

CHAPTER TWELVE

THE THIRD ADAM

INTRODUCTION

We have traced the advance of providential history through 6,000 years to the present. We have shown how this history has been divided into three periods, each approximately 2,000 years long, and each containing a pattern of events that parallels the providence of the other two. Our discussion of the history of restoration has led us now to the twentieth century.

From the point of view that we are now in the Last Day (as presented in Chapter Four) and that we have completed the third stage of providential history, we can expect the world to pass through unusual events as the man chosen to restore Adam appears.

This, indeed, has been the case in our twentieth-century world. In spite of remarkable progress in so many areas of human endeavor, the world has been ravaged by international wars and is threatened at present with a greater conflict that could have unimaginable consequences for humanity.

There are numerous reasons for war, such as economic and political reasons. However, factors such as these, usually taken into account by historians, are in themselves external. The internal forces behind war are related to the battle between good and evil.

Ever since Satan first dominated man and consequently the whole world, he has striven to make his control absolute. Man, by originally obeying Satan, gave Satan the chance to act on earth before God. Therefore, in history, we have always seen the satanic imitation of God's ideal appear before the appearance of God's true ideal.

In the twentieth century, since mankind has reached the consummation of the history of evil, Satan has made his greatest effort to dominate the world in imitation of the ideal that must ultimately be realized by God.

This struggle, culminating in the world wars, has had two chief purposes from God's standpoint:

1. To restore horizontally among mankind the whole of fallen history.
2. To pay the indemnity needed to restore the position of perfected Adam and enable the man in that position (the third Adam) to fulfill the Three Blessings.

We will now examine the world wars from the perspective of God's providence in the twentieth century, and then discuss the qualifications of the third Adam and of the nation chosen to receive him.

I. WORLD WAR ONE

The First World War came right at the end of the 400-year period of preparation begun in 1517 with the Protestant Reformation. Through this war, indemnity was paid to (1) restore the position of perfected Adam; (2) restore the First Blessing and the Three Blessings in the formation stage; and (3) make the conditions necessary for the birth of the third Adam and the fulfillment of the formation stage of his mission.

Although in the satanic world there is no absolutely good nation or people, there is always a relatively more righteous side in every conflict. (This righteousness is determined by the degree to which men respond to God.) In the world wars, then, there was a righteous side and a satanic side.

More explicitly, Satan has been trying to set up his false imitation of the trinity of Adam, Eve, and Iblis. God has opposed this with a heavenly Adam, Eve, and Iblis (as before the Fall). Nations were put in these significant positions in the conflicts of the twentieth century.

In World War One, Satan used Kaiser Wilhelm **II**, with his ideal of German conquest and world-wide dominion, as his Adamic figure. Austria-Hungary was put into the fallen-Eve position, and Turkey the fallen-angel position. United together as the Central Powers, they attempted to dominate the world in satanic imitation of the one world that would have been formed by Adam and his descendents.

On the Abel side, America, as the Adamic nation, England, as Eve, and France, as the angel, fought the Central Powers, enabling the Allies in their victory to achieve a victory for God.

Through the suffering of this war, indemnity was paid for the formation stage of the restoration of God's Three Blessings; the condition was met for the restoration of the First Blessing; a foundation was established upon which the third Adam could be born.

H. WORLD WAR TWO

In the Second World War, Satan used Hitler with his ambitions of world conquest and a pan-Germanic state to try and control the world. Japan was in the position of fallen Eve and Italy in the position of the fallen angel.

Each of these nations had a totalitarian form of government that enabled Satan to dominate all the people by dominating the leader. Each was also characterized by policies of religious persecution and of tyranny.

Hitler himself was the satanic imitation of Jesus. Both of them had lonely lives, suffered miserable deaths, and disappeared mysteriously afterwards. Jesus, however, was striving to build God's Kingdom on earth, while Hitler was striving to build what would have been hell on earth.

Again the three key nations, America, England and France, united to form the center of the Allied Forces in resisting the Axis Powers. The indemnity paid through their suffering established the condition for the restoration of the Second Blessing, and the restoration of God's Three Blessings in the growth stage, enabling the ministry of the third Adam to develop.

