

Vision – One New Man

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Re: New Jerusalem

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One day in 1992, I was meditating on Abraham **who was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God** (Hebrews 11:10) in light of something I read in one of F.B. Meyer's books (sorry, but I no longer have the reference).

“Around us the most stable structures are being tested and some are crumbling to the ground. As they fall, they show that their service was transient. But as the scaffolding is taken down, the true building, the city of God emerges.”

As I considered this word, I began to form a picture in my mind of God working on a scaffold of a huge structure. As He was working, it was like most building projects; material (debris) that was of no value, which would not become part of the building, was thrown to the ground. It looked like a big mess, which is typical of most building projects. Some materials were given a prominent place in the building; others were given less prominent, but functional, places. At times, men would try to help in the project, but they seemed to be working against, not with, God.

My imagination went a little further to picture the structure also going through wind, rain, and even earthquakes. Through these tumults, other things would fall off the building to the ground, things that men attempted to put into the building; and so it continued to be a messy project. However, through it all, God kept working, building, until one day, He was done. The scaffold was removed, and there emerged the finished product of what God had in His mind to build.

What happened next pleasantly surprised me. In my mind, I was trying to visualize a glorious city, but the Spirit of God had something else for me to see. As I was trying to picture a literal city, I was given a vision.

In spirit, I saw the silhouette of a Man standing with His arms outstretched.

In the same instant, the Spirit of God revealed to me that I was looking at the One New Man in Christ, the New Creation in Christ, New Jerusalem.

In other words, I was given a vision of what God's holy city truly signifies.

Paul called it the **One New Man**, which is the **Body of Christ** that is **being built into a dwelling of God in spirit** (Ephesians 2:15, 19-22), the many sons brought unto glory (Hebrews 2:10).

John was given a vision of this **New Creation in Christ** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15) and called it **New Jerusalem** (Revelation 21:2).