

## ***Session 6 Fullness of God: Heaven and Earth Brought Together***

### **I. CENTERPIECE OF GOD’S PURPOSE: BRING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER IN JESUS**

*Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Eph. 1:9-10)*

*For it pleased (delighted) the Father that in Him ALL the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile ALL things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven...(Col. 1:19-20)*

*He may send Jesus... 21 whom heaven must receive (retain, keep) UNTIL the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets...(Acts 3:20-21)*

*Jesus answered..., Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore ALL things. (Mt. 17:11)*

*He made known to me the mystery...5 which in other ages was not made known...6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs...and partakers of His (Father’s) promise in Christ. 8 To me...this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship (partnership) of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God....10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom (many-faceted plan) of God might be made known (fully walked out) by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...(Eph. 3:3-10)*

Why does God want to establish the Millennial Kingdom? Why do we need to understand this? We must understand God’s larger purposes to get the right perspective for the End-Times. Only then can we begin to more fully understand the specific events in the End-Time drama. Seeing the big picture of a puzzle on its box helps make the smaller individual pieces fit in their proper place.

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The centerpiece of God’s eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to fully establish His Kingdom rule over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God’s purpose has always been for God and His people to live together in this way. This is the interpretive key to understanding the End-Times. Without this foundational revelation, confusion is inevitable when studying the End-Times.

**Heaven** speaks of the supernatural spirit realm where God’s power and presence are openly manifest. It includes the realm of angels and is the place that believers go as a 2,000 year (from the cross to the Second Coming) “temporary holding pattern” as disembodied spirits. The saints do not have a resurrected body in heaven because do not need one to relate to the environment of heaven. Heaven is glorious but it is not the fullness of God’s plan.

**Earth** speaks of the material physical realm where human emotions and physical sensation may reach their fullest expression. The materiality of the Millennial earth then the New Earth will consist of concrete reality. The earthly realm **requires a resurrected body**. on the earth, saints will need a resurrected body to fully relate to it. Demons seek the greater expression that comes in possessing (dwelling in) humans.

**When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' (Mt. 12:43-44)**

The New Jerusalem on the Millennial earth creates a new situation in which the spiritual and physical operate together dynamically. God's has planned a setting for human beings with material yet spiritual bodies to fully experience His fullness. Jesus ate and drank in His resurrected body to settle this issue that the resurrection was both a spiritual and a material body.

**The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen! (2 Tim. 4:18)**

In the fullness of time, Jesus will take everything (good) in heaven and earth and bring them fully together. This will involve a manifold wisdom (many-faceted plan) that must be made known or demonstrated as human beings walk out each dimension in voluntarily obedience to Jesus.

In the Old Testament, they understood the final abode for humanity to be on earth. They believed that God would come to dwell with humans rather than being translated to heaven to live with God. God's presence with humans on earth would release the attributes of heaven to this world.

## II. FOUNDATIONAL PASSAGES ABOUT JESUS' REIGN OVER ALL THE EARTH,

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Mt. 6:10)**

**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...(Mt. 28:18-19)**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Mt. 5:5)**

**The seventh angel sounded: there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Rev. 11:15)**

**Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast (Antichrist) or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...6 they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev. 20:4-6)**

**For You (Jesus) were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue...10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev. 5:9-10)**

*Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Ps. 72:11)*

*So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. (Ps. 102:15)*

*All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth. (Ps. 138:4)*

### III. REVIEW OF THE SESSIONS 6-9

- A. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to fully establish His Kingdom rule over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. Both heavenly and earthly dimensions must come together to fully express God's personality and purposes.

*Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...10 that...He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. (Eph. 1:9-10)*

- B. The spirit realm and the material realm come together as the New Jerusalem descends to just above the Millennial earth in two stages. Stage one of the descent of the New Jerusalem is partial yet substantial at the Second Coming. Stage two of the descent of the New Jerusalem is total and ultimate after the Millennium.

- C. There are at least *five reasons* that we know that the New Jerusalem is distinct from the Millennial Jerusalem, yet not resting on earth, yet close to it. First, the Kings of the earth come into the New Jerusalem during the Millennium to bring their glory (Rev. 21:24). Second, the leaves are for the healing of the nations (Rev. 22:2). Third, the angels guard sinners from entry (Rev. 21:12, 22:14-15; Gen. 3:22-24). Fourth, the New Jerusalem lights up the saved nations on the Millennial earth not unsaved ones (Rev. 21:24; 20:7-9). Fifth, the size of the Millennial Jerusalem is approximately 10 square miles (4,500 rods x 4,500 rods) (Ezek. 48:30-35; 45:6; 48:15-19) whereas, the New Jerusalem is 1500 miles.

