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Dr. Yong-cheon Song giving his speech in Gapyeong, South Korea November 8, 2024

International president explains background of forthcoming epic of the Koreans

Extracts from a speech given by Yong-cheon Song, International President of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), at a prayer meeting for leaders and members in Gapyeong, South Korea 11th October 2024. Translated from Korean.



By the Waters of Babylon, Photo (2014) of painting by Gebhard Fugel

First, let us read Psalm 137, verses 1 through 6 (New Century Version):

"By the rivers of Babylon, we sat and cried when we remembered Jerusalem. On the poplar trees

nearby, we hung our harps. Those who captured us asked us to sing; our enemies wanted happy songs. They said, 'Sing us a song about Jerusalem!'

But we cannot sing songs about the LORD while we are in this foreign country! Jerusalem, if I forget you, let my right hand lose its skill. Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not think about Jerusalem as my greatest joy."

This passage poignantly expresses the Jewish people's desire to maintain their faith and identity in a foreign land, along with their longing and affection for their hometown, Jerusalem. Amid the sorrow of their captivity in Babylon, they reaffirmed their determination to remain faithful to Jerusalem and their faith, making this song particularly meaningful to the Jewish people.

The Jewish people, chosen by Heaven, faced the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah by the Babylonian Empire, and many were forcibly exiled to Babylon. History remembers this period as the Babylonian Exile or Captivity.



The Flight of the Prisoners, c. 1896-1902, photographic reproduction of a painting by James Tissot

Scholars believe that during this time, the Jewish people, in their effort to preserve their faith and identity, wrote down the Torah, also known as the Five Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Additionally, prophetic texts such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel are thought to have been written during or around this period. The psalm we read from above is also a song sung by the Jewish people during their time in exile, as they longed for their homeland.

Those who lost their nation began to document their history and the workings of Heaven in numerous records, longing for their ancestral land. These writings can be considered epics and confessions that served to reaffirm their identity, faith, and their community solidarity.

Recently, one of the providences that [Mother](#) has been most deeply interested in is the education of the Korean people as the chosen people through a grand epic.

As she prepares for next year's entrance ceremony, [Mother](#) seeks to document and educate about the will of Heaven in sending the [Only-Begotten Daughter](#) to this land, the history of the Korean people as a chosen people, and the [providential](#) history since the appearance of the [True Parents](#).

This record serves as a chronicle and scripture to realize the long-held dream of our Heavenly Parent, who lost His nation and children, to regain a [Kingdom of Heaven](#) ("[Cheonilguk](#)" in Korean) and its people and to enjoy a heavenly life on earth together with His children.

The Jewish people, during their time in Babylonian exile, left numerous records, epics, and songs to reaffirm their identity, faith, and communal unity. In the same way, for educational purposes, [Mother](#) is organizing anew the "Discourse on [True Parents](#)" ("[Cham Pumo-ron](#)" in Korean) and creating songs based on the Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People. This effort is imbued with a profound intent that we

may all recognize our true identity and establish a new culture and tradition of the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) ("[Cheonilguk](#)" in Korean).



From a recent lecture in Gapyeong, South Korea. Illustration used by Dr. Song 8th Nov. 2024

Everyone, please give a big round of applause to [True Mother](#), who, in such a profound sense, is establishing the culture and traditions of the "[Cheonilguk](#)" anew and helping us to be reborn. [...]

Everyone, we refer to stories of gods as mythology and stories of people as history. An epic encompasses the stories of both gods and humans. In front of this, [Mother](#) thoughtfully chose to use the term "chosen people". The reason for this may be that, after the appearance of the [True Parents](#), the concept of a "chosen people" transcends mere bloodline or regional group and signifies a unique community with Heaven's lineage and mission.

After the appearance of the [True Parents](#), the term "chosen people" refers to all of us, the [blessed](#) families who have received the special lineage of our Heavenly Parent and are realizing the ideal of one family under our Heavenly Parent. Is this clear to everyone?

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Dr. Yong-cheon Song spelling out vision for the Kingdom of Heaven and aspects of the Korean heritage making them a chosen people

Extracts from a speech given by Yong-cheon Song, International President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, at a prayer meeting for leaders and members in Gapyeong, South Korea 11th October 2024. Translated from Korean. Slightly edited.



Dr. Yong-cheon Song delivering his message 11th Oct. 2024. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by PeaceTV

In order to fulfill the duty of filial piety to our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents, I earnestly pray that our Heavenly Parent's grace and love will be with you, your families, and your churches, as you attend this special prayer vigil [...]. Last Wednesday, 9th October, was Hangul Day [Editor's note: Day of the Korean alphabet]. Following True Mother's words, pastors from across Korea gathered to receive education on the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People". True Mother

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emphasized that this education should be received by all **blesse**d families worldwide.

Today, I would like to briefly share why we need to receive this education, especially at this time [...].

In the days before GPS, navigators would maintain their course by setting two or more landmarks when land was visible, not just one. This was a visual method to minimize the impact of wind, currents, and waves and to prevent straying from the path. This approach is also useful in companies and organizations. One management technique involves achieving results by considering four perspectives: finance, customers, processes, and learning.

It also teaches the important lesson that, in order to achieve consistent results, we must pursue not only short-term goals like visible sales, but also mid-to-long-term goals like vision and customer trust.

Saint Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:32-34,

"I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord, but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided."
(RSV)



Saint Paul (ca. 10-67 AD), one of the apostles of the early church and author of several letters in the New Testament. From painting by El Greco, from Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri, USA. Photo: Jonathunder / Wikimedia Commons. Public domain image

Through these words, he emphasized that remaining unmarried could be spiritually more beneficial. However, if Paul had considered not only the life of Jesus, but also his role, mission, and vision – if Paul had looked not only at Jesus but also at what Jesus had been facing – Paul's thoughts and conclusions might have been different.



Mother Moon in 2024. Photo: FFWPU

True Mother holds a grand vision for the next 100 years. After the entrance ceremony next year (of the *Cheonil Sanctum*), she is

preparing to usher in a new era and history based on the **True Parents'** *Discourse*, and the *"Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People"*. What is important is that this vision must take root and be realized in the hearts and homes of us all. [...].

Thus, it is not enough to simply look at **True Mother**; we must also look at the vision she has. To this end, **True Mother** has gifted us with a compass and map for life through the *"Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People"*.

Today, I would like to summarize the three visions that the upcoming education on the *Epic of a Chosen People* will reveal to us.

First, the *"Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People"* contains secrets hidden in the "6,000 years" of history. **True Mother** has revealed this because the time has come. It includes previously undisclosed truths about the essence of our Heavenly Parent, the hidden truth of Korea's Christian missionary history, the preparation process for the emergence of the **Only-begotten daughter**, and more.

Just as the Bible recorded our Heavenly Parent's **providential** history, the *"Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People"* reveals Heavenly Parent's work in the history of the Korean people [...].

Thus, this epic can be considered a compass that guides us from the suffering of this era to a better world.

Second, the *"Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People"* is the result of **True Mother's** devotion, prepared in alignment with the **providential** timeline for one specific day. That one day is the entrance ceremony of the *Cheonwon Temple (Palace)* and *Cheonil Sanctum*. It is the day that signifies the completion of Heaven's **providence** and the fulfillment of human history. [...] It is the moment when a new tradition and culture centered on Heaven begins.

It is also the day that proclaims to the entire world that the era of a **Kingdom of Heaven** (in Korean: **Cheonilguk**), characterized by freedom, peace, unity, and happiness, has finally arrived. Therefore, [...] **True Mother** has instructed all of us to embrace this entrance ceremony with renewed energy, clearing away our past standards, frameworks, and thoughts, and aligning with the flow of the new era to create a new tradition and a new culture.

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Third, the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People" visually expresses to humanity the history of Heaven's chosen people through culture and arts, such as paintings. It conveys the spirit and life of the Korean people centered on Heaven.



The Chinese character for *hyo* (filial piety). In the character a son, 子 (Korean ja), carries an old man, 老 (Korean no), on his back. Photo: Jnzl's Photos / Wikimedia Commons. License: [CC Attr 2.0 Gen](#). Cropped

It contains the ideas of reverence for Heaven, the principle of "Hongik Ingan" [Editor's note: the official educational motto of South Korea, translated as "making the world a better place" or "helping people greatly" or "benefitting the human world greatly". It was the founding principle of the first Korean kingdom Gojoseon.], the philosophy of filial piety based on the principle of "hyo," and the culture of purity and fidelity. Through the history of the Korean people, the original ideal of creation that our Heavenly Parent has desired is reflected.

Through this, after the entrance ceremony, individuals, families, tribes, peoples, and nations will gain inspiration and teachings on how to live.

If all of humanity lives according to the spirit of filial piety that [True Mother](#) speaks of, we will be able to solve all the fundamental problems facing humanity today. It will also provide the answer to fulfilling Heavenly Parent's long-cherished dream of realizing "one family under [God](#)".

[...] Dr. Emanuel Pastreich, who studied East Asian culture at Harvard University, made a similar argument in his book "A Republic of Korea that Koreans do not understand" [Editor's note: only published in Korean]. He presented insights not only into understanding Korea but also into its potential and future, arguing that Korea has the potential to become the world's leading nation, and that the key to this lies in Korea's traditional culture. He emphasized that "filial piety" is at the core of the true identity of the Korean people and stressed the need for a modern reinterpretation of filial piety, as well as the importance of overcoming gender prejudices.



Emanuel Pastreich, American academic, author, and international relations expert. Serves as president of the Asia Institute, a think tank with offices in Washington DC, Tokyo, Seoul and Hanoi. Photo (2012): Emanuel Pastreich / Wikimedia Commons. License: [CC Attr 3.0 Unp](#)

He also mentioned that by doing so, we would be able to find a solution to the severe global crises humanity faces today.

Through "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People", [True Mother](#) is deeply contemplating and devoting herself to establishing the tradition of the [Kingdom of Heaven \(Cheonilguk\)](#) and creating its culture as we enter a new era and a new history. She has instructed that the history of the Korean people be visually expressed and has guided the creation of appropriate music for this as well. [...]

I believe that this entire process cannot be accomplished by human wisdom and ability alone. It will certainly be realized when we receive the support of the spiritual world based on sincere devotional prayers offered here at Cheonshimwon [Editor's note: prayer hall located in Gapyeong], along with Heaven's wisdom and power. [...]

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