

OUR FINAL HOME - THE NEW JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:2-27; 22:16-19

Introduction: It is the dream, the goal, the hope of every believer in Jesus Christ that there is a beautiful, wonderful place awaiting him/her. Nobody has ever come back from death to tell us what is awaiting although there have been some "near death/after death" experiences by some who were pronounced "dead" by medical people, yet revived and returned to life and had "out of the body" experiences that indicated something very different beyond death. So, what is the believer's place like? What is our final home like?

John, the disciple of Jesus Christ had been exiled to the Isle of Patmos and while there the Lord Jesus visited Him and revealed to John (almost 100 years old) what is called the Book of the Revelation. Jesus showed John some wonderful things about what awaits believers in Jesus Christ. Our thanks to the one who did all the math for these wonderful figures of the New Jerusalem.

1. The Promise of a New Jerusalem - God had given His people, Israel, a "promised land."

- *Hebrews 11:8-20;14-16*

- God has always provided and cared for His people and He has done so for His Christian Family.

2. What the New Jerusalem is like -

- *Revelation 21:1-2*

- It is likened to the Bride, to the Lamb's (Jesus) wife.
 - Describe the appearance of the bride at a wedding - so beautiful, breath taking.
 - Describe the atmosphere of a wedding - happy, excited, etc.
- All the cities of the world will be together occupying some 300 cubic miles.
 - The New Jerusalem is 1,500 cubic miles (From Dallas to Washington-example).
- The New Jerusalem will be 5,028 stories high.
 - Each story contains 2,250,000 square miles. Totaling 11.3 billion square miles.
- It is divided into city blocks and has 625 million blocks and 7,500,000 streets per story, a total of 937 billion of our kind of city blocks.
- There is ample room for 10 million residences per story with each residence large enough for 12,600 people, giving more than enough room for 125 billion people per story - (80 - 100 billion people have lived since Adam)
- There is enough space for 5 trillion citizens in God's New Jerusalem.

3. The continued presence of God will be in the New Jerusalem-

- *Revelation 21:3* - The New Jerusalem is God's "house."

- *Jeremiah 24:7 - Revelation 21:22-24*

- In the New Jerusalem there will be no need for any reminder of God's presence such as "cross shaped" Church buildings, steeples, stained glass, crosses, etc.
- God's presence will be everlasting light.

4. The Passport for Entrance into the New Jerusalem -

- *Revelation 21:27; 22:14; John 6:29; John 14:1-3*

5. The Prohibitions (No Mores) in the New Jerusalem -

- Revelation 21:4; 21:7-8; 21:27; 22:15

- There will be no fear in believing in Jesus, there will be no one who has not believed in Jesus.
 - No vile, filthy minded talk or behavior, no bars, strip joints, porn shops, gambling places, gay bars, crack houses, prostitution houses.

6. The Preciousness of the New Jerusalem -

- Revelation 21:10-14; 21:18-21

- The basic building material for the buildings and streets is transparent gold.
- A wall 300 feet high, made of Jasper (a clear jewel) will surround the city.
- The city will sit on 12 foundations decorated with all the precious stones.
- There will be 12 gates with each of a single pearl, and named after the 12 tribes of Israel.
- There will be an angel at each gate.
- All of God's Children (saints, believers) will be there.
- Most important of all, God's Son, Jesus Christ will be there.

CONCLUSION:

1. When John wrote down what he saw, he didn't have adequate words to really describe what he saw and heard or felt. So, as amazing and wonderful as the New Jerusalem seems to be, it is still even more amazing and wonderful for there were just not words to describe what John saw and felt.
2. The New Jerusalem is just as real as our present world is, just as real as God is, just as real as Jesus Christ is, just as real as YOU are. IT IS REAL!
3. Not everyone will be there. The New Jerusalem is made for certain people. Only those who have believed God, only those who have entrusted their lives with the Lord Jesus Christ, only those who have become God's Children.
4. Will you be there? Do you have a place waiting for you?
 - Your life here is the only preparation time you have.
 - There is only one way into this city - it is God's way and that way is the Lord Jesus Christ.