

The 57 Truths of God

There are 50 basic truths that God has given to His Church during the last three eras (Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea). Additional truths are also being revealed since the opening of the 7th seal. There are many other truths that God has given, but these are associated in one way or another with the basic 57 that are outlined below.

These truths will be divided into the last three eras of God's Church from which they came as well as the unique time that we are currently in. All the truths will be numbered 1 through 57, and the truths from each era will also be numbered separately in parenthesis ().

The first 49 truths are covered in a sermon series posted on the Church website in the "Audio" section under the same name (49 Truths). The 50th truth is covered in a sermon entitled "The 50th Truth," which was given on June 28, 2008.

God's word is truth, and it is spiritual. It is the truth that sets apart God's people in His Church (John 17:17). It is not something revealed through human intellect. We can only "see" the truth as God opens our mind to see spiritual matters.

Truths Remaining at the End of Sardis

Only three basic truths still remained in God's Church at the end of the Sardis Era when Herbert W. Armstrong was called of God to become His apostle for the next era, Philadelphia.

1 (1) The seventh day Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath has remained one of the most basic signs of God's true Church. God's people have always obeyed the seventh day Sabbath.

2 (2) The name of God's Church – the "Church of God." God's Church bears His name, as it belongs to Him.

3 (3) First Tithe to God. God gave the tithing system for the purpose of doing His work on earth. This tithe is God's and He has given it to the leaders in His Church to use in His work as He directs the Church through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Truths Revealed During Philadelphia

God restored the following 18 truths to His church through Herbert W. Armstrong during the Philadelphia Era. These truths that are foundational to God's Church also served to reveal that Herbert W. Armstrong fulfilled a role of the prophesied "Elijah to come," just as John the Baptist.

John the Baptist fulfilled that role by preparing the way for the first coming of the Messiah, who in turn would fulfill his role of God's Passover to mankind. Herbert W. Armstrong fulfilled his role as a type of the "Elijah to come" by restoring "all things" (all truths) that the Church had lost by the closing age of Sardis — truths needed for salvation and preparation (of the Church) for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The restoration of these truths, given through Herbert W. Armstrong, paved the way for the appearance of the third "type" of the "Elijah to come" in the end time, the one whom God would use to prepare the way (in the Church and in the world) for the coming of His Son a second time, but this time to fulfill his role as "King of kings"—as the Messiah who will reign in His Kingdom.

4 (1) The government of God. When Christ comes, He will restore God's government to the whole earth. God's government was restored to His Church during Philadelphia. It is not a government of men where decisions are made by such practices as voting or one's own will, but as God leads through the power of His spirit. (Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12)

5 (2) The Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God has been restored after 1,900 years. It is the "good news" of the government of God, which is to be restored at Christ's return.

6 (3) God's purpose for mankind. God is reproducing Himself and no other church knows or preaches this truth. We are to be born of God and become God—in the God Family: Elohim.

7 (4) Who and what is God. God is a Family into which we may be born. God's spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are begotten children of God.

8 (5) What is man? Man does not have an immortal soul. Man is a temporary living, mortal being that returns to the elements of the earth at death and does not go to heaven or hell. Only God can give mankind immortality in His Family.

9 (6) The human spirit in man. The difference between the human mind and animal brain is that there is a human spirit within the human brain that gives the ability of free thought, creativity, and memory. This human spirit must be united with the spirit of God for man to be able to come to know the true ways of God.

10 (7) The Church is only the first fruits. The Church is only the first fruits for the beginning of God's plan of salvation. God is not yet trying to save the whole world. The first fruits are those who have been tried and trained to become part of God's government, in His Kingdom, when Jesus Christ returns as King of kings in the Millennium. Those who are converted during the Millennium, along with the first fruits, will become kings, priests and teachers for the rest of the world that will be resurrected after the end of the Millennium.

11 (8) The Church is not yet the Kingdom of God. The Church is not yet the Kingdom of God but it is the embryo that will become the Kingdom of God. A false gospel in traditional Christianity teaches that the church on earth is the Kingdom of God. Mr. Armstrong clearly saw that the coming literal Kingdom of God is the message Christ brought from the Father.

12 (9) Only those whom God the Father calls and draws to Him can be converted. Only those God chooses and calls now can come into the Church of God. Satan has deceived the whole world, and the Church is called out of that world. (John 6:44)

13 (10) The resurrection to judgement. The resurrection to judgment is the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20). This period of judgment covers 100 years and follows the time of the Millennial reign of Christ on earth. God has not been trying to "save" the world over the past 6,000 years, and the billions who have not had the opportunity for salvation during that time will have it at this coming time of judgment. Their time for salvation is coming. Over this time of judgment, those resurrected to a second physical life will have to prove they want to live differently than they did in their first life.

14 (11) The Millennium. The Kingdom of God will rule the nations on earth during this 1,000 year period. Jesus Christ and the 144,000 who are resurrected to become kings and priests will rule and bring prosperity to the entire earth. For the first time in the history of mankind, since Adam sinned and God closed the way to the tree of life, salvation will finally be opened to all.

15 (12) The holy spirit coming into us only begets us. God's holy spirit opens our minds so we can understand the coded book, the Bible, which is otherwise locked from understanding. Without that spirit we cannot understand the Bible. Spiritual knowledge comes from the Bible

through the revelation of the holy spirit that God grants a portion of as He calls someone. Once baptized, this holy spirit then continues to dwell in those who have been begotten of God's spirit, so that a person can continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of God.

16 (13) We are only begotten now, not born again. We are not yet inheritors, but only heirs of God. The holy spirit begets us as children of God, but we are not yet born of the spirit of God—spiritual in composition. Those in God's Church can only be begotten of God's spirit and born in God's Family in a resurrection to spirit life.

