

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: 75 Years Since Eruption of the Korean War

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Sniper patrol returns - Marine Sergeant Albert L. Ireland, a Marine squad leader, leads his squad back to the front lines in Korea following a patrol. Following Sgt. Ireland up the steep, snow covered ridge are Private First Class Lindon L. Brown, center, and Private First Class Robert D. Glover, Jr. Photo 1951

Eruption of war on Korean peninsula in 1950 was not only about territory but formed a distinct part of the cosmic battle between good and evil

75 Years Since Vicious Attack on Chosen Nation



North Korean ground force unit stands in formation in 1950

On 25th June, it is 75 years since the eruption of the Korean War, when North Korea launched a surprise attack on the South and started the bloody and brutal war that killed almost two million and completely laid the peninsula in ruins.

In numerous speeches, [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#), the founders of the [Family Federation](#), mention the significance of the Korean War. They emphasize that Korea holds a central, [providential](#) role in [God's](#) plan for human history. Within their spiritual worldview, the Korean War and the broader Cold War, as well as historical and geopolitical events, are not merely political conflicts but expressions of a larger cosmic struggle between

good and evil. And Korea is the battleground for a pivotal phase in divine history.

In several speeches, [Hak Ja Han](#), [Holy Mother Han](#), points out that Korea has been chosen by [God](#) not only as the birthplace of the Second Coming of Christ, but also as the land where his bride was specially prepared.

The outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 is interpreted as Satan's attempt to destroy the chosen nation before the Messiah and his bride, known as the [True Parents](#), could fulfill their mission. The war was a critical test, with [God's](#) side defending the spiritual foundation necessary for salvation history to progress.



Supply warehouses and dock facilities at this important east coast port feel the destructive weight of para-demolition bombs dropped from Fifth Air Force's B-26 Invader light bombers. Wonsan, North Korea ca. 1951

The intervention of the United States and UN forces in defense of South Korea is viewed [providentially](#) as [God](#) using democratic nations to protect the chosen nation from destruction. The near-collapse of South Korea early in the war, followed by the dramatic reversal through the Inchon landing and UN counteroffensive, is generally perceived by members of the [Family Federation](#) as evidence of divine intervention.



US soldiers in combat during Korean War in 1950

The Korean Peninsula, divided between North and South, symbolically represents the division between good and evil, Cain and Abel, or satanic and heavenly authority. The division of Korea after World War II was thus not accidental, but a reflection of the cosmic struggle between [God's](#) side and Satan's side.

In the teachings of the [Family Federation](#), the Korean War represents a cosmic struggle between good and evil. The Cold War was not simply an ideological or military standoff between communism and democracy, but rather the final global conflict between Satanic communism and [God's](#) [providential](#) will working through democratic nations.

Communist North Korea, backed by the Soviet Union and later Communist China, was seen as representing Satan's dominion - a denial of [God](#), family, and spiritual values. Democratic South Korea, although flawed, was the territory where [God](#) could work, ultimately providing the environment for the appearance of the [True Parents](#) in [1960](#), seven years after the Korean War ended.

According to Unification theology, [Sun Myung Moon](#) was born in 1920 in what is now North Korea, under Japanese occupation. He taught that his early life and persecution - including imprisonment by both the Japanese and later the North Korean regime - mirrored the path of the Messiah.

The persecution he faced under communism and his [escape from a North Korean labor camp](#) in 1950 during the war may be seen as symbolic of the Messiah's victory over Satanic forces. The intervention of the UN forces soon after the war broke out in 1950, protected the foundation for [God](#) to be able to work in South Korea not just by sending a second Messiah but by allowing him to expand the foundation through [marriage](#) and family and build a solid national foundation before the global outreach could commence.

The Korean War, in such a theological view, was not just about the fate of one nation, but about the cosmic stage on which [God](#) was preparing to establish his [Kingdom of Heaven](#) on Earth, beginning with Korea.