- D. At Jesus' Second Coming, He establishes His Throne of Glory to judge all nations (Mt. 25:31; Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 43:4-7; Zech. 6:12-13). Jesus' Throne of glory has an earthly and heavenly dimension being established in Millennial Jerusalem and also in the heavenly New Jerusalem. The government of heaven and of earth come fully together as the two Jerusalems are brought together (Rev. 22:3). The saints reign on the Millennial earth (Matt. 19:28, Lk. 22:29), yet we live with resurrected bodies in New Jerusalem. Our residence is in the New Jerusalem, but our government takes place on the earth.

- E. Jesus' Throne on earth and in Heaven is clearly one Throne. ***The joining of the two Jerusalems establishes the "Corridor of Glory" in which 12 significant aspects of God's plan come into a dynamic convergence.*** (*Converge means to come together from different directions to an intersecting point to achieve union*). The term convergence points to the paradox of both dimensions (heavenly and earthly), each having distinction, yet with a significant merging or overlapping as a unified reality.
- F. ***The 12 significant aspects of Jesus' Throne of glory:*** are the 1) ***Mountain***, 2) the ***City of Jerusalem*** (with 12 gates), 3) ***God's House*** (where God's family lives together with God, Rev. 21:1-8), 4) the ***Holy of Holies*** (Temples), 5) the ***garden of Eden*** (where physical paradise is), 6) the ***River*** that heals, 7) the ***Trees*** (with 12 fruit ever month), 8) the ***Highway***, 9) the ***whirlwind*** (tornado-like funnel of glory), 10) the ***pillar of cloud***, 11) the ***perfumed smoke*** and 12) the ***shining fire*** (that surrounds Jerusalem).
- G. In our last session, we looked at Jesus' Throne of Glory as a Mountain-City of God's House. We looked at the convergence of the two realms (heavenly/earthly), including the city of Jerusalem (with 12 gates), the Holy Mountain, the two Holy of Holies (Temples), the two Gardens (garden of Eden), the two Rivers, the two Trees and the two Highways.
- H. In this session, we will look at this "Corridor," described by Isaiah as including a ***cloud*** (pillar of glory reaching from earth to heaven) with elements of ***smoke*** and ***shining fire***. This "Corridor" is described by Ezekiel as a ***whirlwind*** (the vast glorious tornado funnel that engulfs Jesus' Chariot-Throne, Ezek. 1). Some have referred to this corridor as a vast "heavenly elevator" connecting God's Temple in heaven (New Jerusalem) to His Temple on the Millennial earth.
- I. The whirlwind, pillar of cloud of glory, perfumed smoke and the shining fire connect God's Temple in heaven (New Jerusalem) to His Temple on the Millennial earth establishing **His glorious resting place** on the earth (Isa. 66:1; 11:10; Ps. 132:7-14).
- J. The New Jerusalem (heavenly Temple) descends to a place just above Millennial Jerusalem (especially the Temple on Millennial Mt. Zion). In other words, Jesus' Throne of glory (Mountain-City-House) or His vast governmental complex includes the Millennial Temple and the New Jerusalem joined by a "Corridor of Glory" comprised of the pillar of the glory cloud, smoke and fire forming a whirlwind of glory around His Chariot-Throne (Ezek. 1). This is the place of God's Temple or His glorious Resting Place on the earth or the place of the soles of His feet (Isa. 66:1; 11:10).

Millennial Jerusalem and the Heavenly New Jerusalem are closely connected in many Scriptures. The Scripture refers to **Jerusalem below** and **Jerusalem above** (Gal. 4:26) or **Zion below** and **Zion above** (also called the third heaven in 2 Cor. 12:2 and the continuing city in Heb. 13:14).

***Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. (Gal. 4:26)***

***Such a one was caught up to the third heaven. (2 Cor. 12:1-2)***

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect (Heb. 12:22-23)*

*For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. (Heb. 13:14)  
He waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (Heb. 11:10)*

*They desire...a heavenly country...for He has prepared a city for them. (Heb. 11:16)*

#### IV. UNDERSTANDING THE END-TIMES: SEEING JESUS' POWER TO IN RULE THE EARTH

- A. The miracle power of Jesus manifest in context to His first coming as He accomplished redemption the cross is recorded in the four Gospels (totally 89 chapters).
- B. The miracle power of Jesus manifest in context to His Second Coming as He establishes His worldwide leadership is recorded in over 100 chapters in which the End-Times is the main topic.

#### V. HEAVEN AND EARTH – DEFINITIONS

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1)*

The theme of Genesis 1 is the heavens and earth. This is the first thing God revealed because His eternal purpose is centered around these two realms being fully brought together in the dispensation of the fullness of the times (Eph. 1:10). This is the main focus of God's mystery or plan because it is the context in which God wants to live forever with the redeemed (Rev. 21:1-8). In Gen. 2-3, God walked with Adam in face to face fellowship as spiritual and natural realms operated together.

