

**The 1689 Confession; Chapter 8, Paragraph 10 – “Of Christ the Mediator”, Message # 33 –
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Paragraph 3 – The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, in the person of the Son, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of mediator and surety; which office he took not upon himself, but was thereunto called by his Father; who also put all power and judgement in his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

Paragraph 10 – This number and order of offices is necessary; for in respect of our ignorance, we stand in need of his prophetic office; and in respect of our alienation from God, and imperfection of the best of our services, we need his priestly office to reconcile us and present us acceptable unto God; and in respect to our averseness and utter inability to return to God, and for our rescue and security from our spiritual adversaries, we need his kingly office to convince, subdue, draw, uphold, deliver, and preserve us to his heavenly kingdom.

We have been thinking together about the Intercession of Christ our Mediator on two levels; the level of individual Christians and the level of the Church and our progress together as the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, to fulfill the Great Commission so that many among the nations will be saved, and many among the nations will become holy. The Great Commission will be completely fulfilled in the time period of the Millennium which is yet to come. But the Great Commission has been, and it is being fulfilled all during this Church age as it goes along, generation by generation, by saints who have been faithful witnesses; Christians who have been willing to suffer for the truth of the word of God, to suffer for Christ, for His cause, and for His kingdom's advance. I have said to you that there are different time periods within this Church age. And the first 3 of these time periods of Church History have all been related to Rome, the 4th World Monarchy, which is the last and final World Monarchy to politically and spiritually oppress and persecute the people of God. Rome is the beast who was, and who is, and who is to come.

Even though we cannot know for certain the exact timing of the Church's triumph and the subsequent spiritual reign of Church among the nations and kingdoms of this world, the Lord has given us an overview if we will pay attention to the details. If we pay attention to the details of prophecy, we will know, in general, what to expect in the future. I need to show this to you because it has been at this point that so many Christians have failed to understand what is coming; what the Church should expect in the future. Just as Christ triumphed in and through his sufferings, and purchased redemption for us, even so His Church will triumph, in and through her sufferings, and finally be victorious with Christ's cause, on this greater level that we are speaking of. What is the goal? It is that holiness will prevail among the many nations of the world. This is predicted in many places in the word of God; especially in the Prophets, but also in picture form in the book of Revelation.

It is in the Prophets; both the Major and the Minor Prophets, that these truths are opened up in their fullness and not so much in the New Testament except in the book of Revelation. For instance we read in –

Zechariah 14: 8 and 9 – “And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur.” “And the Lord shall be King over all the earth.” “In that day it shall be – The Lord is one, and His name one.” This is describing for us, not the New Heavens and the New Earth in which will dwell perfect righteousness, but a time when the Lord Jesus Christ will be King over all the earth. The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. He will be the King, not of just a few hearts of people here and there, but He will be King over all the earth, as we read previously in the book of Daniel chapter 7, verse 27. “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”

We know that these verses cannot be speaking of the perfection of the New Heavens and New Earth because later in that same chapter of Zechariah 14, it says in **verse 16** – “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and keep the Feast of Tabernacles.” And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.” “If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague which the Lord strikes the nations who

do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.” “This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

Verse 20 goes on to say – “In that day (and when you hear that phrase in the Prophets, it is always referring, at least in its ultimate sense, to the time of the Millennium, the spiritual reign of the saints upon the earth), Holiness to the Lord shall be engraved on the bells of the horses.” “The pots in the Lord’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar.” “Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts.” “Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them.” “In that day, there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.” In other words, these word pictures are not referring to the nation of Israel’s going back to the ceremonial law. They are referring to the fact that the cause of Christ has triumphed in the conversion of nations. I would like to speak about these verses further, but it would take too much time away from my theme which is the saints suffering before they come to reign upon the earth.

Last Sunday I took you to the book of Revelation, chapter 6, and we saw Christ going forth to conquer and to conquer on a white horse. The book with the seals properly represents prophetically the beginning of the history of the Church during the time of Pagan Rome. I showed you how the opening of the various seals showed forth Christ’s judgments upon Pagan Rome for her persecution of Christians by many of her emperors. The red horse, peace being taken from the earth and men killing one another. The black horse, famines and having to measure out wheat during that time period. The pale horse representing a fourth of the people of the Roman empire, over time, being killed with the sword with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. The persecution, trouble, and tribulation was very intense at many points for the first 3 hundred years of the Church. Today I want to take you further on in the book of Revelation to the 2nd time period of Church History, that of the rise of the Antichristian powers of Roman Catholicism and Mohammedanism. This is the time period of the Trumpets or the announcement of the terrible heresies, false doctrine, and idolatrous worship that infiltrated the visible church of Jesus Christ from those times after Constantine had brought an end to persecution in the Roman Empire; the years 325 to somewhere around 800 AD. The heresies of Arianism, and Pelagianism, and the attacks by heretics on the doctrine of God and the Doctrine of Christ were promoted by Satan’s working in the hearts of those who would warp and twist the Scriptures. I haven’t time to go into this in depth either, today, but they are in my sermons in the book of Revelation, online.