

第三篇

爲著神的建造而變化

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創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因爲你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

創 35:10 並且對他說，你的名原是雅各，從今以後不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列。這樣，神就給他起名叫以色列。

創 35:15 雅各就給神與他說話的地方起名叫伯特利。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何爲神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

Message Three

Transformation for God's Building

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Scripture Reading: Gen. 28:10-22; 32:28; 35:10, 15; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rev. 4:3; 21:11

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Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

Gen 35:10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; / Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, / But Israel shall be your name. Thus He called his name Israel.

Gen 35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

啓 4:3 那位坐著的，顯出來的樣子好像碧玉和紅寶石，又有虹圍著寶座，顯出來的樣子好像綠寶石。

啓 21:11 城中有神榮耀；城的光輝如同極貴的寶石，好像碧玉，明如水晶；

壹 我們需要被這思想光照並充分浸透：神在宇宙中只作一件事，就是建造祂永遠的居所——伯特利——創二八 10～22，太十六 18，弗二 21～22，啓二一 2～3：

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2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

I. We need to be enlightened by and fully saturated with the thought that in the universe God is doing only one thing—building His eternal habitation—Bethel—Gen. 28:10-22; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; Rev. 21:2-3:

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Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

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啓 21:2 我又看見聖城新耶路撒冷由神那裏從天而降，豫備好了，就如新婦妝飾整齊，等候丈夫。
啓 21:3 我聽見有大聲音從寶座出來，說，看哪，神的帳幕與人同在，祂要與人同住，他們要作祂的百姓，神要親自與他們同在，作他們的神。

一 整本聖經是一本建造的書；聖經的主題乃是神的建造——創二八 10～22，太十六 18，弗二 21～22，四 16，啓二一 2～3。

創 28:10～22 (從畧。)

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二 聖經中心而神聖的思想乃是：神在尋找一個神聖的建造，就是祂自己與人性的調和，也就是一個活的組成，由蒙祂救贖並與祂調和的人所組成——太十六 18。

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三 神的建造是祂心頭的願望，也是祂救恩的目標——出一 11，二五 8，四十 2～3，弗一 5、9，二 21～22，四 16。

出 1:11 於是埃及人派督工轄制他們，加重擔苦害他們。他們為法老建造兩座積貨城，就是比東和蘭塞。

出 25:8 他們當為我造聖所，使我可以住在他們中間。

出 40:2 正月初一日，你要立起會幕的帳幕，

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

A. The entire Bible is a book of building; the main subject of the Bible is the building of God——Gen. 28:10-22; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16; Rev. 21:2-3.

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B. The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a divine building as the mingling of Himself with humanity—a living composition of persons redeemed by and mingled with Himself——Matt. 16:18.

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C. God's building is the desire of His heart and the goal of His salvation——Exo. 1:11; 25:8; 40:2-3; Eph. 1:5, 9; 2:21-22; 4:16.

Exo 1:11 So they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built storage cities for Pharaoh, Pithom and Raamses.

Exo 25:8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst;

Exo 40:2 On the first day of the first month you shall raise up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.

出 40:3 把見證的櫃安放在裏面，用幔子將櫃遮掩。
弗 1:5 按著祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉著耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，
弗 1:9 照著祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧秘；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，
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四 我們對神的建造需要有神聖的領會——太十六 18，弗四 16：

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1 神的建造乃是神與人的調和——約十四 20，十五 4 上，約壹四 15：

約 14:20 到那日，你們就知道我在我父裏面，你們在我裏面，我也在你們裏面。

約 15:4 上 你們要住在我裏面，我也住在你們裏面。...

約壹 4:15 凡承認耶穌是神兒子的，神就住在他裏面，他也住在神裏面。

a 神建造的原則，乃是神把祂自己建造到我們裏面，又把我們建造到祂裏面——弗三 17 上。

弗 3:17 上 使基督藉著信，安家在你們心裏，...

b 召會乃是神的建造，由神自己作神聖的材料，與人作屬人的材料調和而成——林前三 9、11。

林前 3:9 因為我們是神的同工，你們是神的耕地，神的建築。

林前 3:11 因為除了那已經立好的根基，就是耶穌基督以外，沒有人能立別的根基。

2 神的建造是三一神團體的彰顯——提前三 15～16，約十七 22，弗三 19 下、21：

提前 3:15 倘若我耽延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。

Exo 40:3 And you shall put the Ark of the Testimony there, and you shall screen the Ark with the veil.
Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
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D. We need to have a divine understanding of God's building——Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16:

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1. God's building is the mingling of God with man——John 14:20; 15:4a; 1 John 4:15:

John 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

John 15:4a Abide in Me and I in you. ...

