

Five Churches Overview Charts

The following charts provide a concise overview of the Writings’ teachings about the Five Churches. The first chart summarizes how the Lord accommodated Himself to the changing states of the human race.

Church	Most Ancient Church	Ancient Church	Israelitish Church	Christian Church	New Church
Revelation	Direct revelation; written on the heart (Perceptive Word)	Ancient Word (Significative Word)	Old Testament (Representative Word)	New Testament (Interior Truths)	Heavenly Doctrine (More Interior Truths)
The Lord’s means of communicating with the human race	Through angels; in nature, through the perception of correspondences	Studying correspondences and representations in a written Word	Angel of Jehovah; pillar of cloud and fire (Exodus 13)	Lord God Jesus Christ	Through the three-fold Word (Old Testament, New Testament and Heavenly Doc-
Leading human love	Love to the Lord	Love to the neighbor	Obedience	Love to the neighbor	Love to the Lord

Nebuchadnezzar’s Statue

Daniel 2

This second chart provides an overview of King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream concerning a statue which was destroyed by a stone cut without hands. The Heavenly Doctrine relates this statue to the five churches. These teachings are drawn from *True Christian Religion* 760 and 762.

Nebuchadnezzar’s Statue	Head	Chest & Arms	Belly & Thighs	Legs & Feet	Great Stone
Material	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Iron	Stone
Stage of humanity or of an individual	Infancy	Childhood	Adulthood	Old age	Resurrection
Time of day	Dawn	Noon	Afternoon	Night	New dawn
Season	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Eternal spring
Cardinal Direction	East	South	West	North	East
Associated Symbols in the Word	Adam	Noah to Eber	Moses & Elijah	Jesus Christ	Holy City, Bride & Woman clothed with the sun
Ages of the world (historic)	Golden age	Silver age	Copper age	Iron age	