17 (14) The identity of Modern Israel. The Church understands the identity of modern Israel and the location of the lost ten tribes. It understands that Jews are Judah and that the United States is Manasseh. Mr. Armstrong clearly saw from the Bible that the descendants of Israel were to receive the birthright promises and that the English-speaking peoples are the descendants of Joseph's two sons.

18 (15) Prophecy can be understood only if you know who are the modern day nations of Israelites. The Church understands what prophecies apply to the modern day nations of Israel. These nations include Israel, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and most of western Europe, including the United Kingdom. The Church understands the Great Tribulation will be the time of Jacob's trouble. As well as proclaiming the Gospel, Mr. Armstrong also preached an Ezekiel warning, which was meant for the descendants of Israel at the end-time.

19 (16) The annual festivals. The plan of God, as shown through the Holy Days, was revealed to the Church of God only through Herbert W. Armstrong. The Passover and Holy Days picture God's plan of salvation for mankind.

20 (17) The authority of the sacred calendar preserved by the Jews. Through Herbert W. Armstrong, the Church understands the authority God gave to the Jews to preserve the weekly and yearly calendar.

21 (18) Second and third tithe. The second tithe is for observing God's feast days. Third tithe is for the needy, and was established within God's Church during the earlier part of the Philadelphia era. It began to no longer be required of God's people for the Church when more governments began to institute social programs to better take care of such needs in their respective nations. This third tithe was originally established to be collected and distributed in the nation of Israel, much like what government assistance is today (collected by taxes).

Truths Revealed During Laodicea

Herbert W. Armstrong taught that the Church of God would always continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of God's truth. There can never be a point in time that God's Church stagnates, otherwise we cannot be God's Church. Wherever God's spirit dwells there will be growth.

Yet today we are in a time where most who were scattered have been stagnating. Many have been growing in lies and deception (rather than truth) that contradict the word of God and what was restored to the Church by God through Herbert W. Armstrong.

Despite what has been happening to most who were scattered, God has continued to bless a remnant of His Church with a deeper understanding of His word, especially as it pertains to this end-time. The Church has indeed continued to grow in understanding and truth. God has revealed these truths through Ronald Weinland who is His end-time prophet.

All who become part of the remnant God is calling will come to agree with these truths. The 3 truths remaining at the end of Sardis and the 18 truths restored during Philadelphia separated God's Church from the World, and those truths are vital for salvation. The truths given during Laodicea separate God's true remnant Church from the rest who were scattered after the apostasy. These truths identify God's true Church and who his people are in this present era of great confusion. Most of these truths represent a transition from a strict physical view in the past to a deeper spiritual understanding now.

The following are not in any particular order of importance. Some overlap and some could be expanded upon or combined to either lengthen or shorten the list.

22 (1) There has been an apostasy that is unprecedented in the Church of God as prophesied in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3. The context of 2 Thessalonians 2 is for the end-time, before the return of Jesus Christ, and was not for the time period of the early apostles. The word "apostasy" means "to forsake and depart," and in this apostasy there was a forsaking and falling away from the truth God had given to His Church. Never before had this happened within the top leadership of the Church of God. Never before had there been such a large departure from the truth by the membership of the Church. This had to happen before the unfolding of end-time events that would lead to the return of Jesus Christ. Many in the scattered Church do not yet

believe that this apostasy has happened, and so by implication, they believe they must grow much larger than what Worldwide was in order to fulfill this prophecy.

23 (2) The Man of Sin has been revealed to be Joseph Tkach, Sr., who initiated the end-time apostasy. Mr. Tkach tried to change the law of God, and his actions led to great destruction within the Church. By changing the law of God, he exalted himself above God. The word “sit” in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 means “to be given authority.” Mr. Tkach was given authority in the Church to be its physical head under Jesus Christ, and shortly afterward he turned against God. Joseph Tkach, Sr. died 40 weeks to the very hour that he delivered his sermon of apostasy, which was a sign to God’s Church that Jesus Christ was now coming and that final end-time events had begun.

24 (3) The “temple” in Matthew 24, 2 Thessalonians 2, and in many other prophecies, is about the Church of God. The Man of Sin, who “sat in the temple of God,” was Joseph Tkach, Sr., who sat in authority in the Church of God. As taught by Mr. Armstrong before his death, only God's presence makes anything holy, and a physical temple built by the Jews today could not be holy because they are not God's people spiritually.

25 (4) The Abomination of Desolation is about what Joseph Tkach did in the Church. This “abomination of desolation” began within the Church as a result of the sermon he gave in Atlanta on December 17, 1994, where he changed the laws of God. This was an attempt to defile and destroy the “temple of God.”

26 (5) The stones of the temple are about the people in the Church of God at the end-time. The discussion between Christ and the disciples in Matthew 24 is about the end-time. Christ stated that the stones of the temple would be cast down before he returned. This happened immediately after the apostasy at the time of the scattering of God's Church—the spiritual temple of God.

27 (6) All in God's Church during the era of Laodicea were Laodicean (Referring to the period after Mr. Armstrong’s death up to Trumpets of 2008). The Church of God formerly believed that at the end there would be two eras coexisting side-by-side: Philadelphia and Laodicea. One (Philadelphia) was to go to a place of safety and the other (Laodicea) would have to go through the great tribulation. Yet, one era cannot overlap another, and history has shown that all who lived during the era of Laodicea were Laodiceans. While some may exhibit some of the traits of the other eras, all are primarily lukewarm and full of pride, until they acknowledge and repent of this condition in their lives and God begins to work in their lives once again. (Rev 3:1-16)

28 (7) All of Laodicea was spewed out of God's mouth as prophesied, separated from Christ, and scattered. This happened in order to help awaken some of God's people. God will not accept that which is only lukewarm and steeped in pride. God will not be around sin and pride is sin. Pride and spiritual sluggishness permeated the Church of God through the mid-90's, and the entire Church was therefore separated from God, as prophesied in Revelation 3:16. Until this condition is acknowledged and repented of, God will not work in the lives of such people. Even after that point, spiritual sluggishness is a condition that must always be fought against as those in Laodicea were admonished.