1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.

a. The principle of God's building is that God builds Himself into us and builds us into Himself——Eph. 3:17a.

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

b. The church is God's building composed of Himself as the divine material mingled with man as the human material——1 Cor. 3:9, 11.

1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

2. God's building is the corporate expression of the Triune God——1 Tim. 3:15-16; John 17:22; Eph. 3:19b, 21:

1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

提前 3:16 並且，大哉！敬虔的奧秘！這是眾所公認的，就是：祂顯現於肉體，被稱義於靈裏，被天使看見，被傳於萬邦，被信仰於世人中，被接去於榮耀裏。

約 17:22 你所賜給我的榮耀，我已賜給他們，使他們成為一，正如我們是一一樣。

弗 3:19 …使你們被充滿，成為神一切的豐滿。

弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

- a 神的心意是要得著一班人建造成為屬靈的建造，以彰顯祂並代表祂，好對付祂的仇敵，恢復失去的地——創一 26，彼前二 5、9。

創 1:26 神說，我們要按著我們的形像，照著我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

彼前 2:5 也就像活石，被建造成為屬靈的殿，成為聖別的祭司體系，藉著耶穌基督獻上神所悅納的屬靈祭物。

彼前 2:9 惟有你們是蒙揀選的族類，是君尊的祭司體系，是聖別的國度，是買來作產業的子民，要叫你們宣揚那召你們出黑暗、入祂奇妙之光者的美德；

- b 神在地上藉著人得著彰顯和代表的願望，只有在我們建造在一起時，才能得著完成——創一 26，弗二 21～22。

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- 3 神的建造乃是神的擴大、擴展，以團體的方式彰顯祂自己——約三 29 上、30 上，西二 19：

約 3:29 上 娶新婦的，就是新郎；新郎的朋友站著聽祂，因著新郎的聲音就歡喜快樂；…

約 3:30 上 祂必擴增，…

西 2:19 不持定元首；本於祂，全身藉著節和筋，得了豐富的供應，並結合一起，就以神的增長而長大。

- a 真正的建造乃是三一神的擴大，擴展，使神能以團體的方式彰顯祂自己——弗三 21。

弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

1 Tim 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

John 17:22 And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;

Eph 3:19b ... that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

- a. God's intention is to have a group of people built up as a spiritual building to express Him and to represent Him by dealing with His enemy and recovering the lost earth——Gen. 1:26; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- b. God's desire to be expressed and represented by man on earth can be fulfilled only when we are built up together——Gen. 1:26; Eph. 2:21-22.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

3. God's building is the enlargement, the expansion, of God to express Himself in a corporate way——John 3:29a, 30a; Col. 2:19:

John 3:29a He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. ...

John 3:30a He must increase, ...

Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

- a. The genuine building is the enlargement, the expansion, of the Triune God, enabling God to express Himself in a corporate way——Eph. 3:21.

Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

b 神聖的建造是那是生命的三一神作到我們裏面，使我們在祂的經綸裏成為祂的一個彰顯，就是神的擴大和擴展——9、17 上、19 下、21 節，一 10。

弗 3:9 並將那歷世歷代隱藏在創造萬有之神裏的奧秘有何等的經綸，向眾人照明，

弗 3:17 上 使基督藉著信，安家在你們心裏，...