God purposefully created the universe in two distinct realms. The material world is dynamic yet inferior to the spirit world (Heb. 11:3). However, it is a vital part in expressing the fullness of God

1. **Heaven:** supernatural spirit realm – divine power and presence
2. **Earth:** material physical realm – human emotions and physical sensation. The materiality of the Millennial earth and then the New Earth will consist of concrete reality. The earthly realm relationship with the heavenly realm **requires a resurrected body.**
3. God's purpose is not for the saints to float in heaven as a "spirit being" with nothing to do. He has planned a setting for human beings with material yet spiritual bodies to fully experience His fullness.

4. Jesus ate and drank in His resurrected body to settle this issue that the resurrection was both spiritual and material body. The reason saints go to heaven without a material body is because they do not need one there. Yet on the earth, saints will need a resurrected body to fully relate to it. The New Jerusalem on the Millennial earth creates a new situation in which the spiritual and physical operate together dynamically.
5. **Son of Man** – this is the title Jesus used most when referring to Himself rather than one that emphasized His deity as the uncreated Son of God who created all things (Col. 1:16). In other words, Jesus pointed to His humanity, being ‘of the dust’ or in the likeness of sinful humanity (Rom. 8:3).

***God...by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh... (Rom. 8:3)***

- a. Jesus’ coronation as king of nations is in context to His title as the Son of Man.  
***One like the Son of Man (Jesus)...came to the Ancient of Days (Father)...14 to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all nations...should serve Him. (Dan. 7:13-14)***
- b. Ezekiel was the OT prophet with most heavenly experiences yet was referred to as the “son of man” to draw attention to his humanity being made of the dust. God referred to Ezekiel as the son of man 93 times in the book of Ezekiel.
- c. The point of emphasize here is that God is deeply committed to the earthly realm in fulfilling His eternal purposes.

God being is spirit not material. He lives in heaven or the spirit realm. (John 5:37)

***God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn. 4:24)***

***Who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but...taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. (Phil. 2:6-7)***

## VI. HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AND EARTHLY JERUSALEM BROUGHT TOGETHER

***I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God..(Rev. 21:2)***

***Showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God (Rev. 21:10)***

***The city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Rev. 3:12)***

- A. The New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial Jerusalem connecting the two Jerusalems. Jesus rules in heaven as the Son of God (New Jerusalem) and He rules on the earth as the Son of David (earthly Jerusalem). He is the only one with authority to bring both realms together (Mt. 28:18). ***The government of heaven and of earth come fully together at the Second Coming.***

- B. Jesus is King of the two Jerusalems. He brings the fullness of heaven and earth together as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth. Jesus will bring unity between the heavenly and earthly realms.
- C. The connecting point of earth and heaven is humanity. The point that God chose for heaven and earth to come together is humanity in His image and filled with His Spirit. In other words, Jesus is the foundational connection as He releases His fullness through His Bride (redeemed humanity). Jesus' eternal partner (Bride) will be fully involved in this glorious plan (Isa. 61:3; Ps. 90:17). Jesus is the door into this one reality as the connecting point that brings the two realms together. Jesus as the second Adam will complete the Cultural Mandate (Gen. 1:28). We must not reduce the gospel to its entry point of forgiveness of sin. The gospel is the good news of Jesus' total leadership over the earth with our involvement being allowed on the basis that we receive His forgiveness and righteousness as a gift when we repent and believe in Jesus.

*Nathanael answered..., "Rabbi, You are the Son of God (Divine)! You are the King of Israel (human)!"... 51 He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open (Corridor of Glory), and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (Jn. 1:49-51)*

- D. Millennial Temple is arena of the Holy, Holy, Holy of Isaiah's encounter in the temple Isaiah 6:6-4. God chose for heaven and earth to come together is humanity in His image and filled with His Spirit. Then the resurrected saints work together with Jesus, the angels and the Millennial inhabitants in this environment to fully transform the earth through a process." Jesus being human made it possible for all humanity who say YES To enter in
- E. The battle of Armageddon is over Jerusalem as the place Jesus returns to rule the earth. The focus of spiritual warfare is on this battle. This is why so much terrorism is focused on Israel. The Throne that sentences Satan to prison (Rev. 20:1-10) is ruled by a human in Jerusalem.

## VII. TWO REALMS: CONVERGENCE OF FOUR DIMENSIONS IN JESUS' KINGDOM

- A. The two realms: **Heaven** speaks of the supernatural spirit realm where God's power and presence are openly manifest with angels in the New Jerusalem. **Earth** speaks of the material physical realm where human emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression.
- B. **Jesus' Throne** – Jesus rules in heaven as the Son of God (New Jerusalem) and He rules on the earth as the Son of David (earthly Jerusalem). He is the only one with authority to bring both realms together (Mt. 28:18). **The government of heaven and of earth come fully together at the Second Coming.** Jesus rules the earth in righteousness and justice as the Son of David on the Throne of David as He rules in heaven as the Son of God on the God's Throne (Rev. 3:21). This requires revelation of Jesus as the human King over the human kingdom on a material earth not just being fully God in heaven with His Father.

