YEAR-END MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE

Silver Spring, Maryland November 3, 1996 7:30 p.m.

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DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Pastor T A McNeely of the Southeastern Conference enumerated the following concepts which have motivated him in his ministry.

Revelation 5 is a panoramic view of the Church of the Lord Jesus. And it leads us, this panoramic view, down to the point in time when the Lord Jesus comes and claims us as His own. You and I are talked about in Revelation 5!

As the Leader and Captain of the Host, Jesus opens the first seal. He rides out triumphantly on the Great White Horse, wearing a crown.

Jesus puts on a crown because He is Alpha and Omega. What He starts He is well able to finish! When He rode out, He was telling you and me "Don't worry about it! Take courage! Victory is already won!" All you do is follow the stallion and be sure you are on His side, because tomorrow is no uncertainty to Jesus.

That is why we can't talk about each other. When I talk about you, I talk about what I see, and that is often considerably flawed. But when Jesus talks about you, He talks about where you are going to be. And when He talks about me in the context of where I will be then, He talks about it in present tense.

Jesus rides that Great White Horse triumphantly! He rides the first 100 years of Christian history that way. But when you do something for Christ, and when it makes a difference, the devil becomes angry. If we are doing nothing for Jesus, the likelihood is that the devil is satisfied, relaxed, perhaps even reclined. But if we are busy with the Lord's agenda, then we will understand what happened when the second seal was opened. There came out a red horse representing blood, the Church of God persecuted. Blood would flow nearly up to the horse's mane. Persecution nearly ripped the Church of God to shreds because the forces of evil had to stop the moving horse!

Then the book moved to a black horse. The black horse represented a direct movement away from love and obedience to God. The Church diverted from the plan of God. But God does not give up on His Church. It is still the apple of His eye. It is the Church for which He died. Even though the Church moved towards the wilderness experience from 300 A.D. to 500 A.D., God still watched over His Church. He saw us in that time doing just what the Bible said we would be doing.

Then there was a fourth horse, which represented the Dark Ages, and things got worse.

With the fifth seal God's symbolism moves from horses to elders, elders who have paid the ultimate price. And they are saying, "How long will it be before you avenge our blood? How long before righteousness finds it rightful place again?

The sixth seal: The earth quakes, the sun refuses to shine, the moon drips as if in blood, the stars fall from Heaven.

When Chapter 6 ends and Jesus is supposed to come under the symbol of the seventh seal. He discontinues the symbol of the seals. The period between the 6th and 7th seal is the period of

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probation. This additional time seems to me to be more like borrowed eternity than borrowed time. If you are going to do something for Him, do it now . . . do it here! If you are going to do it at all, do it now . . . do it here! Because only you are His hands—only you can do what He wants to have done! If you did not see yourself in the prophetic picture before, you should see it now.

I see myself in the seventh seal. I am living at the very portals of glory. Everything God said in the great prophecy has already come to pass one by one, seal by seal. Do we think that God is absentminded now and does not remember where He is in the stream of time? Do we think this is not the time to move for the Master? Every pastor in North America ought to ask the question, "Lord God, if it is not me, who will it be? If it is not now, when will it be? If it is not in this Church, where will it be?" This is a special time in history!

If you are ever going to do anything, do it now! If you are ever going to do it anywhere, do it where you are! If you are ever going to see it be finished, let it be finished where you are. Ride on King Jesus! Ride on Prince Immanuel! He is the conquering King. Ride on! Ride On! Ride on!

Adjourned

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