29 (8) The entire Church fell asleep just as it is described in Matthew 25:1-13. This was the direct result of being Laodicean and lukewarm. The Church used to believe that there were five wise virgins who went on to the wedding and that the five who were foolish were rejected by the bridegroom. Yet the Bible says all of the virgins fell asleep, and it does not say who was accepted by the bridegroom. Many in the scattered Church today go through the motions of religion like the Protestant world, talking about the truth, but without genuine zeal for it. Only those who repent of the Laodicean condition will be accepted by Christ at this end-time. Only God can awaken someone out of the spiritual sleep that has encompassed the whole Church.

30 (9) Matthew 24 is first and foremost about the Church at the end-time. As Jesus Christ gave prophecy concerning events that would lead to His coming as the Messiah, he first spoke of events that would occur in the Church (vs. 4-21). These events have been believed to be about physical events that would happen on earth, but they are about the Church.

Troubles in the Church began in the 1970s. Ministers began to rebel against Mr. Armstrong and the Laodicean condition began to slowly set in. While Mr. Armstrong tried to put the Church "back on track," as he stated many times, he openly doubted just how many people really got it. He warned the Church many times that they were falling asleep during the 1970's and 1980's, up until his death in 1986. This is what was being spoken of in the verses before Matthew 24:14, with wars and rumors of wars, and earthquakes ("shakings" within the Church), "but the end is not yet."

After Mr. Armstrong died and the gospel had been preached "into all the world," Laodicea and the final end-times began. Verses 15-28 describe the Church being scattered, fleeing into the mountains (organizations), and of greater trials upon the Church, including spiritual warfare, deception, and famine. Events like these will occur in the world, but these scriptures apply more fully to the Church.

God has now shown that there is a duality concerning both the Church and the world that applies to verses 21 and 22. All these prophesied events in Mat. 24 lead up to the time of the very coming of the Messiah to this earth (vs. 29-31).

31 (10) The first four Seals of Revelation are about the Church, and these parallel Matthew 24. These four Seals are not about physical events at the end-time. Herbert W. Armstrong taught that these four Seals of Revelation could only be understood by understanding Matthew 24. He was correct about this, but he thought this was about physical events rather than spiritual ones that concerned the Church as God later revealed. Most of those who are scattered still do not understand that this is not about physical events, but spiritual ones. As we lived through these events, it has become evident that Matthew 24 is about the Church, and so is Revelation 6:1-8. The First Seal is about the Abomination of Desolation. The second concerns the spiritual warfare in the Church. The third is about a famine of the preaching of the word of God (Amos 8:11). The Fourth Seal speaks of the perpetuation and worsening of all of these conditions within the scattered Church organizations that sprang up from Worldwide after the apostasy.

32 (11) Ezekiel 5 has been spiritually fulfilled through the scattering of the Church of God since the apostasy. After the Abomination of Desolation, approximately one-third of the Church remained in the Worldwide Church of God that had then become completely Biblically corrupt (or they accepted the same kind of beliefs of other false churches in traditional Christianity), one-third gave up completely, and one-third went into the various organizations that formed afterward. That last third was to endure further trials, mirroring what God said about Laodicea. Within all this spiritual destruction, God prophesied that a tithe (ten percent) of a third would survive captivity within this end-time destruction and be offered to become His remnant Church that would continue to the very end. This small remnant Church is spoken of in many other prophecies of the Bible. [For more understanding of this remnant Church, see truth #34.]

33 (12) There is no literal physical place of safety for the Church during the time of great tribulation, but there is a spiritual one. The wings referred to in Revelation 12:14 are symbolic of protection, as are the skirts (Hebrew for “wings,” as in “protection”) in Ezekiel 5:3. This is in reference to a specific time period of protection for a few whom God first began calling to be part of a remnant. This period of time that lasted for three and one-half years has already come and gone.

34 (13) Of all who have been scattered, God is awakening a remnant out of it as a witness of this end-time. That witness is to both the Church (about God's calling into His

Church through time and especially of this end-time) and the world (in how the world has responded to God for the past 6,000 years). The vast majority of the Church that was scattered, including those offered to become part of God's remnant Church, has not repented of the Laodicea condition, and they remain prideful and lukewarm. God clearly revealed He would not accept a lukewarm attitude toward His calling and declared that such would be vomited out of the Church (cut off from God and the power of His spirit in their life).

Yet in the midst of the destruction from this end-time apostasy, God promised to awaken ten percent of a third as a witness of what God was doing, and as a witness of what the scattered Church would do during Laodicea and the time of His final witness.

Ezekiel 5 aptly pictures what happened to God's Church after the apostasy. "A third part of you shall die with the pestilence and with famine in the midst of you, and a third part around you will fall by the sword, and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them" (Ez. 5:12).

The first third that died of pestilence and famine is about those who simply quit and gave up completely. These were diseased and famished spiritually and died (went into full spiritual sleep). The next third that fell by the sword are those who turned from the truth, from the word of God, and thereby were spiritually destroyed by the two-edged sword of God's word that judged them and cut them off from any further access to His spirit. These too went immediately into complete spiritual sleep.

The final third was scattered and eventually formed into over 600 different groups and organizations. Yet these were not shocked into repentance after the apostasy and the same sword went among them as they drifted spiritually into a deeper unrepentant Laodicea attitude. These too fell into complete spiritual sleep.

