

THE NEW JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF GOD

Rev. 21:9-22:5

Study #45

Introduction: The new heavens and earth will have a capital city where God and the Lord Jesus will be present constantly. The name of the city is the New Jerusalem. How could human language describe the city where God's presence is? John did the best he could, as he used the most beautiful and precious things on earth to describe the city. In this study is found the description of the City of Go as best as John could describe it.

I. THE NEW CITY, THE MOST GLORIOUS VISION OF ALL

1. The Glory of God lights the city, thus no need for a sun or moon.
2. The walls of the city are great and high, thus total security.
3. There are twelve gates.
 - they are named after the 12 tribes of Israel (salvation is of the Jews)
 - they are guarded by 12 angels
 - there are three gates on each of the four walls and three gates face each direction.
4. The city has twelve foundations.
 - each foundation is named after one of the 12 apostles as the city is founded upon the testimony of the 12 apostles.
5. The city is unique in shape and size.
 - the city is square, one side facing to the east, north, south, and west.
 - the city is enormous as it is 1500 miles long, wide, and high.
(2,250,000 square miles)
 - the walls and gates are 266 feet thick
6. The city is built of the most precious materials.
 - the walls are made of Jasper (crystal-like greenish rock)
 - the buildings are of pure, transparent gold, clear as glass.
 - the foundations are made up of every kind of precious stone:
 - first foundation - jasper, greenish, rock-like crystal
 - second foundation - sapphire, sky blue spotted with gold

- the third foundation - chalcedony - peacock green stone
- the fourth foundation - emerald - greenest of all green
- the fifth foundation - sardonyx - shades of white, red, brown
- the sixth foundation - sardius - blood-red stone
- the seventh foundation - chrysolite - shining gold-like stone
- the eighth foundation - beryl - sea blue or sea green stone
- the ninth foundation - topaz - greenish-gold transparent stone
- the tenth foundation - chrysolprusus - apple green stone
- the eleventh foundation - jacinth - violet, bluish purple stone
- the twelfth foundation - amethyst - violet, bluish purple bright
- the 12 gates are 12 huge single pearls
- the streets are of pure transparent gold

7. There is no temple in the city as the presence of God will be everywhere.

II. BELIEVERS ARE THE CITIZENS OF THE NEW CITY

1. The citizens are the saved from all the nations of the earth.
2. The citizens walk in the light of the glory of God in the city.
3. The citizens are kings and will bring their glory and honor into the city.
4. The citizens will have constant, unbroken access to God.
5. The citizens will have a perfect life and service.

III. THE NEW CITY HAS PROVISIONS FOR ITS CITIZENS

1. A beautiful, refreshing, pure river flowing from the throne of God itself.
2. A tree of life whose fruit gives eternal life and its leaves prevent sickness.
3. The city is free from any impurities, aging, corruption, decay, evil, etc....
4. The throne of God and of the Lamb of God will be in the New City.
5. The citizens will belong to God and thus be perfectly secure forever.