弗 3:19 下 ...使你們被充滿，成為神一切的豐滿。

弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

弗 1:10 為著時期滿足時的經綸，要將萬有，無論是在諸天之上的，或是在地上的，都在基督裏歸一於一個元首之下；

五 伯特利，神的家，就是今日的召會，要終極完成於新耶路撒冷，作永遠的伯特利，就是神和祂所救贖之選民永遠的居所——創二八 19，三五 15，提前三 15，啓二一 3、22。

創 28:19 他就給那地方起名叫伯特利；但那城起先名叫路斯。

創 35:15 雅各就給神與他說話的地方起名叫伯特利。

提前 3:15 倘若我耽延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。

啓 21:3 我聽見有大聲音從寶座出來，說，看哪，神的帳幕與人同在，祂要與人同住，他們要作祂的百姓，神要親自與他們同在，作他們的神。

啓 21:22 我未見城內有殿，因主神全能者和羔羊為城的殿。

貳 雅各這個在神變化手下的人，代表那為著神的建造而變化的生活——創三二 28，三五 10、15：

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

創 35:10 並且對他說，你的名原是雅各，從今以後不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列。這樣，神就給他起名叫以色列。

創 35:15 雅各就給神與他說話的地方起名叫伯特利。

一 雅各的歷史必須成為我們的傳記：

b. The divine building is the Triune God as life being wrought into us so that we may become His one expression, the enlargement and expansion of God in His economy——vv. 9, 17a, 19b, 21; 1:10.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

Eph 3:19b ... that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

E. Bethel, the house of God, is the church today and will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the eternal Bethel, the eternal dwelling place of God and His redeemed elect——Gen. 28:19; 35:15; 1 Tim. 3:15; Rev. 21:3, 22.

Gen 28:19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz previously.

Gen 35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

II. Jacob, a man under God's transforming hand, represents a life of transformation for God's building——Gen. 32:28; 35:10, 15:

Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

Gen 35:10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; / Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, / But Israel shall be your name. Thus He called his name Israel.

Gen 35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

A. Jacob's history must become our biography:

1 雅各的一生有三個顯著的時期：對付期（二五～三二），變化期（三二～三七）和成熟期（三七～五十）。

創 25～50（從畧。）

2 雅各所遭遇的每件事，都是為著他的變化：

a 雅各要被變化，就必須被壓到環境裏，使他無可選擇，只得經歷改變——三一 36～42，三二 28。

創 31:36 雅各就發怒，與拉班爭論，說，我有甚麼過犯，有甚麼罪，你竟這樣火速的追我？

創 31:37 你摸遍了我一切的物件，搜出甚麼是你家的東西呢？可以放在你我的弟兄們面前，叫他們在我們二人中間判斷判斷。

創 31:38 我同你在一起這二十年，你的母綿羊、母山羊沒有掉過胎；你羣中的公羊，我沒有喫過；

創 31:39 被野獸撕裂的，我沒有帶來給你，是我自己賠上。無論是白日，是黑夜，被偷去的，你都向我索要。

創 31:40 我白日受乾熱銷磨，黑夜受寒霜侵蝕，不得合眼睡著，我常是這樣。

創 31:41 我這二十年在你家裏，為你的兩個女兒服事你十四年，為你的羊羣服事你六年，你十次改了我的工價。

創 31:42 若不是我父親的神，就是亞伯拉罕的神，以撒所敬畏的神與我同在，你如今必定打發我空手而去。神看見我的苦情和我的勞碌，就在昨夜責備你。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

b 從雅各的經歷我們看見，我們所遭遇的每件事，都在神的主宰之下，叫我們被變化——羅八 28～29，十二 2。

羅 8:28 還有，我們曉得萬有都互相効力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按祂旨意被召的人。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

c 雅各的變化開始於創世記三十二章，主來摸雅各最強的部分，他的大腿；從那時起，變化的過程持續到三十七章。

創 32～37（從畧。）

1. There are three distinct periods in Jacob's life: the period of dealings (chs. 25—32), the period of transformation (chs. 32—36), and the period of maturity (chs. 37—50).

Gen 25-50 (be omitted.)

2. Everything that happened to Jacob was for his transformation:

a. In order to be transformed, Jacob had to be pressed into situations that gave him no choice except to undergo a change—31:36-42; 32:28.

Gen 31:36 And Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me?

Gen 31:37 Although you have rummaged through all my possessions, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may decide between the two of us.

Gen 31:38 These twenty years have I been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.

Gen 31:39 That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. Of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

Gen 31:40 Thus I was: By day the dry heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

Gen 31:41 These twenty years have I been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

Gen 31:42 If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Dread of Isaac, had not been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.

Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

b. From Jacob's experience we see that everything that happens to us is under God's sovereignty for our transformation—Rom. 8:28-29; 12:2.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

c. Jacob's transformation began from the time the Lord came and touched Jacob's strongest part, his thigh, in Genesis 32; from that time onward, the process of transformation continued until chapter 37.

