

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Message Seven

**The Revelation and Experience of the Overcomers, the Bride, the Warrior
and the New Jerusalem as the Testimony of Jesus**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 15:2-4; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Rom. 6:4; Rev. 19:7-9; 20:4-6;
Eph. 5:26-27; Rev. 19:11, 14-19; 21:1-2, 11, 18-19

I. The testimony of Jesus is the victorious ones, the overcomers standing on a glassy sea mingled with fire before God's heavenly temple, signifying the late overcomers who will pass through the great tribulation and overcome Antichrist and the worshipping of Antichrist—Rev. 15:2-4:

- A. The church as the testimony of Jesus is composed of a group of saints who have been saved through water; the flood for Noah and the crossing the Red Sea for the Israelites were both a baptism; today we, the New Testament believers, are also baptized—1 Pet. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 10:1-2; cf. Gen. 6:11-14a; Exo. 14:22, 29:
 - 1. The real meaning of baptism is that it is a burial; nothing separates us from all the worldly ties as thoroughly as burial—Rom. 6:4.
 - 2. Anyone who means business with the Lord must see that he has come out of the world by passing through water; the water of the Red Sea will never allow us to return to Egypt—cf. Exo. 16:2-3.
- B. In the church life there is a glassy sea into which we can jump and be washed, the baptistery is an entry for the negative things to go into the lake of fire; in principle, we too can stand, rejoice, and sing on the shore of the glassy sea today.

II. The testimony of Jesus is the bride of Christ clothed in fine linen, bright and clean, signifying the overcomers who are the co-kings of Christ during the millennium—Rev. 19:7-9; 20:4-6:

- A. Linen signifies the expression of Christ in the righteousnesses of the saints; as the testimony of Jesus, the church must be clothed with fine linen, bright, pure, clean, clear, and without mixture, spot or any such thing—Rev. 19:7-8; Eph. 5:26-27; cf. Exo. 26:1.
- B. The bride will be the church in the millennium, the thousand-year kingdom; only those who are truly in the church expressing Christ as the fine linen will be there.

III. The testimony of Jesus is the bridal army, the overcomers who fight together with Christ, the embodiment of God, to defeat Antichrist, the embodiment of Satan, with his armies—Rev. 19:14-19; cf. 17:14:

- A. In Ephesians 5 and 6 we see the church as the bride and the warrior; in Revelation 19 we also have these two aspects of the church—cf. Eph. 5:25-27; 6:10-20:
 - 1. Before Christ descends to earth to deal with Antichrist and the totality of human government, He will have a wedding, uniting His overcomers (who have been fighting the battle against God's enemy for years) to Himself as one entity—Rev. 19:7-9; cf. Dan. 7:25; 6:10; Eph. 6:12.
 - 2. After His wedding, He will come with His newly married bride to destroy Antichrist—Rev. 19:11, 14.
- B. The stronger part of the church, the man-child who fights against Satan in the heavens, will also be a part of the army that fights with Christ against Satan on the earth—vv. 14-19.
- C. Christ's heavenly army will be composed of all the overcomers, those who are called, chosen, and faithful—17:14.

IV. The testimony of Jesus is the New Jerusalem, the expression of God, as His consummate, corporate testimony—21:1-2, 11, 18-19:

- A. With the bride, we see fine linen as the expression of Christ; with the New Jerusalem we see jasper which signifies the precious and divine appearance, likeness, expression, and image of God—vv. 11, 18-19.
- B. The New Jerusalem is the fulfillment of Genesis 1:26; man was made in God's image to express God, and in the New Jerusalem, this purpose will be fulfilled.

FOCUS: *The last four aspects of the testimony of Jesus in Revelation are, first, the overcomers standing on the sea of glass, indicating a group of overcomers who have dealt with all the worldly ties and the worldly things to stand on the shore of their baptism victoriously; second, the bride of the Lamb who has made herself ready; third, the army who comes back with the Lord to fight with Antichrist and his army by being His warrior today; and finally, the New Jerusalem as the consummate, corporate testimony of God in this universe.*