

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## Revelation 21

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<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am

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### HERE COMES THE BRIDE

- The word for “new” is the Greek for “\_\_\_\_\_”. What is that telling us about lies ahead for the saved?
- What are the possible meanings of “and there is no longer any sea”?
- What is now coming down from Heaven?
  - What is the meaning of “new” (*kainos*, καινός) in “new Jerusalem”?
    - What is the “new Jerusalem”?
  - From whom is it coming?
  - What is the meaning of “as a bride adorned for her husband”?
- A voice from the throne could be \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_, but the announcement is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who is now dwelling with who?
  - What is the Old Testament parallel to the tabernacle of God being among men?
  - What sorts of things will God do among His people?
  - What has happened to tears, death, mourning, crying and pain?
  - What has happened to the old heaven and earth?
- How much will be “new” (*kainos*, καινός)?

making all things new.” And He \*said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”  
 6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. 7 “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. 12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names

- Why is God calling attention to v. 6 as being faithful and true words?
- What is “done”? (Greek: γινομαι, ginomai, come into being, accomplished)
- What does it mean to claim to be the “Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”?
- What is the meaning of “give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost”?
- Who will inherit all this?
  - “I will be his God and he will be My \_\_\_\_\_”
- Who is it **not** for? And who are these people?
  - the cowardly \_\_\_\_\_
  - unbelieving \_\_\_\_\_
  - abominable (Greek: “to stink”) \_\_\_\_\_
  - murderers \_\_\_\_\_
  - immoral persons \_\_\_\_\_
  - sorcerers \_\_\_\_\_
  - idolaters \_\_\_\_\_
  - all liars (why this?) \_\_\_\_\_
- What will they “inherit” instead?

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### THE SURPASSING, BREATHTAKING BEAUTY OF THE BRIDE

- Referencing v. 10, has anyone else in the Bible that you can think of been taken to a high mountain to see something spectacular?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- What is the “holy city, Jerusalem”? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the first thing that John notes about the holy city?
  - “having the \_\_\_\_\_ of God”
  - “brilliance was like a very \_\_\_\_\_?”
  - “crystal clear \_\_\_\_\_”
- What would a high wall mean?



Jasper, opaque quartz, red and green colors were high value stones

were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

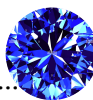
<sup>15</sup> The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. <sup>16</sup> The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

<sup>17</sup> And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. <sup>18</sup> The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <sup>20</sup> the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the

- Twelve... (What's the symbolism of 12?)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Guarded by 12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Named after 12 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ gates facing each cardinal direction (any parallels here?)
  - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ stones with names of the \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Who is doing the measuring?
  - The city...
    - How wide?
    - How long?
    - How high?
    - Can you think of another cube in the Bible? Meaning?
  - What would the meaning of such a huge city mean to ancient Christians and therefore to us?
  
- The walls...
  - 72 yards is how many feet? \_\_\_\_\_
    - 10 feet per floor, how many stories tall is this wall? \_\_\_\_\_
    - What would the meaning of walls that are this high mean to ancient Christians, and therefore to us?
  
- Further beauty...
  - Walls made of \_\_\_\_\_ (hard enough to use as a drill for other stones).
  - City made of pure \_\_\_\_\_, like clear glass.
  
- The 12 foundations are jewel ashlars...
  - jasper;
  - the second, sapphire; .....
  - the third, chalcedony; .....



**ASHLARS AT THE WESTERN WALL, TEMPLE MOUNT**



eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

- the fourth, emerald; ..... 
- the fifth, sardonyx; ..... 
- the sixth, sardius; ..... 
- the seventh, chrysolite; ..... 
- the eighth, beryl; ..... 
- the ninth, topaz; ..... 
- the tenth, chrysoprase; ..... 
- the eleventh, jacinth; ..... 
- the twelfth, amethyst ..... 

- Each of the 12 gates are single great \_\_\_\_\_
- Streets are paved with pure \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ glass
- What would these building materials mean to an early Christian?

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; <sup>26</sup> and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; <sup>27</sup> and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**THE LIGHT, GLORY, AND CITIZENS OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

- What is a temple?
  - Why is there no need for a temple?
  - Will the new heaven and new earth have a sun or moon?
    - Why?
- Who are the nations?
  - Will the kings of the nations be in this new Jerusalem? Or just their glory?
  - v. 26 says the glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it, how would an ancient Christian understand this?
- The new heavens and new earth will have no night. how would an ancient Christian understand this?
  - Why are gates closed in a walled city?
    - Why are these gates never closed; how would an ancient Christian understand this??
- Who will never come into this beautiful city?
  - What is the prerequisite for living in this city?