All three groups went back into the spiritual captivity of Egypt and became enslaved in spiritual bondage once again. Yet in the midst of this captivity, God promised a remnant protection from the captivity that had so quickly engulfed the Church. Although this small group was promised protection and that they could survive the captivity of the others, they were to be thrust into trials and tested to see who could remain as part of the remnant to the return of Jesus Christ. "You shall also take a few in number and bind them in you wings" (Ez. 5:3). There was special protection and intervention from God for each person who was offered to become part of this remnant.

The timing for each person given the opportunity to survive the captivity was not the same. People were drawn out at different times from one of the three forms of captivity that had come upon the Church. The Church began to refer to this process as being awakened from spiritual sleep. Not everyone who received God's awakening responded in truth and in spirit. This is very much like when God first calls a person and offers the awesome opportunity to become part of His Church. Most do not receive it and still others reject it in time, even after they declare they have accepted it.

"Then take of them again (those offered protection to survive the captivity and be part of the remnant), and cast them into the midst of the fire (to be tried and tested), and burn them in the fire, and therefore shall a fire (trials and testing) come forth into all the House of Israel (the remaining remnant of the Church)" (Ez. 5:4).

God offered protection and survival from captivity to a tithe (ten percent) of a third of all who went into captivity. Once put to the test, all did not hold fast to what God offered them. Although the Church did not understand it through this period of time, we knew that the Church was holding near a count equal to a tithe of the tithe in number (ten percent of the ten percent of a third). So what happened to all the other 90 percent who were given opportunity to be in the remnant? That which happened to them is exactly what happened in one of the accounts of Christ's life when he granted healing to ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).

All ten lepers were diseased, infirmed, and ostracized by the world. They were very much held captive to their condition in life. Only one who was a stranger (not of Judah) a Samaritan, had the humility of mind, with a spirit of gratitude, to return in worship and thankfulness for the healing Christ offered him. Even in their oppressed state, the other nine were filled with pride and void of any sign of thanksgiving for what God had offered them. The base nature of mankind, even in some of the most oppressed conditions of life, is strong in pride. Even in the environment of the Church at the end-time, this is one of the greatest lessons in life that can be learned.

Laodicea was filled with a spirit of pride and ingratitude for everything that God had offered to them. They could not **see** the depth of true riches God had given them and instead they took to themselves these riches. "Because you say, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked, I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire so that you may be rich and dressed in white so that you may be clothed and that the shame of your (true) nakedness does not appear, and anoint your eyes with eye salve so that you may see" (Rev. 3:17-18).

So who were these of the larger number of people the nine in ten who rejected God's offer to be in His remnant Church to the end? It is exactly like what has happened when God first offers a **calling**. People in the Church never get to know them because they quickly reject what God offers. There is also a large number who do make some contact with God's Church (the ministry), but never follow through with acceptance of God's offer. Then there is a third group, who do accept the offer and enter into fellowship, but in variable periods of time they have turned away.

So the Church has not known all whom God awakened who rejected His offer to escape captivity. The vast majority quickly rejected what God had placed before them because their pride was far too great so that they might humble themselves to become part (the remnant) of what they could **see** through their narrow vision of such a small and widely ridiculed group.

These are those who would not exercise humility and accept God's government and guidance through the new remnant organization, so they rejected it. Their rejection resulted in a captivity to spiritual Assyria. They rejected what God had offered them, as they would not accept the government of His new remnant Church and chose instead a government more to their liking and comfort.

Others whom the remnant Church has not known in their personal fellowship consist of those who were repenting of their Laodicea attitude as God personally was revealing it to them. They were not required by God to become part of the remnant fellowship, but they were judged separately for what they were given to know. These are those who were of older age and/or filled with illness that God did not require more from before they died during the years that followed the apostasy. Most of these were long time members of God's Church who had very much been proven before the apostasy.

Since the apostasy, there also has been a large number who did come into fellowship with the remnant Church and at some later point they turned from God. They have come and they have gone. Most of these have made themselves enemies to the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. To their own shame and bitterness of spirit, such first rejected their calling (the Laodicea spirit of error) and then rejected God's great awakening to be a remnant of His Church to the return of Jesus Christ.

The magnification of **this truth** is recorded as a great witness for all time. Lessons will be drawn and preached from it for centuries to come.

35 (14) We understand that Jesus Christ is “continually coming” in the flesh of those who are in the Church of God. This has only been partially understood by the Church. Some scriptures refer to Christ “coming” in the flesh. Much of the Church has taken this physically, meaning that he first came to mankind while in the flesh, as a man. Other expressions about Jesus Christ “coming” are taken as though this is speaking of a time he will return to this Earth. Yet the literal Greek concerning this word is neither about a “past tense” existence, nor of a “future tense” return. The closest expression in English is that of being “present progressive,” meaning that Jesus Christ is “continually coming” into our lives (in our flesh)—of God’s spirit dwelling (abiding, continuing, living) “in” us.

36 (15) No one goes to heaven, not even the 144,000. Of all who have ever lived and died, only Jesus Christ has ever gone to heaven (in the FAQ, see the Topic on “resurrection”). Satan has deceived many religions into teaching that mankind will go to heaven. Even many in the Church of God scattering believe that the 144,000 will go to heaven for training before Jesus Christ returns.

The resurrection of the 144,000 begins on the prophetic day (see Truth #47) that is fully completed when Christ once again stands upon the Mt. of Olives on Pentecost of 2019.

The sea of glass mentioned on the occasion of this resurrection (Rev. 15:2) is the location in the upper atmosphere of the “heavens” above the earth where this great event takes place. Even the people on earth can see this spectacle in the heavens (as a great light) which they do not understand, for God says that people will see the coming of Jesus Christ on that day. That sea of glass is not to be confused with the sea of glass (spiritual creation) that exists before God in the spiritual heaven of His very throne (Rev. 4:6).

37 (16) The remnant of God’s Church in Laodicea has been given the greatest proof ever of Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilling all the symbolism contained in the entire Passover day of Abib the 14th. Ever since the 1970’s there have been ministers throughout the Church teaching that Christ fulfilled some aspects of Passover on the 15th day of Abib and not on the 14th (which was when the Israelites observed Passover). Mr. Armstrong taught that this teaching of the 15th was false, yet it continues today. Along with fulfilling the symbolism of the Passover lamb, Christ also fulfilled the symbolism of the Passover sacrifices performed by the Levitical priesthood on the afternoon of Passover, before the beginning of the 15th. This daylight portion of the 14th, which contains great meaning for what Christ fulfilled, has not been fully understood. All of what Jesus Christ fulfilled took place “between the two evenings,” in the night of the 14th and in the day of the 14th, and not on any part of the 15th.

38 (17) The 144,000 are all those who have been called and tried by God over the past 6,000 years who will be in the first resurrection at Christ's return. The Philadelphia era taught that there would be 144,000 from Philadelphia who would be resurrected at Christ's return, along with an innumerable multitude who would come out of Laodicea during the final 3 1/2 years of great tribulation. This is false. In order to enter into the God family one must be tried and tested over many years and not just for a mere 3 1/2 years or less. Those who live through the tribulation will be a continuation of people making up the Church on into the Millennium. The innumerable multitude mentioned in Revelation 7 is the same 144,000 who have been sealed and then resurrected at the time of Christ's return. All have gone through great tribulation to become part of the God Family. They are called innumerable simply because from a physical vantage point no human could count such a gathering of people, and only God knows the number of those whom He has worked with over the past 6,000 years who have been molded and prepared to be in His Family and in His government. (Rev 14:1, Rev 7:1)

39 (18) Herbert W. Armstrong was a "type" of the prophesied "Elijah to come," as he restored all truth essential to salvation to the Church of God during the Philadelphia Era. Very few in the Church that was scattered teach this today. Mr. Armstrong described himself as a voice crying out in the wilderness and stated in *Mystery of the Ages* that he had fulfilled the prophecies of the Elijah to Come.

40 (19) Matthew 24:14 was completely fulfilled through Herbert W. Armstrong alone. Many of the organizations in the Church that was scattered have rejected this truth, as many of them believe they themselves are to continue preaching the gospel into all the world. They do not acknowledge that Herbert Armstrong fulfilled this prophecy that is about the Church.

41 (20) Antichrist is not about the Pope or any other single individual "in the world," but it is only about any in the Church who work against Christ and God's purpose in their lives. As the true context of 1 John 2 reveals, there have been "many" antichrists through the ages of the Church. It also makes it evident that such people have been part of the true Church of God, but have left the truth and have worked against Jesus Christ's purpose of "living in" those in the Church, through the power of the holy spirit, in order to complete God's work in them. Antichrist simply means "against Christ." The "world" has never been called to the truth and have not been given the opportunity of God's spirit dwelling "in" them. If someone "works against" this purpose then they become antichrist. Not allowing God and Christ to dwell in us, due to the refusal to repent of sin, is to deny why Christ died for us as our Passover, so that the Father and Son can dwell in us.

42 (21) God the Father is Yahweh Elohim and He alone has eternally existed. The teaching that Jesus Christ had always existed is a holdover from the Protestant teaching of the Trinity. There is only one Almighty God who has eternal existence.

Prophesied Truths Revealed During Laodicea

43 (22) The remnant God is awakening will consist of 10% of a third of those in the Worldwide Church of God, before the apostasy began. Yet as covered in Truth #34, not all accepted and received God's awakening from captivity. The prophecy of Ezekiel 5 tells of both the scattering of the physical nations of Israel (in the Day of the Eternal) and spiritual Israel (which has already occurred). This and other prophecies also speak of a tithe (ten percent) of a third of both physical and spiritual Israel that will survive as a remnant.

It needs to be understood what happened to the Church that was scattered so that one can understand what will happen to the scattered nations of Israel once they experience great tribulation and destruction. When such happened to the Church on a spiritual plane, it did not mean they were uprooted and moved to some other location in captivity, but they became broken, shattered, and scattered as a result of the collapse and failure of government that had been leading them. When the government and economic systems of these nations collapse, peoples will be divided, broken, and in complete disarray **-scattered-** without the former guidance, security, and leadership they had been trusting.

There are prophecies that speak of a tithe of a third of Israel surviving as a remnant. These prophecies differ in fulfillment and distinction because they apply uniquely to spiritual Israel and in another manner to the scattered physical nations of Israel.

The first place these prophecies began to be fulfilled concerned the Church, spiritual Israel, and what happened to it after the Apostasy. Ten percent of a third was offered to become part of the remnant Church. However, as covered about the Church in Truth #34, not all accepted and received God's offer to survive and be fully delivered from captivity. Due to individual free choice along with the ongoing trials and battles that followed, as Ezekiel states that all would be cast back into a fire, the overwhelming majority of these chose to rebel against this remnant Church or simply would not accept to become part of it in the first place.

Those who were given this opportunity to become part of the remnant Church should not be confused with a separate promise of God in Revelation concerning those who were part of the

scattering after the Apostasy. The 10 percent of a third has nothing to do with God's promise to draw 63,000 former people of Worldwide into the Millennium, as these are not called to become fully engaged over any meaningful period of time in fellowship and as witness with an earlier remnant God awakened.