Gen 32, 37 (be omitted.)

d 西緬和利未給雅各帶來的難處，摸著他全人的深處，他開始被變化——三四 30，四九 5～7。

創 34:30 雅各對西緬和利未說，你們連累我，使我在這地的居民中，就是在迦南人和比利洗人中，有了臭名。我的人丁既然稀少，他們必聚集來攻擊我，我和全家的人都必滅絕。

創 49:5 西緬和利未是弟兄；他們的刀劍是強暴的器械。

創 49:6 我的魂哪，不要與他們共同商議；我的榮耀啊，不要與他們聯合聚集；因為他們趁怒殺害人命，任意砍斷牛腿大筋。

創 49:7 他們的怒氣暴烈可咒，他們的忿恨殘忍可詛；我必使他們分居在雅各家，散住在以色列地。

3 雅各已蒙揀選作神的彰顯和神的王子，但惟有藉著變化，他才能成為神的彰顯和神的王子——一 26，三二 28，林後三 18：

創 1:26 神說，我們要按著我們的形像，照著我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

a 『以色列』的意思是『與神較力者』（創三二 28）和『神的王子』。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

b 神的定旨是要對付雅各這個抓奪者，把他變化為以色列，神的王子，有神的形像彰顯祂，並運用祂的管治權代表祂——一 26。

創 1:26 神說，我們要按著我們的形像，照著我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

c 雅各的名改為以色列；一個抓奪者（雅各），變為神的王子——三二 27～28，三五 10。

創 32:27 那人對他說，你名叫甚麼？他說，我名叫雅各。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

d. The trouble that Simeon and Levi caused Jacob touched him in the depths of his being, and he began to be transformed——34:30; 49:5-7.

Gen 34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have brought trouble upon me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and I am few in number, and they will gather themselves together against me and strike me; and I will be destroyed, I and my house.

Gen 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brothers; / Weapons of violence are their swords.

Gen 49:6 Come not into their council, O my soul; / Be not united with their assembly, O my glory; / For in their anger they slew men, / And in their self-will they hamstrung oxen.

Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; / And their wrath, for it is cruel: / I will divide them in Jacob, / And scatter them in Israel.

3. Jacob had been chosen to be the expression of God and a prince of God, and he could become God's expression and a prince of God only through transformation——1:26; 32:28; 2 Cor. 3:18:

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

a. Israel means “one who struggles with God” (Gen. 32:28) and “the prince of God.”

Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

b. God's purpose in dealing with Jacob, a supplanter, was to transform him into Israel, a prince of God, bearing His image to express Him and exercising His dominion to represent Him——1:26.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

c. Jacob's name was changed to Israel; a supplanter (Jacob) was changed into a prince of God——32:27-28; 35:10.

Gen 32:27 And He said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob.

Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

創 35:10 並且對他說，你的名原是雅各，從今以後不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列。這樣，神就給他起名叫以色列。

d 基督徒的生活乃是與神較力而被神變化為神王子的生活——羅十二 2，五 17。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

羅 5:17 若因一人的過犯，死就藉著這一人作了王，那些受洋溢之恩，並洋溢之義恩賜的，就更藉著耶穌基督一人，在生命中作王了。

e 神揀選、豫定、並呼召我們的目的，乃是將可憐的罪人變化成君尊的兒子，使我們在變化過程完成後，能作王掌權——啓二 5。

啓 22:5 不再有黑夜，他們也不需要燈光日光，因為主神要光照他們；他們要作王，直到永永遠遠。

二 我們因著墮落，都成了變樣的泥土；神的方法不是改良變樣的人，乃是把人變化為石頭，為著建造神的家，伯特利——創二 7，約一 42，彼前二 4～5。

創 2:7 耶和華神用地上的塵土塑造人，將生命之氣吹在他鼻孔裏，人就成了活的魂。

約 1:42 於是領他到耶穌那裏。耶穌看著他說，你是約翰的兒子西門，你要稱為磯法（磯法繙出來，就是彼得）。

彼前 2:4 你們來到祂這為人所棄絕，卻為神所揀選所寶貴的活石跟前，

彼前 2:5 也就像活石，被建造成為屬靈的殿，成為聖別的祭司體系，藉著耶穌基督獻上神所悅納的屬靈祭物。

三 變化就是那是靈的基督，即在復活裏的基督這賜生命之靈，分賜並作到我們的魂裏，頂替我們在天然生命裏的所是，使基督擴增，我們天然的生命衰減——林前十五 45 下，林後三 17～18，弗三 17 上。

