

THE NEW JERUSALEM; IT'S GLORY; THE RIVER OF LIFE -- 21:9-22:5

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THE INVITATION TO SEE THE NEW JERUSALEM – VS. 9-11

Rev 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 having the glory of God.

THE IMPACT OF THIS CITY UPON THE APOSTLE JOHN - 21:11-21

Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Rev 21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Rev 21:13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

THE INVITATION TO SEE THE NEW JERUSALEM - 9-11

v. 9 "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." - The announcement of the angel – Rev. 4:1; 19:7-9

v. 10 "he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed - The ability of John to see it – Rev. 1:10; 17:3; 2 Cor. 12:4, 7

v. 11 "having the glory of God. - The overall appearance of the city – Ex. 40:34-35; Lev. 9:23-24; 2 Chron. 7:1-3; Rev. 15:8; 21:23

THE IMPACT OF THIS CITY UPON THE APOSTLE JOHN - 21:11-21 (Notice four things)

v. 11 "Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. - The shining of its light - “jasper” (Greek - iaspis) – Rev. 4:3; vv. 18-19 (wall & foundation)

v. 12-14 " she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, - The structure of the city - (wall, gates, foundations) cf. Ezekiel 48:31-34 (same as Gen. 49) “apostles” - Acts 1:13, 26; 2:14

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Rev 21:15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

Rev 21:16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

Rev 21:17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

Rev 21:18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

Rev 21:20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl.

And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

v. 16 "twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. - The city's size - 12,000 furlongs - 1500 miles

v. 17 "its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits - Wall - 144 cubits or 216 feet (height or width)

The stones of the city – vs. 18-21

v. 18 "its wall was of jasper; - Wall - "jasper"

v. 19 "foundations of the wall of the city were adorned (Gr. - kosmeo – to cause something to have an attractive appearance- "adorned with beautiful stones"- garnished, decorated)with all kinds of precious stones: - Foundations – "12 stones"

v. 21 "The twelve gates were twelve pearls: - Gates - "pearls" -

v. 21 "street of the city was pure gold - "pure gold" - City

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THE INGREDIENTS THAT MAKE THIS CITY SO WONDERFUL -21:22-22:2

Rev 21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

Rev 21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Rev 21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

INTERPRETATION

THE INGREDIENTS THAT MAKE THIS CITY SO WONDERFUL -21:22-22:2

v. 22 “the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. - The place of worship will be the Lord Himself

v. 23 “city had no need of the sun or of the moon - The presence of the Lord will eliminate the need for sun and moon - Cf. Isaiah 60:19; John 1:4-9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7 – a literal truth here (as well as a moral truth)

v. 24 “the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. - The purposes of God for all nations will be fulfilled! - Psalm 66:4

v. 24 “the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light” - There will be nations and kings on the earth who are saved

v. 24 “they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.” - The nations and kings are on earth coming into the city - Cf. Matt. 25:31-46 - “sheep nations”

v. 25 “Its gates shall not be shut at all by day - Access to the heavenly city is provided for all – No longer will protection from enemies be needed! Cf. Isaiah 60:11

v. 26 “they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. - All the glory and honor which kings and nations received will now be brought into the city – Cf. Isaiah 60:3-11 – does this mean the Holy City will come down during the millennium?

v. 27 there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, - The protection of this city will eliminate all evil.

APPLICATION

Questions:

1. v. 9 – Who are what is defined to be the Holy City Jerusalem?
2. v. 14 – “names of the twelve apostles” - Do you think Apostle Paul’s name will be written on one of the foundations?
3. Do you think the new Jerusalem, 12,000 furlongs on each side and height, is a cube or a triangle?
4. Do you think the area of each of the twelve foundations could be quite large? Could they each be 144,000,000 sq. furlongs or about 2,250,000 sq. miles? (the total U.S. area is about 3.8 million sq. miles.)
5. V 25 tells us that the gates will never be shut. Why?
6. Chap. 22:2 speaks of the Tree of Life. How big do you imagine this tree is?
7. How many books in the Bible mention the Tree of Life?
8. What two essential things, described in Chap. 22:1-2, are discussed which portray eternal life?
9. Based on the description in the Book of Revelation of the eternal heaven, how would you describe the glorious things that in store for the child of God? How thankful are you that you are a part of God’s eternal plan to bestow upon you, His love and the glory of His kingdom forever?!!!! Who are you going to tell about it?

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Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
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Rev 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river,

was the tree of life,

which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month.

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

THE INVOLVEMENT OF BELIEVERS IN ETERNITY - 22:3-5

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb

shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Rev 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.

And they shall reign forever and ever.

INTERPRETATION

22 v.1 "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal,- The purity of the river – water of life! - cf. John 4:13-14; 7:37-39; Rev. 22:17

22: v.1 proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. - The place from which the river comes - Psalm 46:4-5

v. 2 "In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river - The depiction of eternal life will be portrayed by a river and a tree The position of the river and the tree - Ezk. 47:12

v. 2 "the tree of life,- eternal life will be portrayed by a river and a tree

v. 2 "bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. - The productivity of the tree of life

v. 2 "The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. - The purpose of the leaves of the tree

THE INVOLVEMENT OF BELIEVERS IN ETERNITY - 22:3-5

v. 3 "there shall be no more curse - We shall struggle no more - cf. Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:18-25

v. 3 "His servants shall serve Him. - We shall serve Him - cf. Mark 10:42-45; Col. 3:23-24

v. 4 "They shall see His face - We shall see His face - cf. 1 John 3:2

v. 5 "They need no lamp nor light of the sun - We shall see without lamp or sun - cf. 21:23

v. 5 "And they shall reign forever and ever.- We shall be supervisors of the universe in our Lord's behalf - Cf. 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10

Glorious things are in store for the child of God. How thankful I am that I'm a part of God's eternal plan to bestow upon me His love and the glory of His kingdom forever. Tell someone else!!!

APPLICATION

WE WILL SERVE HIM! Mar 10:42-45 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [43] Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

[44] And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. [45] For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Col 3:23-24 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

WE WILL SEE HIM! 1Jn 3:1-3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. [2] Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3] And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

HE WILL BE OUR LIGHT! Rev 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

WE SHALL REIGN WITH HIM! 2Ti 2:11-13 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. [12] If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. [13] If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Rev 5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, [10] And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."