

# Vision of Praise



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From the editor

This time we'd like to share "Praise to Heal the Earth" from the book "The Vision" written by Pastor Peter in 2001.

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## Praise to Heal the Earth

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Four years ago, I forecasted that the goal of the *Kohitsuji no Mure* church would be the third typed church, which is described in the Book of Revelation. It is my terminology. If the Early Church, which is described in 1 Corinthians as gifts-orientated, is the first typed church, then the hierarchical church which the professional few lead the congregation should be the second type. And the second typed church has dominated the whole Christendom for centuries. I propose "the third typed church," which is centered neither on gifts of the Holy Spirit nor on particular leaders such as priests or pastors, but on praise and worship the Lord alone. God's people gather together for the sake of the Lord alone to praise and worship God in spirit and truth.

This forecast was not for the purpose of the church growth. We are not interested in the growth of the church in numbers. Now at the end time, we are convinced that the Lord God has revealed what the Revelation typed church should be through *Kohitsuji no Mure*. She is no longer the stereotyped archaic church that centers the clergy and the selected few with traditions or dogmas, nor the church that centers the particular gift such as healing, prophecy and

teaching, but she is the church that centers praising and worshipping the Lord in Spirit and truth. Praising the Lord has such magnitude as to manifest the presence of God at the worship service. All the people, young and old, regardless of nationality and background, are melted in one in the body of Christ. The One who sits on the Throne and the Lamb are to be glorified. Though spiritual gifts are not focused, they are manifested in praising service. Everything is completed in heavenly praise.

We do not mean that we are exclusive group to realize the Revelation typed church.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

(Philippians 3:12 NIV)

The vision of the Book of Revelation took hold of us, thus we are praying to realize the Revelation typed church on the earth.

On January 2000 when we began to receive a flood of heavenly songs, *the Revelation praises*, all of us sensed that we were entering into a new dimension. And truly enough, we have come to the era of the Revelation. The church described in the Revelation has started revealing her magnificent structure.

The abundant flood of *heavenly praises* is, I believe, not to entertain us but to save the earth in this critical time. The sound of the Revelation songs echoes not only in our hearts but also in the sky, on the ocean and the earth in depth. It is vibrating and resounding in the universe. When we sing praise, the river of life in heaven flows down to the earth. Thus, the praise from heaven becomes the healing for the

earth.

Thus the church of the Revelation is engaged in the mission work with heavenly power.

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:1-2)

The tree of life stands on each side of the heavenly river. And the leaves have the power to heal the sick of all nations on earth. I believe healing virtue of the leaves will cover the entire earth.

The Revelation is to tell us the beginning of a new heaven and a new earth. New Jerusalem is coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride, beautifully dressed for her husband. The time is coming soon when the ultimate unity with the heaven and the earth will be realized.

We are, now as the first born, having a shower of the *heavenly praises*. We were called to be the forerunner to proclaim that a new earth is coming when the heaven and the earth are united together to sing and magnify the Lord God.

Now, when we are the people on earth resound together with the praises in heaven, God extends His healing hand to restore the wounded land and the earth.

The present condition of the earth is becoming awfully miserable by the minute, incompatible with God's ongoing restoration process. (Our earth is suffering from ferocious torment.) We experience unbearably abnormal weather as the global warming is speeding up fiercely, but still it is the

beginning stage (of the tribulation). The glaciers in the Arctic and the Antarctic have started melting, and the most of the big cities in the world will be sunk under the sea. Most part of the earth will become subtropics, and the plagues and the strange diseases might be spread out in the foreseeable future.

The world of the Revelation is coming upon us faster than any one has expected. As the nations will fight against one another, warfare and chaos may proceed into the extreme.

In our days we will understand the meaning of “it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach made bitter” (Revelation 10:10) as that the *heavenly praises* are to bring something “sweet” to our spirit, but something “bitter” to the life of the people in the world.

No matter how difficult the tribulation will be, the plan of God will surely proceed. God’s plan is not for the destruction of the earth. God is not to come to destroy the earth with anger, even though the fallen earth is full of wicked.

The more difficult suffering may continue on the earth, and the further chaos may continue as well. However, all these tribulations are for the Divine Project by Holy God to be realized fully. The stream of life is surely flowing into one direction, toward the One who said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega” at great speed. The rush of water of life is accelerated by the *Revelation praises*. Every time when we sing the *heavenly praise*, we are step by step reaching the Omega point (the goal), that is, likeness of Christ the Lord our God. This is the preparation for the coming new world to be built up again.

The praise is the forerunner of heaven on the earth.

We are surely experiencing “the powers of the coming age.”(Hebrew 6:5) As the Revelation church, we are to exercise divine authority over the earth, which is rapidly decaying. We call upon the holy name through the divine praises, “Come, the Lord!” We call out the sky and the sea, the wind and the water, as we sing, “Let the praise fill the earth!”

As we are harmonized in heavenly tune, the river of water of life flows down to the earth out of heaven. When two people praise together with their hearts to be united, the earth resounds with the heaven, and then the Lord pours His mercy and healing love into the earth like gushing water. We are called to praise the Lord to heal the land and to save the earth.

When the praise in heaven resounds, the Divine Project steps forward. No one can stop flowing this stream of life any more. In the time when the earth is in trouble and people are in sorrow day and night, wandering in emptiness, the Revelation church through heavenly praises, as the forerunner on this earth, bring forth divine healing to the land and the people.

Now is the time. His parousia (coming) is approaching rapidly. The planet earth may clothe off her wickedness, confusion, sickness and sorrow, and she may welcome the Lord with delight and joy like a bride welcomes the bridegroom. The Revelation church is here on the earth as God’s bride.

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