things in life- will not recognize *kairos* or *the time of his/her visitation*. Do you remember the Jews and what happened to them? Therefore, today God wants us to be trained in reliability, vigilance, meticulousness and diligence in our daily duties/routines. Very few people recognize this issue today.

Therefore apostle Paul makes an appeal: "*And that, knowing the time, [kairos] that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep" (Rom. 13:11, KJV); "Knowing the time [kairos] that the time has come" (UBG); "Understand the [kairos] present moment" (BT).*

What will happen if you *do* oversleep this time? Does the verse talk about time in its chronological sense or in the sense of an event? Let us try to understand how the passage of time referred to as *chronos*, can be related to the *kairos* which means an event at the chronological continuum of time. *Kairos* – which is the appointed time, never appears beyond the *chronos*. It is the *chronos* that brings the *kairos*, and then the *chronos* flows on, and the *kairos* as an event passes, ends irretrievably.

For example, consider the following words:

"... when the fullness of time [chronos] had come, God sent forth his Son ..." (Gal. 4:4, BW). It is an event in a chronological sense, i.e. in time that was fulfilled, but simultaneously this time had also the meaning of

kairos , which always becomes a moment, a time, an opportunity to wake us up from sleep, in every epoch starting from the time *chronos* in the chronology of events. So, from the time that was fulfilled in sending us the Son of God, whenever we hear **the word**: "Know [understand, BT] that the time [*kairos*] has come and it's time for you to wake up from sleep" – we need to wake up at that very moment when this word comes to us as it is God personally speaking to you with this word. And it doesn't matter whether the word got to someone who lived a hundred years ago or a thousand years ago. For him/her it was his/her time, this very moment, this very opportunity to **receive Christ**. Chronologically it happened at a specific time in history, but as far as the meaning is concerned it has its significance for every human being for nearly two thousand years whenever he/she hears the One who speaks to him/her from Heaven through the Living Word. Therefore, "beware that you do not resist the One who talks to you [be careful that you do not resist the One who speaks! EŚP]" (Heb. 12:25, BT).

And remember that the Lord God speaks to us through His Word, through His messengers, and through His Spirit. And this is always related to the *kairos* time, because this time is precisely God's action, His presence, His touch. It is an opportunity to make a choice, and a permanent one, because your Creator is speaking to you.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time [*kairos*] Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6, KJV).

So, in Galatians 4: 4 we read about the time which was fulfilled in its historical sense, i.e. in the chronology of this world's history events, while in Romans 5: 6 we read about the same event but in its meaning as *kairos*.

We spend so much time explaining the concept of "time" in Greek so that we can distinguish between the two meanings of time in the context of the prophetic word. For almost two thousand years after that fullness of the appointed time, we have found ourselves in our own place in the history of this world's events. We have a very significant vocation, a task and a role to play. This is our *kairos*, if we do not recognize it, if we do not enter through this open door of *kairos*; if we do not fit ourselves in a specific event that *kairos* brings especially for us - we will not recognize, nor understand it and we will overlook and ignore this time, then we will be left out, and what is worse - this moment will not happen again. *Chronos* will go on with or without us, taking the *kairos* with it . And it will mean that we have not recognized or we have neglected ...the time of our visitation.

"And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children [eradicate, BT; exterminate, EŚP], within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not [did not recognize, BT] the time [*kairos*] of thy visitation" (Luke 19:44, KJV).

May none of us experience this incomprehensible suffering that will befall those who do not recognize the *kairos* of their visitation. Any admonition that we hear from anybody - is the time called *kairos*– this is how *kairos* works in practice. Accepting the reproof would result in changing of your habits, and this would be a great blessing and would change the shape of the future years of your lives which may end- crowned with eternity spent with God. To reject admonition is not to recognize *kairos*, which equals to staying in the old yeast/old leaven of your human personality.

We need to change our way of thinking. Nothing is coincidental in our lives – even this – that somebody reproves us. This is God coming to you and talking to you through another person in your *kairos*!

There is also a term in the Book of Revelation that may not mean time, but is related to it. It is the word: *tachei* [ταχει].

Let's read two passages from Revelation where this word occurs:

"The revelation [unveiling, PI] of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon [*tachei*] happen ..." (Rev. 1:1, EŚP).

Another words from Revelation:

"These words are sure and true, and the Lord God of the spirits of the prophets has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon [*tachei*] happen. Here I am coming soon [*tachei*]. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book" (Rev. 22:6-7, BW).

The word *tachei* [ταχει] used here means: in speed, in haste. And the point here is not that something is going to happen in a minute or a year, but that the events described here will begin to unfold suddenly, unexpectedly, immediately, and that they will happen quickly one after another. A good example is the appearance of the coronavirus, which suddenly, in an instant, changed the face of the earth; it will certainly affect the psyche of children, adolescents, accustoming them to wearing masks, using disinfectant liquids, to

police raids on shops and offices in search of those who do not wear masks; these young people will believe that it has to be so, that it is all to protect their lives. In this way, the next generation of people without humanity in their hearts will be formed, a generation of easily controllable cyborgs. The coronavirus was a deliberate action that suddenly has changed our reality and is the proof that 2020 is the year when the Apocalypse begins to be fulfilled in practice and shows that the word "soon" [tachei] takes on real meaning in our generation which is already the last generation on this earth before its destruction.