The survival of South Korea was critical because it preserved the spiritual womb through which [God's providence](#) could unfold in the modern era. The broader Cold War can be seen as a global extension of this [providential](#) conflict, culminating in the eventual collapse of communism in Europe in 1989 - 1991 - an important victory for [God's](#) side.

The Korean War was a divinely significant event, a clash between good and evil on the soil of [God's](#) chosen nation, with the survival of South Korea ensuring that the two sent to become [True Parents](#) could fulfill their mission. The Cold War was thus not just geopolitical but a spiritual battle culminating in the dawn of a new [providential](#) age centered on Korea.

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Liberated by UN Forces

Miraculously liberated by UN forces from certain death

How [Sun Myung Moon](#) was liberated by UN forces, is an amazing story.

On 25th June 1950, the North Korean army crossed the border to the South, starting the Korean War. The South Korean forces had little to offer against the heavily armed and relatively well-equipped North Koreans. Seoul fell within three days, and it seemed that the entire messianic nation would fall under the anti-religious dictatorship of the North. In the end, South Korea only managed to defend a small area around the port city of Busan in the far south.

But [God](#) knew what was at stake. It was not only [God](#)'s chosen country that mattered, but also him whom [God](#) had asked to complete the mission of Jesus. That year, the Soviet Union abstained from UN Security Council meetings in protest that the organization recognized Taiwan, but not Mao's China. There was thus no Soviet veto, and the Security Council could decide to send UN forces to assist South Korea. The war turned completely around after General Douglas MacArthur's legendary amphibious landing at Incheon on 15th September 1950. In just over a month, UN forces liberated the entire peninsula.



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As mentioned, the concentration camp where [Sun Myung Moon](#) was a prisoner, was located just outside the important industrial city of Heungnam.



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As early as 7th July, UN forces began bombing the industrial area there. On 2nd August, the fertilizer factory was bombed to pieces. Many prisoners were killed. With the exception of political prisoners – [Moon](#) was in this category – the rest of the

inmates were sent for military service. In the end, only about 500 prisoners remained in the camp. They were now set to repair broken houses in Heungnam.

The UN forces crossed the 38th parallel on 30th September 1950. The North Korean army was now in full retreat.

The prisoners in concentration camps further south were shot. They started shooting the inmates in Heungnam as well. On 14th October, there were only 152 left. [Sun Myung Moon](#) was one of them.

He describes how he was liberated by UN forces, in his autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*,

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“As the bombing became more intense, guards began executing prisoners. They called out the prisoners’ numbers and told them to come with three days’ food rations and a shovel. The prisoners assumed they were being moved to another prison, but in reality they were marched into the mountains, made to dig a hole, and then buried there. Prisoners were being called out in the order of the length of their sentences, with those with the longest sentences being called first. I realized that my turn would come the next day.

The night before my scheduled execution the bombs fell like rain in the monsoon season. It was October 13, 1950, and the U.S. forces, having succeeded in the Incheon landing, had come up the peninsula to take Pyongyang and were now pressing against Heungnam. The U.S. military attacked Heungnam with full force that night, with B-29 bombers in the lead. The bombing was so intense that it seemed all of Heungnam had been turned into a sea of fire. The high walls around the prison began to fall and the guards ran for their lives. Finally, the gate of the prison that had kept us in that place opened. At around two o’clock in the morning on the next day, I walked calmly out of Heungnam Prison with dignity.”

[Father Moon](#) accompanied one of his twelve disciples from the prison camp, Jong-bin Moon, to Pyongyang. They had to walk all the way, and the journey took them ten days. The only food the two emaciated prisoners found along the way were rotten vegetables. During that journey, [Sun Myung Moon](#) wrote a song, “Blessing of Glory” (Yeonggwang eui eunsa) to thank [God](#). The first verse reads like this:

The light of glory has come,
Beaming as the rising sun.
Now the liberation of the soul,
Oh revive you spirits, oh revive!
From the mountains and the valleys,
From your caverns wake and sing.
Glorify forever the light of your rebirth.
Glorify forever the light of your rebirth.
(From *Songs of Worship and Fellowship*, the [Unification Church](#) of America, Washington DC, 1968)

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