

The Next Generation of the Church

Apocalypse Explained 658

Every church, in process of time, decreases, by receding from the good of love and the truths of faith, until there is nothing of them left; and this takes place by the successive increase of evil and falsity; and when there is no longer any good of love and faith, then there is nothing but evil and falsity; and when this is the case, there is an end of the church.

Coronis 0 (Summary)

LII. This New Church, truly Christian, which at this day is being established by the Lord, will **endure to eternity, as is proved from the Word of both Testaments**; also it was foreseen from the creation of the world; and it will be the crown of the four preceding churches, **because it will have true faith and true charity.**

LIII. In this New Church there will be spiritual peace, glory, and internal blessedness of life, as is also **proved from the Word of both Testaments.**

LIV. These things will be in this New Church, for the sake of the conjunction with the Lord, and through Him with God the Father.

LV. An invitation to the whole Christian world to enter this church; and an exhortation to worthily receive the Lord, who has Himself foretold that He would come into the world for the sake of this church and to it.

Coronis 24

The four churches of this earth . . . have undergone these changes of state . . . [but] the church truly Christian, which succeeds those four at the present day, **will never undergo consummation.**

Psalm 78

1 Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the sayings of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a prophetic enunciation/parable;
I will utter enigmas/mysteries from ancient times,
3 Which we have heard and known,
And **our fathers have recounted to us**.
4 We will not conceal them from their sons, **recounting to a
later generation** the praises of Jehovah,
And His **strength**, and His **wonders** that He has done.
5 And He raised up a **testimony** in Jacob,
And set a **law** in Israel;
Which He commanded our fathers,
To make them known to their sons;
6 In order that they might know,
A later generation, the sons who should be born;
That they might arise
And recount to their sons;
7 And set their credence in God, and not forget the acts of
God,
But might observe His commandments;
8 And it will not be as their fathers,
A defiant and rebellious generation;
A generation who prepared not its heart;
And whose spirit was not faithful with God. . .
70 And He chose David His servant,
And took him from the pens of the flock;
71 From following after the ewes/sheep giving milk, He
brought him in,
To pasture Jacob, His people, and Israel, His inheritance.
72 And he pastured them according to the integrity of his
heart;
And led them by the understanding of the palms of his hands.

Psalm 145

1 I will exalt Thee, my God, O King,
And I will bless Thy name to eternity and forever.
2 In all the day will I bless Thee,
And I will praise Thy name to eternity and forever.
3 Great is Jehovah, and He is praised exceedingly,
And His greatness none can search out.
4 **Generation to generation shall extol Thy deeds**
And of **Thy mighty acts** they shall tell.

Deuteronomy 4:8-10

And what nation is there so great, that has statutes and judgments so just as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul exceedingly, **lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen**, and lest they turn aside from thy heart all the days of thy life; and make [these things] known **to thy sons, and to the sons of thy sons**'; [the things made know to thee] the day that thou stoodest before Jehovah thy God in Horeb, when Jehovah said to me, Assemble to Me the people, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the ground, and **that they may teach their sons**.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel; Jehovah is our God; Jehovah is one. And thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy

soul, and with all thy forces. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart; and **thou shalt teach them diligently to thy sons.**

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I was seeing in the night visions, and lo, one as the Son of Man was coming with the clouds of the heavens, and reached even to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

14 And **there was given to Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and tongues should serve Him; His dominion is an eternal dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.**

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth.

Revelation 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded a trumpet; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world

have become our Lord's and His Christ's, and **He shall reign for ages of ages.**

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As regards the successive states of the churches on our globe, they have evidently been similar to the successive states of a man who is being reformed and regenerated, namely, that to become a spiritual man, he is first conceived, next is born, then grows up, and is afterwards led on further and further into intelligence and wisdom. The church, from the most ancient times to the end of the Jewish Church, progressed like a man who is conceived, born, and grows up, and is then instructed and taught; but **the successive states of the church after the end of the Jewish Church, or from the time of the Lord even to the present day, have been like a man increasing in intelligence and wisdom, or becoming regenerate.** For this end the interior things of the Word, of the church, and of worship, were revealed by the Lord when He was in the world; and now again, things still more interior are revealed; and **in the measure that things interior are revealed can man become wiser; for to become interior is to become wiser, and to become wiser is to become interior.**

Invitation 39

The fact that I converse in the spiritual world with angels and spirits, that I have described the states of heaven and hell, and the life after death; and further, the fact **that there has been disclosed to me the spiritual sense of the Word** - besides many other things - is worth more than all these miracles. Such communication, as far as I know, has not been granted by the Lord to anyone before. These are evidences that this has been granted for the sake of the **New Church, which is**

the crown of all the churches, and which will endure forever.