So, the Book of Revelation becomes an important key to understanding the times we are living in and the times to come. In this example we can see certain pattern of the Living Word which is always up to date. In this case the word is valid for the last generation of God's people - for the remnant. So, when that Word is or will be addressed to us, it carries with it something that will happen in a rush, almost immediately ...

In Septuagint translation, the word "tachei" also means: ready, quick, short time, haste, soon, prepared, revived, restored, awake, likeness, the same, confident, determined, steadfast, devotion, sacrifice, committed, zealous, willing, participant, respect, obey, obedient, faithful, honest, authentic, legitimate, sure, establish, know.

What a profound meaning for just one word! So the Book of Revelation reveals to us - the last generation - the events that will take place at the very end of the world history.

Exegetes who are the people educated in the art of explaining the Scriptures, developed five methods of interpreting the Book of Revelation: preterism, historicism, futurism, idealistic position and eclectic method. On the Internet you can read about all these methods of interpreting God's word. But personally, I want to draw and take advantage from the Source, from the One who sent this Prophetic Word, taking into account the fact that we are not interested in what *was*, but what *is* and what *will be*. So we cannot focus on the prophecies that have been fulfilled, but on the Word that *has not* been fulfilled, which God wants to send us as the last generation of God's people. So, how much of the Apocalypse has already been fulfilled and how much has not yet been fulfilled? Nothing has been fulfilled! For us, nothing has happened, yet. For previous generations, yes, part of the Apocalypse has been fulfilled, but not for us!

Certainly, The Book of Revelation was understood and played an important role in apostolic times and early Christianity. Also in the Middle Ages, and then during the Reformation up to Adventism.

Previous generations also had their understanding and drew a lot from this Book. As I mentioned before, God's people have always had to be ready and vigilant, always guided by the atmosphere of victory and the idea of moral values at the highest possible level. Each age had its seven churches, its revelation, its little Armageddon, its beast, etc.

Since the early rain poured out, the Apocalypse has highlighted the threat of secularism, the weakening of faith and the consequent emergence of apostasy and infidelity.

So, let us get back to the notion of "time" as the basis for understanding that time in the context of the end of our earth's existence in its sinful state. Let's read again:

"...Be patient, uplift/comfort one another [take courage, EŚP], for the coming of the Lord is already at hand" (James 5:8, BWP).

Faith in readiness for Jesus' coming has been kept alive in each generation of God's people. For they have always lived in the hope of His soon coming. These are obvious things. But none of these generations have received the light concerning the exact time of Jesus coming, for this truth has been reserved for the last generation only. The generation that will participate in the events leading up to Jesus' actual return. Therefore, for example, John was not allowed to even write down what the seven thunders said, so that no one would discover it by chance. But today, God not only can but *must* reveal it to us, if we are to be this people, the generation whom *"the end of time [aion - aiōn] has reached" (1 Cor. 10:11, UBG)*. In this concept of time, we are dealing with the word "aion", which means the end of an era, an age, and therefore time at its last moment. The end of the age of the ages, i.e. the approaching end of the six thousand years that have been counted from the fall of man which led people into slavery of God's adversary. The deliverance of God's people was symbolized in the sabbath and jubilee years in the Old Testament. Sabbath and jubilees were to keep hope alive for the final deliverance (see: Exodus 21:2; Deuteronomy 15:12; Leviticus 25:10-55).

So *"blessed is everyone who reads and hears the words of this prophecy and keeps everything written in it. For the time [kairos, ΠΙ] of its fulfillment is near" (Rev. 1:3, BWP).*

This particular time is our *kairos*. *Kairos* which belongs to the last generation. It is a very special moment in the history of God's people which if we do not recognize and do not allow God to prepare ourselves for the participation in *kairos*, this time will never return, for it will pass forever ...

So, *chronos* in the chronology of events in the history of the world - has just led us to *kairos* in which the events of the *kairos* will follow "tachei", one after another intensely, quickly and suddenly and will lead us to the end of everything we have known so far. Do you understand?

It is "*today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears ...*" (Luke 4:21, BW), for it is today that the judgment of the last generation of God's people has begun. It has been this year that marked the end of all things, and from now on nothing will be delayed or slowed down. Quite contrary, everything will escalate either in the scope and pace. Therefore, **today**, blessed is the one who "...hears the words of this prophecy and keeps all that is written in it." So, let us ask God for ears to hear and for the power so we could keep what we have heard - in our hearts and minds... Amen.

In the blessed hope
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