

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 baptistry 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—Rev. 21:1-2, 11, 18-19:**

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- 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—Rev. 21:11, 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 our 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.*

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**Rev. 15:2-4**

- 2 And I saw as it were a glassy sea mingled with fire and those who come away victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name standing on the glassy sea, having harps of God.
- 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God the Almighty! Righteous and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!
- 4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous judgments have been manifested.

**1 Pet. 3:20-21**

- 20 Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; entering into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water.
- 21 Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**1 Cor. 10:1-2**

- 1 For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

**Rom. 6:4**

We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

**Rev. 19:7-9**

- 7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.
- 8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousneses of the saints.
- 9 And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

**Rev. 20:4-6**

- 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- 5 The rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

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- 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

### **Eph. 5:26-27**

- 26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,  
27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

### **Rev. 19:11, 14-19**

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called  
14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.  
15 And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.  
16 And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.  
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, Come here; gather yourselves to the great dinner of God,  
18 That you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of generals and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free and slave and small and great.  
19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse and with His army.

### **Rev. 21:1-2, 11, 18-19**

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no more.  
2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.  
18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.  
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald.