

- The New Jerusalem -

Revelation 21:9-27

Angel - From the Harsh Work of Judgment to the Glorious, Good Work of Sharing the “New Jerusalem”

I. Uniqueness of the New Jerusalem

A. Not only the home of the bride - it is the bride - Adorned

B. (Prepared in Heaven) (Descended to Earth”

“I go to prepare a place for you “ (14:2)

Bridegroom prepared the place for His bride —→ In relationship to (1) His wealth; (2) His adoration.

A revelation of God’s adoration of you!

C. This city has been the dwelling place for the saints (church and Israel)

* Some theologians believe it is suspended above the earth during the Millennial Reign (when the redeemed and glorified come to rule with Him.

* Then when God makes the earth new, New Jerusalem can now come and reside on it.

A New Place of Worship (v.3)

A New Existence (v.4)

II. The Description of the City -

*** Having the Glory of God ***

Overall Description:

Shining like a large, clear diamond, illuminated by an inexpressible, indescribable perfect light coming from God!

A. Description of the Outside (v. 12-26)

1. A Gigantic City - John had measured earthly Jerusalem (v.11) now the heavenly one!

(a) Size and Dimensions - 1500 miles each direction (v.16) - { Enough room for everyone! }

Protection
and
Security
even though
unmarked

(b) Its Walls - 216 feet high

(c) Its Gates - 12 in number, 3 on each side (12 Tribes of Israel)

Solid Pearls -

* Unused Gates * (v. 25)

2. A beautiful city

(a) The Foundation Stones (usually underground)

(b) 12 in Number - Names of Apostles

(c) Beautiful Materials even in the Foundation!

} The Permanency
The City will last!
(v.14)

[See Chart of Foundation Stones]

B. Description of the Inside (v. 21b-22:5)

1. Streets of Pure (Transparent) Gold!

Gold - The Asphalt of Heaven!

2. Notable Absences -

No Temple (v. 22)

No Sun or Moon (v.23)

No Working Gates (v.25)

No Uncleaness (v.27)

No More Curse (22:3)

No Night (22:5)

3. Notable Presences -

The Glory of the Nations -

(a) Every tongue and every nation will be represented.

(b) Picture is where the kings would bring their riches and treasures before the greatest king as a display of honor.

(c) Real glory is in the people -

[Much like the Olympics when each nation's representatives walk into the stadium under their flag.

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The people are the great treasure and display God's greatest glory!

*Another Invitation - Only those whose name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life! (v. 27)