HI. THE THIRD WORLD WAR

The advance of technology has given man even greater scope to implement his desire for either good or bad. Destruction in World War Two was greater than in World War One because of the much greater effectiveness of the weapons used.

At the same time, the arena of battle has in effect shrunk to a much smaller size, since the means of transportation and communication have been so greatly improved.

These external phenomena have contributed to the emergence of our present world situation where more than ever before good and evil are polarized into two distinct blocks, one Abel-like and the other Cain-like. The first is the free world based on democracy, and the second is the communist world based on Marxism.

The Marxist world provides a comprehensive ideology (based on the theory of dialectical materialism) that promises its followers an ideal world in which each gives according to his ability and receives according to his need. This ideal world is, of course, without God or any relationship to His Principles. Many people have been deceived by this false ideal despite the fact that it has been completely impossible to achieve in reality. (No communist state today can be considered anything even remotely related to an ideal society.)

In opposition to this great effort of Satan is the free world with its guarantees of personal and religious liberties.

World War Three is then the conflict between these Cain-like and Abel-like sides. The conflict is essentially ideological and must ultimately be won on that level. The key to victory lies in the development and demonstration by the West of a much better way of life than the communist world is able to offer.

The communist nations have been successful so far because of their unity centered on a well-defined ideology. The West has lacked strength because it has lacked such a unified ideology.

God's solution for this problem is to provide the free world with the ideology it needs through the third Adam. God's Way of Restoration is the true way and the only way through which to achieve a life of happiness and fulfillment, a world of peace and harmony.

The success of the free world in winning the ideological war depends on its uniting with the third Adam.

If ideological victory is not won, the physical war that must ensue is unthinkable in its proportion and in the human suffering it would inevitably engender.

On the other hand, if the victory is won on an ideological level, the last great effort of Satan will be overcome and all the peoples of the earth will be liberated from falsehood and evil by the truth of God.

God always fulfills His portion of responsibility; the form and outcome of World War Three depend on us fulfilling our portion of responsibility by following the third Adam. If, as in World War One and World War Two, the Abel side succeeds, the condition will be made to restore God's Three Blessings in the completion stage, and to complete the Third Blessing enabling the third Adam to complete his mission by fulfilling God's will on earth.

It is clear that we are now living in the most crucial time in the history of man, and that each one of us must seek God's guidance and direction so that we can fulfill our personal responsibility in life.

If the key to the victory of truth lies with the third Adam, it is essential for us to understand what kind of man to expect.

IV. THE THIRD ADAM

We have made frequent references to the third Adam (perfected Adam) in this book. The number of references indicates his importance, and the various contexts in which these references appear shed light on his mission. Now, however, we must try to delineate his personage and providential role more clearly.

A. His Mission

According to the Way of Restoration, he must completely restore the position of fallen Adam and fulfill the Three Blessings that neither Adam nor any of his descendants were able to fulfill in the past. Since the history of Restoration has been very long, the third Adam has to restore horizontally the vertical conditions set up over thousands of years by central figures chosen by God to restore Adam. This means that in his life he must go through all the difficult courses of these central figures, so that he can inherit their conditions, and personally represent before God the culmination of the Dispensation for Restoration.

In particular, he must go through the course of the second Adam, Jesus. He must, of course, go beyond all historical figures to accomplish the ultimate will of God. By doing so, he completes their work and provides the means for their

followers to enter the completion stage of growth — the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

He must go through all the trials and tribulations that Muhammad had to endure and even more. By going the way of Muhammad, he qualifies to lead all Muslims into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. They must recognize and follow him in the same way that Christians must recognize that he has gone the way of Jesus.

In this way he must fulfill the hopes, expectations, and prophecies of all religions, so that through him all people can become one.

Prophecies regarding him vary from one religion to another: Christians are expecting the return of Christ, some Muslims are expecting the Mandi, Jews are still expecting the Messiah, some Hindus are expecting a new universal Avatar, while Buddhists, the return of Buddha. Since God works through one universal central figure at a time, the third Adam must fulfill the expectations and criteria of all these various religions.

His mission is not just religious in the sense of conveying a new revelation from God, but also practical in demonstrating the application of this new Truth in the fields of politics, economics, science and every area that affects the structure of our world today. All our various institutions must be re-aligned in accordance with God's will and desire.

He himself must be the model for a true man. He must establish a true family whose children are free of Original Sin. He must create a model society in which inter-personal relationships are properly God-centered. He must direct a nation to be truly righteous in order to restore all its institutions and be the model for other nations of the world. He must also establish guidelines for the interaction of nations so that international justice can become a reality, and peace and harmonious interchange become the absolute rule.

B. The Man

Certainly no ordinary man could accomplish a mission like this. He must have a unique ancestry and family background to give him the necessary qualifications. He must certainly be of very high intelligence and able to use what he is given effectively. He must also be physically strong to withstand the hardships he

must endure. Satan will attack him more severely than he has attacked anyone else in the whole of history because he poses the greatest threat to satanic dominion of this world. To overcome Satan he must have great spiritual wisdom, strength and perseverance.

At the same time, he cannot be a supernatural being. Only a man can restore fallen man. Only a man can fulfill man's portion of responsibility. Only a man can fulfill the Three Blessings intended for him. It is a pure and restored man that God desires most to see and has waited so long to find. Nothing else can satisfy Him as man's struggle throughout history has so clearly shown. God created man because man can give Him true joy. How great will God's joy be when he finally receives what He has awaited so long!

V. THE CHOSEN NATION

The nation that is blessed to receive the third Adam must fulfill certain conditions.

The most important of these is that the native people have a ready heart to receive a new leader and a new revelation of truth. They must be a people of deep conviction and faith, but not bound by dogmas. They must be willing to suffer in order to pay the price of indemnity needed to receive God's blessing.

The nation must undergo a period of suffering and persecution (as the nation of Israel did in Egypt). This is the national condition that must be made in order to receive the third Adam.

It must contain elements of the various religions of the world, for in it the solution to the present division among religions will be shaped.

As the nation that must sacrifice itself for the whole world, it must first be cut (as Abraham had to cut the sacrifice), so that the satanic, Cain-like elements in it can be separated from the heavenly, Abel-like elements. The Abel side must then subjugate the Cain side with wisdom and love, thus setting the pattern for world-wide resolution of the Cain-Abel conflict.

The nation must also be prepared from its own history to receive the third Adam. Prophecies and signs must point to its unique mission as a nation.

As a nation it must not have been aggressive in its history, for it must bring peace to the world.

To which nation will the third Adam come?

A nation qualified to fulfill this position is Korea. Korea has an ancient history, dating back 4,300 years. It has always been peace-loving. Its people are generous and deep-hearted. They are deeply religious and sacrificial. As a nation, Koreans underwent 40 years of cruel persecution under the Japanese (from 1905 to 1945) which was equivalent to enslavement. The country is now divided with a notoriously harsh communist regime in the north and a democratic republic in the south. In its history there are several prophecies foretelling the arrival of a true and perfect world-savior in Korea.

Korea then is the land chosen by God to receive the third Adam. It has been carefully prepared for this role. Today it is divided, but through the rapid development of South Korea and the unfolding of the third Adam's mission it is bound to be re-united by the Abel side, so that it will become the model nation for solving the problem of communism.'

CONCLUSION

In this chapter we have tried to show the underlying reasons for the tumultuous events of the twentieth century. Even the casual observer of recent history must be awed at the extent of upheaval and transformation the world has undergone.

The two chief causes for this, as has been indicated, are the indemnification of the whole of human history, and the preparation for the fulfillment of the third Adam's mission.

We are now in the midst of the greatest and most significant conflict of all — that between communism and the free world. The outcome depends on us.

¹ The fact that sixteen nations of the U.N. fought to defend South Korea against North Korea's invasion signified the importance of Korea to the world, even though it has not as yet been fully evidenced. Turkey was one of those sixteen nations.

As we have shown, the conditions were made in World War One that made the birth of the third Adam possible. The indemnity of World War Two made it possible for him to begin his mission. It is now our responsibility to receive his message and follow him.

As the West rose greatly in the last 400 years, let Islam now prove its spiritual strength and depth in fulfilling its heritage and mission by serving the third Adam. If it can do so, Muslims will have a great future to anticipate as all that was promised in the Koran will be fulfilled in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.