林前 15:45 下 …末後的亞當成了賜生命的靈。

林後 3:17 而且主就是那靈；主的靈在那裏，那裏就有自由。

Gen 35:10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; / Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, / But Israel shall be your name. Thus He called his name Israel.

d. The Christian life is a life of struggling with God to be transformed by God into a prince of God——Rom. 12:2; 5:17.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

e. God's purpose in selecting, predestinating, and calling us is to transform pitiful sinners into royal sons so that, after the process of transformation has been completed, we may reign as kings——Rev. 22:5.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

B. Because of the fall, we became distorted clay; God's way is not to reform distorted ones but to transform them into stones for the building up of God's house, Bethel——Gen. 2:7; John 1:42; 1 Pet. 2:4-5.

Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

John 1:42 He led him to Jesus. Looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon, the son of John; you shall be called Cephas (which is interpreted, Peter).

1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,

1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

C. To be transformed is to have the pneumatic Christ, Christ in resurrection as the life-giving Spirit, dispensed and wrought into our soul to replace what we are in the natural life so that Christ may increase and our natural life may decrease——1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; Eph. 3:17a.

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

弗 3:17 上 使基督藉著信，安家在你們心裏，...

四 變化不是外面的改正或調整，乃是神的生命在裏面新陳代謝的作用，藉著將基督神聖生命的元素加到我們全人裏面，而使我們在外面彰顯出基督的形像——林後三 18：

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

1 變化的過程是生機的，也是新陳代謝的：變化是生機的，因為與生命有關；變化是新陳代謝的，因為與排除舊元素、增加新元素的過程有關——羅五 10。

羅 5:10 因為我們作仇敵的時候，且藉著神兒子的死得與神和好，既已和好，就更要在祂的生命裏得救了。

2 變化期間所發生新陳代謝的改變，乃是內裏構成和外在形狀上的改變——十二 2，八 29。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

3 變化是神長子作神人原型的大量複製，使我們模成祂的形像，與神的長子畢像畢肖——29 節。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

五 我們是得勝或是失敗，就在於魂的變化，也在於我們對主變化工作的態度——十二 2：

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

D. Transformation is not outward correction or adjustment but the metabolic function of the life of God in us, by the addition of the element of the divine life of Christ into our being, so that we may express the image of Christ outwardly——2 Cor. 3:18:

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

1. The process of transformation is both organic and metabolic; it is organic because it is related to life, and it is metabolic because it is related to a process in which old elements are discharged and new elements are added——Rom. 5:10.

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

2. The metabolic change that takes place during transformation is a change both in inward constitution and outward form——12:2; 8:29.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

3. Transformation is for the mass reproduction of the firstborn Son of God as the prototype of a God-man so that we may be shaped into His image to be exactly the same as the firstborn Son of God——v. 29.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

E. Whether we are overcomers or defeated ones depends upon the transformation of our soul and upon our attitude toward the Lord's transforming work——12:2:

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

1 神變化的工作其實就是祂國度的操練；順從神就是與祂變化的工作合作——林後三 18，十 5～6。

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

林後 10:5 將理論和各樣阻擋人認識神而立起的高寨，都攻倒了，又將各樣的思想擄來，使它順從基督，

林後 10:6 並且我們已經豫備好了，等你們完全順從的時候，要責罰一切的不順從。

2 我們若讓三一神這賜生命的靈天天變化我們，就是得勝者——羅十二 2，八 28～29、37。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

羅 8:28 還有，我們曉得萬有都互相効力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按祂旨意被召的人。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

羅 8:37 然而藉著那愛我們的，在这一切的事上，我們已經得勝有餘了。

六 變化的結果帶進建造；新耶路撒冷碧玉牆的建造，是與變化並行的——十二 2，啓二一 18 上：

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉著心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

啓 21:18 上牆是用碧玉造的，...

