

The Progress of Human History

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Ladies and gentlemen, if you carefully examine the progress of history, you will undoubtedly discover God's plan and sense His presence as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes. Consider the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world's great rivers. We are familiar with the Egyptian civilization centered around the Nile River, the Mesopotamian civilization between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, the Indus civilization on the Indus River, and early Chinese civilization centered on the Yellow River.

Civilization shifted over time to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea where the Mediterranean peninsular civilizations flourished in Greece and Rome. History continued to progress and the European continental civilization emerged. This continental civilization in turn became the fertilizer for an island civilization, Great Britain, to flourish in the Atlantic sphere.

The British Empire, which dominated the seven seas and wielded its might as "the empire on which the sun never sets," passed its splendid culture on to North America. We know these facts from history.

Civilization arrived on the North American continent and soon took on the armor of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. This civilization raised the banner of the freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights in its struggle against communism, which sought to establish an atheistic sovereignty of evil. Through the victories of the First and Second World Wars, and the third -- the Cold War -- it won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great, and the development of human civilization did not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the Second Israel, in accordance with His providential plan, and had raised and trained the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His providence to its present stage of fruition.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is in the present time that the issue of the development of civilization becomes important. Civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has now arrived in the Pacific sphere. Human history has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region.

No force can stop the providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the Era before Heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lays the special reason that Heaven declared this year to be a jubilee year.