- C. **City of Jerusalem** - Jesus is King of the two Jerusalems. He brings the fullness of heaven and earth together as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth creating the vast governmental complex as the center of government of the earth and the universe. The two Jerusalems come together as the “resurrection of the earth occurs” (Rom. 8:17-23; 11:15; Isa. 11:6-9; 35:1-8; 65:17-25). Both Jerusalem has gates that never shut (Rev. 21:25; Isa. 60:11-12; Ps. 24:8) .
- D. **Garden of Eden** – material paradise of pleasure expressed on the Millennial earth and in the New Jerusalem (with the Tree of Life and the River of Life fully restored).
- E. **Holy of Holies (Temple)** – this is the place where God’s manifest Presence is fully discernible by His people as the worshipping Bride in intimate partnership with God. This is the context in which God desires to manifest Himself in His people as His resting place. The Temple above or the Holy of Holies above is the New Jerusalem. The city itself is a Holy of Holies (Rev. 21:10; 16:17). The city has God’s glory like a Jasper stone or diamond radiating through it. This is Shekinah glory throughout the entire city which makes the New Jerusalem the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies below in the Millennial Jerusalem Temple (Ezek. 40-48) is also filled with glory. It is one or two Holy of Holies? It is two expressions one vast reality in the midst of God’s mountain. God will bring them together in a dynamic convergence.
- F. **Summary:** a Throne in a Temple in a City that is surrounded by a Garden (with a River that supplies the Trees with supernatural fruit for healing). The two realms of heaven and earth come together bringing these four dimensions into a dynamic convergence in the “Corridor of Glory.”
- G. **Additional comments:** Jesus’ Throne of Glory is a Great Mountain City of God’s House with a joining of the two Jerusalems. There is what I am calling a Corridor of Glory between the two Jerusalems creating a dynamic convergence between as they are together God’s Mountain City as the place of His Throne, the dwelling place for the saints with resurrected bodies. The “Corridor of Glory” is where Jesus’ vast governmental complex in the midst of God’s whirlwind (cloud of glory) which establishes God’s Temple or His Glorious Resting Place on the earth. This is the epicenter from which Jesus leads the Dominion or Cultural Mandate (Gen. 1:28). This includes the convergence of the two Holy of Holies, the two Gardens, the two Rivers, the two Trees and the two Highways The convergence of the two highways. It is called the highway of holiness. It is a complex highway system One highway leads from the nations to the Millennial Jerusalem. One highway leads from the Millennial Jerusalem into the New Jerusalem. This highway brings people of nations to the New Jerusalem in relationship with the Corridor of Glory so that the kings of the earth can bring their glory into the New Jerusalem on it. They ascend the hill of the Lord in the most literal sense and can only do this if they live in purity. Some of the kings of the earth will not be pure all the way.

## VIII. FULLNESS OF GOD

*Till we all come ...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...(Eph. 4:13)*

*That...He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Eph. 1:10)*

*To know the love of Christ...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:19)*

*For it pleased (delighted) the Father that in Him ALL the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile ALL things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven... 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (Col. 1:19-20; 2:9-10)*

A. God requires the spirit realm and the material realm to come together with humans voluntarily living in love and righteousness in order to fully express God's personality and purposes (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19-20; 2:9-10; Jn. 1:16; Rom. 11:12, 15).

Some only view the End-Times through the reality of heaven without emphasizing the earthly dimension of the Kingdom of God. The fullness of God is found when all these dimensions come together. The materiality of the Millennial earth, then the New Earth will be consist of concert reality. In other words, it will have material substance (wood, steel, cement, food, animals, etc.). We will live in context to a concrete reality along with supernatural splendor (New Jerusalem) as we are filled with the Holy Spirit. In other words, the "*fountain of youth*" dream is more than a reality in Christ.

B. Both realms with the four dimensions must come together for God's fullness to be manifest (Rev. 21-22). God requires the spirit realm and the material realm to come together to fully express God's personality and purposes

The Father gave all authority to Jesus then gave Jesus to the Church as God's chosen vehicle to release Jesus' fullness throughout the earth and beyond. Gen. 15:1

*He (Father) put all things under His (Jesus') feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Eph. 1:22-23)*

*As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones..." (Ps. 16:3)*

*Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine...19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth. 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (Gen. Gen. 14:18-15:1)*

The reason for God's great plan does this

*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...6 raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:4-7)*

*Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:28)*

*I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God...5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new"...6 He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (Rev. 21:3-7)*