The story and purpose concerning what God offers the physical scattered nations of Israel is different in the application of 10 percent and the third that is prophesied about them. That which happens to physical Israel will occur in the final cycle of the end-time, and it will be in that time that God promises that a remnant will be saved. This concerns how many will be able to be saved physically in order to live on into the Millennium, however that final number depends upon them and their response to God. That final number will be between a third of all Israel to a minimum of 10 percent of that third.

Ever since the Apostasy, the Church has been experiencing great spiritual tribulation, which will nearly be over by November 8, 2015. At that time the seventh and final cycle of 1,260 day from the Apostasy to Christ's coming will begin, including a final 50 days, and it will be within this period that great physical tribulation comes upon this world.

44 (23) The collapse of the United States will occur during the 5th Trumpet of the Seventh Seal, and not during the 5th Seal as previously taught in the Worldwide Church of God. This understanding came as God revealed that the first four Seals of Revelation were about the Church and not about the world.

45 (24) Not all baptized members, including many in the remnant, will be part of the 144,000. The final stage of choosing those who remain to be sealed of those yet alive (which began on Trumpets of 2008) concerning Daniel's prophecy of the 1335 days was completed on Pentecost of 2012. Those few who were alive and "chosen" by that date who then become sealed afterward will be resurrected (changed) to Elohim at Christ's coming.

Those of the vast majority who are in the Church of God will continue on in their physical life, into the millennial period. They will constitute a continuation of God's Church into that new age. Large numbers of people also will be added to the Church during the "final" Day of the Lord. In addition, once the Fifth Trumpet of the Seventh Seal begins to be physically fulfilled, God will begin awakening many of the people who were once part of the scattering (after the Apostasy) from the Worldwide Church of God.

46 (25) The Church of God- PKG is the only physical organization God is working with in this end-time. God has always worked through a hierarchical method of government,

especially at this end-time. There was one end-time apostle during the era of Philadelphia, and this apostle led the only physical organization that God worked through for His Church. Likewise, there is one apostle who leads God's Church today.

47 (26) God has revealed the actual duration for the prophetic “day” when the seven vials of the Seventh Trumpet (Seven Last Plagues) are poured out on the earth. That “prophetic day” consists of the “fifty days” that lead up to and are finally fulfilled by Christ’s coming on Pentecost of 2019. Only God can reveal the duration of any specific “prophetic day.” God set aside two possible dates for Christ’s coming as King of kings. The first potential date of Christ’s coming was Pentecost of 2012, and God revealed that the “prophetic day” for pouring out the Seven Last Plagues would have literally occurred on that **one day** of Pentecost. Since the purpose of the plagues being poured out is to “destroy those who are destroying the earth,” God has revealed that over 3.5 billion people would have been destroyed in that single day if this event had occurred in 2012.

However, God has moved forward the coming of His Son by exactly seven years to a later date, and He has now revealed that the duration of this “prophetic day” that leads to Christ’s coming has also changed. That “prophetic day” in which the Seven Plagues will be poured out will be fulfilled within the final **50 days** that ends on Pentecost of 2019 when Christ returns.

God has revealed that He is extending great mercy to mankind by moving forward the coming of His Son by seven years to 2019. God is working to give mankind greater potential to begin listening to Him and then changing their course of self-destruction so that they might be saved alive. That mercy is also being magnified by how God is extending the duration of the “prophetic day” for the Seven Last Plagues that will now be poured out over 50 actual days. As God changes the manner in which the plagues are poured out, from one day to that period of 50 days, multiple millions more can potentially be saved to live on into the Millennial reign of Christ.

As stated, only God can reveal the specific definition of any given “prophetic day.” There are several examples where a prophetic day is equal to one year in actual fulfillment. When looking at the seven-day week, God revealed that each “day” is as a thousand years in His 7,000-year plan given to mankind to propagate and then continue into the next incredible phase of His great plan of salvation. In this example of a prophetic day being 1,000 years, the seventh day Sabbath is equivalent to the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ.

Another well-known example of a “prophetic day” concerns what is revealed in the annual holy day of the Last Great Day. God shows yet another specific duration of time in this “prophetic

day.” This is a period of time that will last for 100 years, and it follows immediately after the millennial (1,000-year) reign of Jesus Christ on earth.

The actual period of time for any “prophetic day” can vary according to God's purpose and design, and only God can reveal what period of time these represent.

48 (27) The two end-time witnesses (two end-time prophets of God) have already been revealed. Many in the scattered Church will reject them because they are not who they expect or want them to be. Many reject the idea that one could be a woman or that both could be a husband and wife.

49 (28) The Seven Thunders have been revealed and will happen precisely as foretold As stated in sermons and in 2008—God’s Final Witness, all these thunders began during the time of the Sixth Seal. They will continue to be fulfilled with increasing magnitude during the time of the Seventh Seal. These thunders are:

1) **Terror of War:** 9/11 is when 6th Seal was Opened (all 7 Buildings of trade center destroyed) and was the beginning of the Seven Thunders.

2) **Earthquakes:** Related to this are tsunamis and volcanoes.

3) **Abnormal Weather:** Related to this are flooding, mudslides, wildfires, and loss of agriculture.

4) **Global Economic Upheaval.**

5) **Death in addition to destruction (divided into three separate phases and with random order).**

6) **A growing revelation of God's two end-time witnesses, in both the Church that was scattered and in the world.**

7) **An accelerated revelation of God to man, in both the Church that was scattered and in the world.**

The 50th Truth

This truth concerns the revelation given by God of the actual timing that leads up to the return of Jesus Christ. The Church of God has long believed that Jesus would return as the King of kings on the Feast of Trumpets. This is not true! God has reserved this revelation, for this very end-time, to be revealed just prior to the actual date that serves as an announcement for the coming of His Son to reign over all the earth.

God could have revealed this truth at any time, and it has always been solely within His own power and prerogative to do so whenever He chose. God had given the Church most of the understanding concerning the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, but not all. God has now given the Church to understand some of those reasons why He has chosen to reveal this great truth just before Trumpets of 2008.

1) This is part of a continuing process to make a distinction in the Church (the actual physical organization where the spiritual body of the Church is being nurtured and led through whom God is working) and all other organizations who were scattered from the Church (where God is no longer working).

2) This was reserved until now because there is a continuing spiritual battle against Satan and his demons. Satan and the demons know their time of reign is nearly over and then they will be removed from the presence of mankind for 1,000 years, but they have not fully known what that exact timing involved. God is about to expose Satan and the demon world for the true evil they are.

3) God is also going to reveal the perverted attitude and spirit of all who mock Him, His Church, and His servants. Those who scoff, criticize, ridicule, and mock God's Church have used the occasion of this revelation to find fault with God's Church for changing doctrine (as they see it) and timing in order to better suit their own false needs. Such critics foolishly and unwittingly put themselves in a position of judging God. The very thing they mock is the very thing that will end up being used to mock them. God is revealing the kind of hatred that has existed in the hearts of men and women toward Him and His people for nearly 6,000 years now.

4) As part of a direct relationship to the previous point, this very thing that scoffers and mockers try to use to discredit God's end-time prophet and two witnesses is one of the very things that God will use (in a far greater way) to prove who it is through whom He is working. In reality, the fulfillment of the 50th Truth will be great evidence of God's true servants and the events that reveal the fulfilling of this truth will put mockers and scoffers to shame.

The Feast of Trumpets has long been understood to be plural (a blowing of trumpets) and not the blowing of a singular trumpet, all of which announce and work to lead closer to the fulfillment of Christ's return as King of kings. God has reserved the Feast of Trumpets of 2008 to be the day that is the time for the official announcement to His people that the long awaited final countdown for Jesus Christ's coming is now at hand.

The Revelation of the Timing

There is great significance and meaning contained in the unique timing of the Feast of Trumpets in 2008. The first significant timing is contained in 2 Thessalonians 2 and is learned from end-time prophecy involving the physical leader over the Church on earth, who would betray Jesus Christ. The revelation of this man would reveal to the Church that the end-time had now come and that the First Seal of Revelation had been opened. This man who would betray God's government would be known as "the man of sin" and "the son of perdition." As covered in the Church's literature and in sermons, God revealed who this man was by a judgment of death that was contained in this revelation. That judgment was revealed through the number 40 (used as God's judgment) times the seven-day week. It was exactly 280 days from the time of this man's betrayal to the time he died. When Joe Tkach, Sr. gave a sermon denouncing the most basic laws of God and had completed that betrayal toward God and Jesus Christ, it was exactly 280 days later, in that same hour, that he died. This timing was God's revelation of who the son of perdition and this man of sin was.

As a result of that revelation, God has revealed that He is using this same period of judgment to reveal the coming end to the reign of the original son of perdition—Satan. Angels are also referred to as "the sons of God" in a spiritual creation. Satan (as Lucifer) betrayed God and led a third of the angels (now demons) with him in his rebellion against God. God has a plan that includes the removal of Satan and his influence from the earth. At the return of Jesus Christ, Satan and the demons will be imprisoned for 1,000 years and kept from the presence of God and mankind during that season.

The revelation for this timing is very much about the Feast of Trumpets of 2008. This is the date that announces the final stage in which God will determine who will be among the final ones "chosen" to become sealed. The complete sealing of all 144,000 will then have been accomplished once the catastrophic events from the blowing of the first four trumpets takes place.

The very thing that Satan hates most about God's plan is the Family of God—Elohim. The first of that family, from among the families of mankind, is composed of this 144,000 who have been redeemed from the earth and will come with Jesus Christ when He returns to this earth.

The timing for the first phase of Satan's judgment (to be removed from his reign on earth) is revealed by the very countdown that announces the one who will remove him (Satan) from power and take over the reign over all the earth—Jesus Christ. This timing is about one day—the Feast of Trumpets of 2008. Following quickly behind this is the opening of the Seventh and final Seal of Revelation and then the blowing of the First Trumpet, with six more to follow, all of which will lead up to the actual events that conclude the complete fulfillment and then final blowing of the Seventh Trumpet on the very day Jesus Christ begins his return as King of kings.

The same time period of judgment used to reveal the son of perdition to God's Church (280 days) is the same time period used by God to reveal the final countdown of Satan's final reign on earth. The one single day of the year that Satan has used most to glorify himself in false deception is the false religious holiday of Christmas. From Christmas of 2007 to the day of the Feast of Trumpets in 2008 is exactly 280 days (40 x 7). This announces the coming end to the reign of Satan who was the original son of perdition.

The Feast of Trumpets of 2008 was the day for the announcement of the last stage for choosing those who are to be in the final sealing for all who will be in the count of the 144,000 who will come with Jesus Christ to set up the reign of the Kingdom of God on earth. The 144,000 will reign with Jesus Christ, and the reign of Satan will no longer exist over this earth. This final time and last stage until the complete establishment of all to be "chosen" to be of the 144,000 of the Kingdom of God is recorded in Daniel: "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty fifth day."

At the end of the 1335 days, the 144,000 are indeed blessed, as God begins to make His people—the "final ones" chosen who will yet become sealed—to stand in "that day"—"that time" that follows (the final prophetic "Day of the Lord"—the final literal 50 days to Christ's return to earth), in which all 144,000 are given spirit life. For 6,000 years those who have been called, chosen, and sealed to be among the 144,000 have suffered mightily at the hands of mankind. Now, on this final "day" or "final time of 50 days," God will intervene "in the affairs of all mankind" to deliver recompense, retribution, and vindication for the sake of all His people who have suffered throughout time.

