

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 December Semi-Annual Training (Cont.)**

The 2023 December Semi-Annual Video Training is being held online via Zoom. The subject of this training is: *Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming.*

**Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints, continued):**

Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Sunday, Jan. 7

Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 8

Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 10

Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 11

**Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming**

### Key Statements

- I. In order to understand the significance of the Israelites entering Canaan and the warfare in Canaan, we need to know that Canaan has a twofold significance in typology: on the positive side, Canaan, a land of riches, typifies the all-inclusive Christ with His unsearchable riches; on the negative side, Canaan signifies the aerial part, the heavenly part, of the dark kingdom of Satan, the heavenlies that are full of Satan's forces.
- II. In order to fully possess Christ as the good land, we must beware of having an evil heart of unbelief; we must exercise our spirit of faith and keep our heart turned to the Lord to believe wholeheartedly in His promises, to believe that He is with His people, and to believe that we are well able to overcome.

- III. The people of Israel put aside a certain portion of their produce from the labor on the good land for the purpose of worshipping God; if we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ, we will have the riches of Christ as the produce to exhibit in the church and have a surplus of Christ to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God in spirit and in truthfulness.
- IV. The living word of God must pierce into our being and deliver us from our wondering mind and wandering soul into Christ as the Sabbath rest in our spirit; we should not be those who stagger in the wandering of our soul, but we need to deny the soul and press on into our spirit to partake of and enjoy the heavenly Christ so that we might participate in the kingdom rest of His reign in the millennium.

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **Jan. 28:** Citywide Church Gathering in Hall 1 – Jamaica Estates, Queens
2. **Feb. 10-11:** International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei, Taiwan
3. **Feb. 18-20:** NYC Young People Winter Retreat in KPCC

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours will be suspended for three weeks (from December 25, 2023 to January 8, 2024) and will be resumed on **January 15, 2024.**

## PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would experience Christ as their new beginning and offer to the Lord a fresh consecration for this new year, and that the Lord will take the church on in 2024  
**Romans 12:1** – I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your most reasonable service.

- The continuation of the semiannual video training this week in NYC and in all the local churches all over the globe, and that the word released in the training would be a blessing to all the saints in the church and in all the churches
- The raising up of the next generation for the church life—Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church with so many children, young people, college age saints and young adults, and prayer for their preservation and for their being raised up to bear the Lord’s testimony
- The strengthening and going on of the churches in Upstate New York and in New Jersey
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: 2023 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD’S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING

#### *Week 12: Becoming the New Jerusalem*

#### **Portions from Days 1 and 4:**

The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity mingled, blended, and built up together as one entity (John 14:20, 23; Rev. 21:2-3, 9-23). All the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person. God and man, man and God, are built up together by being blended and mingled together (John 14:20, 23; 15:4a; 1 Cor. 6:17). This is a matter of God becoming man and man becoming God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.

The church is...the increase, the enlargement, of the manifestation of God in the flesh. This is God manifested in the flesh in a wider way. This is according to the New Testament principle of incarnation, which is God manifested in the flesh.

Out of His old creation through all the dispensations, God has been doing His building work in the way of regeneration and resurrection. The ultimate result and the ultimate consummation of this building work will be the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth as God’s

manifestation in His new creation for eternity. It is not a creation by God’s divine power in the way to call things not being as being; but it is a building by God’s divine life in the way to regenerate the things which exist with the resurrection life that they may be one with God in His divine life and nature for His expression. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 4362, 132-134)

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; this is the consummated Shulammitte. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 4372)

Ultimately, we will be conformed to be the wonderful Shulammitte, who, as the duplication of Solomon, is the greatest and ultimate figure of the New Jerusalem as the counterpart of Christ. Just as King Solomon became a country man to court a country girl in order to make her his queen, his duplication, God in Christ became a man to court man in order to make man God in life, nature, expression, and function but not in the Godhead, to be Christ’s bride (Matt. 9:15; Rev. 19:7; cf. Psa. 45:1-3, 9, 13-14). The Bible reveals that God became a man to court us and that now He wants us to court Him by our becoming divine for His expression through our personal, affectionate, private, and spiritual relationship with Him (S.S. 1:1-8; 2 Cor. 2:10; Exo. 33:11; Rom. 8:4, 6; 1 Cor. 2:15). The Shulammitte is a figure of us as the reproduction of Christ, who is the embodiment of God. Thus, the many lovers of Christ eventually will become duplications of God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. This is the fulfillment of God becoming a man that man might become God, which is the high peak of the divine revelation. The corporate overcomer, the Shulammitte, who is the duplication of Solomon, is a figure of the New Jerusalem.

**Corporate Reading:** *“The All-inclusive Christ”, chs. 5-6*