

# A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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## THE BOOK OF REVELATION: CHAPTER 21



THE NEW JERUSALEM!

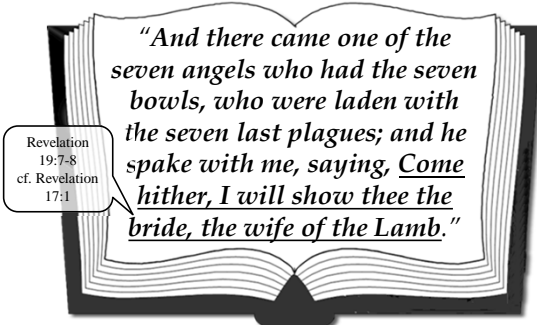
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## THE NEW JERUSALEM

- The glory described in Isaiah has been realized in the church on earth since the days of Pentecost. Isaiah 65:16, 17, 25 – These are fulfilled in the reign of Christ.
- The glory described in Revelation 21-22 will be realized when death is no more.
  - 2 Peter 3:7-13; Revelation 21 – This new order is beyond the Judgment.
  - The devil is defeated. This new heaven and earth will be clean and undefiled for the permanent dwelling place of those who have overcome the wiles of the devil during their lifetime.

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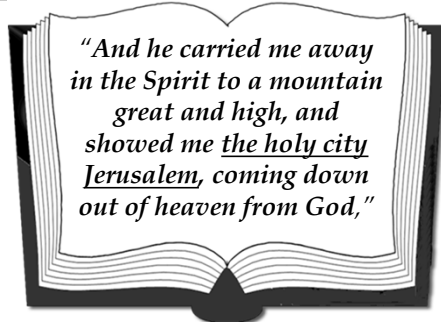
## REVELATION 21:9 THE BRIDE, A MARRIAGE THAT WILL NEVER FAIL



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19:7-8  
cf. Revelation  
17:1

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## REVELATION 21:10 THE CITY: WALLS THAT WILL NEVER FALL



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## JOHN'S VISION

- One of the **seven angels**, who has the seven vials of the last plagues, talked with John
- He is taken "**in the Spirit**" up to a high mountain
- From that **vantage point** he is allowed to **survey** the holy city.
- He is going to see a detailed vision of the "**Lamb's bride**" (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- It is a city descending from the **presence of God**.
- This in its **glorified** and **heavenly** form

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**REVELATION 21:11**

*"having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal."*

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**REVELATION 21:12**

*"having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are (the names) of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:"*

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY**

- Having the "glory of God"
- Light was likened unto a "jasper stone" (4:3)
- Clear as crystal
- Most scholars conclude this is like a diamond
- The beauty and grandeur of the city reflect the glory of God
- Brilliant light is pure and perfect (22:5)

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY**

- Wall was **great and high**
  - Built as protection for ancient cities – thick high wall
- **12 gates – 12 angels** at the gates
  - People of God – only those who maintained garments may enter. Abundant entrance. 2 Peter 1:11
- **Names** written on the gates
- Names of the **12 tribes of Israel**. (cf. Hebrews 9:15; 11:10, 13-16).
  - Faithful of OT times in the heavenly city.
  - Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, Benjamin

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**REVELATION 21:13**

*"on the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates."*

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**REVELATION 21:14**

*"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."*

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**ENTRANCE OF THE CITY**

- Entrance from the city was available from **four directions**.
- **3 east – 3 north – 3 south – 3 west**
- People from every **kindred, tongue, people, and nation**. (Revelation 5:9; 7:9)
- Gates of the ancient cities were **closed at night** for protection

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**ENTRANCE OF THE CITY**

- **12 Gates** of the **heavenly city** which are never closed – **abundant entrance!**  
2 Peter 1:11
- The gates will not need to be shut because no enemies exist to invade the city.
- They have all been cast into the lake of fire (19:20; 20:10, 15; 21:8).

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**FOUNDATIONS OF THE CITY**

- Wall of the city had **12 foundations**
  - One foundation for every gate
- Names of the **12 apostles** of the Lamb
  - Those of the NT era who will enter the city have also **walked by faith**
  - Built by the gospel that had been preached
  - *Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, Judas Iscariot*
  - **John** would have seen his own name!

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**REVELATION 21:15**

*"And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof."*

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**REVELATION 21:16**

*"And the city lieth foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height thereof are equal."*

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**REVELATION 21:17**

*"And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, (according to) the measure of a man, that is, of an angel."*

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| <p align="center"><b>MEASURING THE CITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golden reed (<i>or rod</i>) was used to <b>measure</b></li> <li>• Ensure “<b>perfection</b>” of the city (<i>in its provisions</i>)</li> <li>• The <b>gates</b> (<i>means of entrance</i>)</li> <li>• The <b>walls</b> (<i>security of protection</i>)</li> <li>• Measurement was a “<b>perfect cube</b>”</li> <li>• Its <b>length, breadth, height</b> was 12,000 furlongs (<b>1,500 miles</b>)</li> <li>• <b>12</b> = people of God <b>1,000 x ten</b> = complete full number</li> <li>• <b>Literal?</b> NO! Could not fit into Palestine!</li> </ul> |

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| <p align="center"><b>MEASURING THE CITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literal measurement? (<b>1 Kings 6:20</b>)</li> <li>• Its <b>staggering dimension</b> is simply to depict the fact that heaven will be so enormous it will adequately contain all the saved!</li> <li>• Wall measures <b>144 cubits</b> (<i>thickness?</i>) 12x12</li> <li>• According to the “<b>measure of a man</b>”</li> <li>• Indicates, in an apocalyptic way, <b>full security</b> for the people who dwell within its confines. Ultimate “<b>holy place</b>”</li> </ul> |