The "Day of the Lord" that follows the 1335 days of Daniel's prophecy is dual in meaning, just as with many other prophetic accounts that have duality. The "first" prophetic Day of the Lord was an actual year in length. The "second" prophetic Day of the Lord is a period of 50 literal days that corresponds to the count for Pentecost that is from the time of the wave sheaf offering to the time of the wave loaves being offered before God.

These prophetic times spoken of throughout prophecy as the “Day of the Lord” are also called the “year **(or “time”)** of recompense (retribution)” and the “year **(or “time”)** of vindication.”

The first “Day of the Lord” focused upon the fulfillment of the firstfruits in God’s plan and those who had been rejected from it. It centers around the very holy day that pictures those firstfruits, as that first “year of recompense” began on Pentecost 2012 and was fully completed on Pentecost 2013. That prophetic day was about God’s very own Church. During this period, the Church was thrust into the beginning of a time for the measuring the Temple as spoken of in Revelation 11. It was in this time that God began working first to clearly reveal the beginning for the cleansing of the Temple in those who were being rejected from being in the 144,000. This was primarily true regarding those who were in positions of leadership in God’s Church. This is where the most important part for the beginning of the measuring of the Temple was to begin.

The second “Day of the Lord” that is a prophetic period of 50 actual days is the final period of time that leads up to the very day Jesus Christ once again stands upon the Mt. of Olives at his return. It is a “time” for God’s recompense (retribution) and vindication as He begins to remove mankind from his own self-rule and to usher in His Kingdom to reign for the next 1,100 years. This is the “final” prophetic Day of the Lord, when all 144,000 who have been sealed will become resurrected to return with Jesus Christ to reign with him in that Kingdom.

(For related information, see the article *An Extraordinary 4 ½ Years*)

Additional Truths Revealed

God continues to reveal truths to His end-time Church so that a restoration of all things can take place with the return of Jesus Christ.

51 (1) God has revealed the identity of the Elijah to come. As part of this revelation God has made it clearer that John the Baptist was a 'type' of the Elijah to come and that Herbert W. Armstrong was also a 'type' of the Elijah to come. The final completeness of this role (as a 'type') is fulfilled by the spokesman of the two end-time witnesses. As an end-time prophet and apostle during this end-time period, Ronald Weinland is the third and last fulfillment of a 'type' of the Elijah to come before Jesus Christ returns as King of kings. Over the past 2,000 years there have been three people who have fulfilled part (as a 'type') of the purpose of the “Elijah to come,” but **Jesus Christ will fulfill this role in its completeness.**

52 (2) God is restoring knowledge concerning the rightful place of women in the family. This involves the start of the greater removal of the curse laid upon woman from the beginning which was the result of sin.

53 (3) The ordination of women in the Church. With the revelation of the 52nd Truth, God is continuing to reveal the rightful role of women with the 53rd truth by showing that God has and will continue to work with and through women to help prepare the path for the return of Jesus Christ and to fulfill a breaking of bonds for all humanity.

54 (4) There is an end to Satan's existence. His punishment is that of eternal death, never to have life again.

Some have believed that since angelic beings are composed of spirit that they cannot cease to exist and are therefore eternal beings. Angelic beings can cease to exist. The only angelic being who has been formally judged by God, through scripture, is the one who was created in the beginning as Lucifer, but who now carries the names of Satan, and the Devil.

55 (5) Angels were created and composed of spirit essence and given life by God (spirit life), yet they do not have self-sustaining life inherent in themselves. They are sustained by God, and only God has immortal, self-sustaining life inherent in Himself. It also needs to be understood that at their creation (although the angels were given spirit-sustaining life) they were never given of the holy spirit, nor were they ever given access to it.

56 (6) God created both good and evil, but to understand “how” is to understand why God gave beings, both human and angelic, independent free choice, apart from Himself, as free moral agents.

God's way is the way of all right living that produces the only **true peace** that exists in right relationships. By revealing (showing, teaching) “this way—the way of peace,” evil was created. This happened because “in” those created, there existed the choice to live a different way than the way of peace revealed by God. When any being in God's creation chooses a different way of living than the way of peace that He has shown (given), then “evil” is created.

57 (7) Through the power of the holy spirit, Almighty God will “dwell” IN His Family into everlasting life, and they will always dwell IN Him. This will be accomplished through the power of the holy spirit that emanates from God and it will never cease to be “coming into” the lives of all who are in the God Family. This will be a perpetual and continuing process into everlasting life.

Once begotten of God's holy spirit, the flow of the holy spirit can be suppressed and completely removed (cut off) from a begotten person's life.

God dwells (abides, lives) IN the life of a spirit begotten person (a person of the holy spirit) and they therefore dwell IN Him. Through the power of the holy spirit, the life (nature, truth, Word, way of life) of God begins to dwell in a begotten person's life (in the spirit essence given to the human mind), helping to change the very way one thinks and lives, from that of selfishness and pride to that of outgoing concern and love toward others. This power however is suppressed and sometimes cut off because of sin, as God will not dwell in sin. Once given spirit life in a resurrection from death (or resurrection from physical life) to spirit life, this process of God dwelling in a "born" person's life (no longer begotten), and they in Him, will never cease nor be interrupted, but will be perpetual and continuous into everlasting life.

Each member who is born into God's Family has independent reasoning and thought, but each is perfectly united in purpose, will, and one way of life through the power of the holy spirit that will forever abide in them (which continuously emanates from God—who is the source). It is God "forever dwelling" in each member that makes the Family of God a reality in "one" perfectly united way.