## Message Six

## Working with Christ in the Stage of Intensification to Bring Forth Golden Lampstands

## Consummating in the New Jerusalem as the Universal Golden Lampstand

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:12, 20; 2:1; 4:5; 21:10, 18b, 23-24; 22:1, 5

- I. The New Testament economy consummates in the golden lampstands and in the New Jerusalem—Rev. 1:12, 20; 21:2, 10-11, 16, 18b, 23.
- II. Christ carries out His mission as the Ruler of the kings of the earth by the seven burning Spirits before the throne to rule over the world situation so that the environment might be fit for God's chosen people to receive His salvation—Acts 5:31; 17:26-27; John 17:2; 2 Chron. 16:9.
- III. The seven Spirits as the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne of God do not burn without a goal; there is a purpose for the burning of the seven Spirits—to bring forth the golden lampstands, the churches, for the fulfillment of God's New Testament economy—Rev. 4:5; 1:12, 20; 2:1:
  - A. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the seven lamps of fire before God's administrative throne to direct the world situation in order to execute God's economy in the universe—4:5:
    - 1. The seven Spirits of God are burning not only concerning the churches but also concerning the world situation for the churches; the flaming Spirits direct the world situation and also purify the churches to produce the golden lampstands—1:11-12.
    - 2. God will touch the earth by the seven lamps, by His seven Spirits, which are burning, shining, judging, purifying, refining, and producing; the entire world situation is under the flame of the burning of the seven Spirits—4:5.
    - 3. The seven Spirits are burning to judge, purify, and refine for the carrying out of God's economy to bring forth golden lampstands—1:20.
  - B. The burning of the seven Spirits as seven lamps of fire motivates us to rise up and take action for the carrying out of God's economy—Dan. 11:32b:
    - 1. Our cooperation with God to complete His move depends upon our being intensified for His move—Rev. 3:1; 4:5; 5:6.
    - 2. We all need to pray, "Dear divine Flame, come! Come and judge! Come and purify! Come and refine that You may produce the golden lampstand" (*God's New Testament Economy*, p. 241).

## IV. The churches as golden lampstands will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the universal golden lampstand, the aggregate of all the lampstands—Rev. 1:20; 21:18b, 23:

- A. The New Jerusalem is the ultimate consummation of the lampstands in the Scriptures—Exo. 25:31-37; 1 Kings 7:49; Zech. 4:2; Rev. 1:12, 20.
- B. In the book of Revelation there are two great signs—the sign of the golden lampstands and the sign of the New Jerusalem—vv. 1, 12, 20; 21:2, 10-11.

- C. Revelation begins with the lampstands and ends with the lampstand—1:20; 21:18b, 23:
  - 1. At the beginning of Revelation there are seven lampstands, the local lampstands in this age—2:1.
  - 2. At the end of Revelation there is an aggregate, a composite, lampstand, the universal lampstand in eternity—21:18b, 23.
- D. The New Jerusalem, a mountain of gold, is the universal golden lampstand holding the Lamb as the lamp shining out God as the light—vv. 18b, 23; 22:1, 5:
  - 1. The New Jerusalem is a mountain of gold—21:18b, 21b; 22:1:
    - a. If we consider the facts that the New Jerusalem is a golden city, that it has one street which reaches all twelve gates, and that it is twelve thousand stadia high, we will realize that the city proper is a golden mountain.
    - b. As a golden mountain, the New Jerusalem is the ultimate, unique, and eternal golden lampstand absolutely composed of God's nature (gold).
  - 2. God as the light is in the Lamb as the lamp shining out from the top of the New Jerusalem as the universal golden lampstand—21:23; 22:1, 5:
    - a. On the top of the golden mountain is the throne as the center, and on the throne is Christ the Lamb as the lamp with God in Him as the light shining out through the city—21:23; 22:5.
    - b. The golden mountain is a stand, and upon this stand is a lamp; therefore, the golden mountain is a golden lampstand.
- E. The New Jerusalem, the aggregate of all the lampstands, the totality of today's lampstands, is a consummate, universal golden lampstand to shine forth God's glory in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—21:24.
- F. We become the New Jerusalem as the universal golden lampstand by becoming a golden mountain—vv. 16, 18b, 21b; 22:1:
  - 1. In the Bible a mountain signifies resurrection and ascension; thus, we become a mountain by experiencing Christ in His resurrection and ascension—Eph. 2:5-6.
  - 2. As a golden mountain, the New Jerusalem comes out of the divine nature; thus, we become the New Jerusalem by partaking of the divine nature—2 Pet. 1:4.
  - 3. The entire golden city is transparent; thus, we become a transparent mountain of gold by becoming transparent in the divine life and nature—Rev. 21:18b, 21b; 22:1.
  - 4. As a golden mountain, the New Jerusalem is the unique, ultimate, and eternal golden lampstand, the aggregate of all the lampstands; thus, we become the New Jerusalem by living in and being a part of the church as a golden lampstand—21:23; 1:12, 20.
- G. The golden lampstand signifies the Triune God embodied and expressed, and the more we experience the aspects of the Triune God depicted in the lampstand—the gold, the solid form, and the seven lamps—the more we will be in reality the golden lampstand as the embodiment and expression of the Triune God and thus become the New Jerusalem as the universal golden lampstand—Exo. 25:31, 36-37; Rev. 1:12, 20; 21:18b.