1 那靈變化的工作乃是帶有祂神聖元素全備的供應，使伯特利，神的居所，建造起來——腓一 19。

腓 1:19 因為我知道，這事藉著你們的祈求，和耶穌基督之靈全備的供應，終必叫我得救。

2 最終，那靈變化的工作帶進新耶路撒冷，有神的形像作祂的彰顯：

a 神顯出來的樣子好像碧玉，而新耶路撒冷有神的榮耀，發光如同碧玉——啓四 3，二一 11。

啓 4:3 那位坐著的，顯出來的樣子好像碧玉和紅寶石，又有虹圍著寶座，顯出來的樣子好像綠寶石。

1. God's transforming work is actually His exercising of His kingdom; to obey God is to cooperate with His transforming work——2 Cor. 3:18; 10:5-6.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor 10:5 As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

2 Cor 10:6 And we are ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2. If we let the Triune God as the life-giving Spirit transform us day by day, we will be overcomers——Rom. 12:2; 8:28-29, 37.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

F. Transformation issues in building up; the building up of the jasper wall of the New Jerusalem goes along with transformation——12:2; Rev. 21:18a:

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rev 21:18a And the building work of its wall was jasper; ...

1. The Spirit's transforming work is with His bountiful supply of the divine element for the building up of Bethel, God's dwelling place——Phil. 1:19.

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

2. Consummately, the transforming work of the Spirit issues in the New Jerusalem, which bears the image of God for His expression:

a. God appears like a jasper stone, and the New Jerusalem, having the glory of God, shines like a jasper stone——Rev. 4:3; 21:11.

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

啓 21:11 城中有神的榮耀；城的光輝如同極貴的寶石，好像碧玉，明如水晶；

- b 城牆的第一層根基和新耶路撒冷的整個城牆一樣，都是用碧玉造的，指明建造聖城的主要材料是碧玉——18～19 節。

啓 21:18 牆是用碧玉造的，城是純金的，如同明淨的玻璃。

啓 21:19 城牆的根基是用各樣寶石裝飾的。第一根基是碧玉，第二是藍寶石，第三是瑪瑙，第四是綠寶石，

- c 既然碧玉表徵神彰顯在祂可傳輸的榮耀裏，新耶路撒冷主要的功用也就是帶著神的榮耀彰顯神——四 3，二一 11。

啓 4:3 那位坐著的，顯出來的樣子好像碧玉和紅寶石，又有虹圍著寶座，顯出來的樣子好像綠寶石。

啓 21:11 城中有神的榮耀；城的光輝如同極貴的寶石，好像碧玉，明如水晶；

七 創世記是整本聖經完整啓示的縮影：

- 1 在創世記末了，我們看見一個名叫以色列的人，變化過的人，他是透亮、清楚且滿了生命的；這個變化過的人，乃是新耶路撒冷的一粒種子，一個小影——三五 10。

創 35:10 並且對他說，你的名原是雅各，從今以後不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列。這樣，神就給他起名叫以色列。

- 2 在啓示錄末了，我們看見新耶路撒冷，一座透明的城，滿了神的生命，有神的榮耀，城的光輝如同『極貴的寶石，好像碧玉，明如水晶』——二一 11、3，二二 1～2。

啓 21:11 城中有神的榮耀；城的光輝如同極貴的寶石，好像碧玉，明如水晶；

啓 21:3 我聽見有大聲音從寶座出來，說，看哪，神的帳幕與人同在，祂要與人同住，他們要作祂的百姓，神要親自與他們同在，作他們的神。

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看，在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

- b. The first layer of the wall's foundation, as well as the entire wall of the New Jerusalem, is built with jasper, indicating that the main material in the building of the city is jasper——vv. 18-19.

Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 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;

- c. Since jasper signifies God expressed in His communicable glory, the main function of the New Jerusalem is to express God in bearing His glory——4:3; 21:11.

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

G. The book of Genesis is a miniature of the complete revelation of the entire Bible:

1. At the end of Genesis we see a man called Israel, a transformed person who is clear, transparent, and full of life; this transformed person is a seed, a miniature, of the New Jerusalem——35:10.

Gen 35:10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; / Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, / But Israel shall be your name. Thus He called his name Israel.

2. At the end of Revelation we see the New Jerusalem, a transparent city filled with the life of God, having the glory of God, and whose light is like “a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal”——21:11, 3; 22:1-2.

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.