

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Twelve : Becoming the New Jerusalem**

### **I. Overview:**

For our Christian life and church life we need to have a vision of the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is the consummation of the central vision of God's economy and of the high peak of the divine revelation. The New Jerusalem is the corporate God-man—the enlargement, expansion, and expression of God—the corporate God. The New Jerusalem as the bride, the wife of the Lamb is Christ's eternal counterpart, and the ultimate consummation of the divine romance. In the church age we are betrothed to Christ, and the wedding day will be the age of the millennial kingdom; the marriage life will be in the New Jerusalem eternally. In Revelation 21:22 we see that in the New Jerusalem the Triune God Himself will be the temple for the overcomer to be a pillar in Him. Upon the one in the recovered church who overcomes, the Lord Jesus will write the name of His God, the name of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, and His new name, indicating that what God is, the nature of the New Jerusalem, and the person of the Lord have all been wrought into the overcomer.

### **II. Truth and Enlightenment:**

Day 1 —

A. Expound the main content of the New Testament.

The main content of the New Testament is that the Triune God has an eternal economy according to His good pleasure to dispense Himself in His life and nature into His chosen and redeemed people, thereby making them His duplication so that they may express Him; this corporate expression will consummate in the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem, the ultimate consummation of the Bible.

B. Explain the issue of the Bible's teaching being just one entity, the New Jerusalem.

The New Jerusalem has been transformed, glorified, and mingled with the processed and consummated Triune God. The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity mingled, blended, and built up together as one entity. All the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person.

Day 2 —

A. Expound the New Jerusalem's composition.

The New Jerusalem is a composition of God's chosen, redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, renewed, transformed, conformed, and glorified people who have been deified. Thus, the deification is a process that we are being deified, constituted with the processed and consummated Triune God so that we may be made God in life and in nature to be His corporate expression for eternity.

B. Explain that the holy city is a corporate person, a couple.

The holy city is a corporate person, and this corporate person is a couple—the processed Triune God married to the transformed, tripartite man. This is the Spirit and the bride becoming one. Divinity and humanity are married together, mingled together, to be one entity. The Husband is the wife, and the wife is the Husband because they coinhere.

Day 3 —

A. Expound the subject of the Bible being a divine romance of a universal couple.

The male is God Himself, and the female is God's chosen and redeemed people. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, God likens His chosen people to a spouse and a dwelling place for Himself. The spouse is for His satisfaction in love. As the bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem comes out of Christ, her Husband, and becomes His counterpart, just as Eve came out of Adam, her husband, and became his counterpart.

B. Explain the New Jerusalem according to its humanity and its divinity.

According to its humanity, the New Jerusalem is the human wife of the Lamb, the redeeming God. According to its divinity, the New Jerusalem is the divine Husband. But as the divine Husband, the New Jerusalem has the human life and nature. In its humanity and in its divinity it is a couple, a wife and a husband.

Day 4 —

A. Expound that the divine romance is portrayed poetically in Song of Songs.

In Song of Songs the seeker passes through a process to become the Shulammitte, the duplication of Solomon and a figure of the New Jerusalem. The lover's name, Shulammitte, is first used in Song of Songs 6:13, indicating that at this point she has become Solomon's duplication and counterpart, the same as Solomon in life, nature, and image.

B. Describe in New Jerusalem the redeeming God and all His redeemed becoming one.

In the New Jerusalem the redeeming God (signified by Solomon) and all His redeemed (signified by the Shulammitte) become one. The New Jerusalem is a mingling of divinity and humanity to express the processed and consummated Triune God in human virtues. Christ and His wife will be joined together to be the New Jerusalem for God's expression.

Day 5 —

A. Expound that the overcomers will be pillars in the temple of God.

In Revelation 3:12, the overcomer will be made a pillar in the temple of God, and he shall by no means go out anymore. The Lord makes us pillars by transforming us, that is, by carrying away our natural element and by replacing it with His divine essence. As the result of this transforming work, we become pillars in the temple of God.

B. Explain that the overcomers become pillars, needing to be constituted by Triune God.

The overcomers will be pillars in the temple of God in the coming age. However, Revelation 21:22 says, "... for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple." Here we see that in the New Jerusalem the Triune God Himself will be the temple. This means that for the overcomers to be pillars in the temple means that they will be pillars in the Triune God. This involves being mingled with the Triune God and constituted of Him. This is a mystery.

Day 6 —

A. Explain there being three names being wrought into the overcomer.

That the name of God, the name of the New Jerusalem, and the Lord's new name are written upon the overcomer indicates that the overcomer is possessed by God, by the New Jerusalem, and by the Lord. The name of God denotes God Himself, the name of the New Jerusalem denotes the city itself, and the name of the Lord denotes the Lord Himself. That these three names are written upon the overcomer, having all been wrought into him.

B. Expound that the New Jerusalem signifies God's dwelling in the new heaven and new earth.

In the New Testament God's dwelling place on earth was first an individual man, Jesus Christ, signified by the tabernacle, and then a corporate man, the church, signified by the temple. In the new heaven and new earth, God's dwelling, as the wife of the Lamb, is also a living composition of His redeemed people, composed of both the Old Testament saints, represented by the twelve tribes, and the New Testament saints, represented by the twelve apostles.

### III. Conclusion:

Our urgent need today, the Lord's need, is to be built up as the Body of Christ. We need to experience Christ as our life daily that we may be built up into the church as the Body of Christ, which is the organism built up in Christ as life. If we would become the New Jerusalem, the bride, we need to remain in the stream of life all the time, allowing the stream of life to flow into us, through every part of our being, and out of us at all times. We should pray to the Lord, "Lord, I want to be an open vessel to you, I want to be transformed, I want to be built, with the water of your life, flowing through me, taking away all that is natural being within me, and replacing it with yourself."