

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #76: The Holy City, New Jerusalem!**  
**Revelation 21:1 - 27**  
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**After Satan, his demons, and the wicked are destroyed and the earth is purified by fire what does John see next in vision?**

**Revelation 21:1**

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

After the world is cleansed by hellfire the righteous saved will see Jesus create a new heaven and new earth! The new heaven here is speaking about the sky. I can image that the new heaven will have some of the most spectacular views.

We will see Jesus create a new heaven and new earth. This will be one of the most amazing things that we will be privileged to see.

**Isaiah 65:17**

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**Isaiah 66:22**

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

A new heaven and a new earth is what God's faithful are looking forward to. This is a prophetic promised of Jesus Christ that will be fulfilled.

**2 Peter 3:13**

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

**Besides a new heaven and new earth what else new did John see in vision?**

**Revelation 21:2**

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**What does God say about the new Jerusalem in Isaiah? Go back to Isaiah ch. 65**

**Isaiah 65:18**

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

The old corrupted earthly Jerusalem will be passed away. Jesus will make a whole new Jerusalem!

Jerusalem (Hebrew) = "teaching of peace" - BDB Definitions

The new Jerusalem will be a city of peace throughout the ceaseless age of eternity!

The new Jerusalem is the holy city of Heaven that will be established on this new earth. It will be the new capital of the entire universe.

**What does John hear next in vision from Jesus in Revelation 21:3 concerning the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem?**

**Revelation 21:3-4**

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Tabernacle (Greek) is skēnē = habitation or dwelling place**

**What and where is Jesus building for us now?**

**John 14:2, 3**

2 In my Father's house (heavenly tabernacle) are many mansions (Greek- residence): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Jesus has made a place for you IN the Father's house!

**As we dwell with God Revelation 21:4 says, God will wipe away all tears. There will be no more death, sorrow, nor crying or pain.**

**What does the prophet Isaiah say about this?**

**Isaiah 30:19**

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

**Isaiah 65:18-19**

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the **voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.**

**What does John hear Jesus say next in vision?**

**Revelation 21:5-6**

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

6 And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

It is done! The creation of the new heavens and new earth and the heavenly city of Jerusalem being established here will be the final phase of the everlasting covenant completely fulfilled!  
All who thirsted after truth were filled by Jesus, the water of life. Jesus freely offers this to ALL people NOW!

### John 7:37

37 ...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

### John 4:14

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

### Who will make it to live in the new Jerusalem and who will NOT? What does Jesus say?

#### Revelation 21:7-8

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers [Gk: pharmakeia = poisonous druggist], and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

#### Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft [Gk: pharmakeia = poisonous druggist], hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

### What did the angel show John in vision concerning the new Jerusalem?

#### Revelation 21:9-11

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to **a great and high mountain**, and shewed me that **great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

In order to see the size and scope of the great city holy Jerusalem, notice John was taken to a great and high mountain.

### At the end of 1000 years just before the last battle (Gog and Magog)....

“Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His resurrection, He ascended, and where angels repeated the promise of His return. Says the prophet: ‘The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.’ ‘And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof, . . . and there shall be a very great valley.’ ‘And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.’ **Zechariah 14:5, 4, 9.** As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor,

comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City. - Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 662.

### **What is the description of the new Jerusalem?**

#### **Revelation 21:12-14**

12 And had a wall great and high, and had 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:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

#### **Descriptions of new Jerusalem**

- Great high wall
- 12 gates
- 1 angel at the entrance of each gate
- Names of the 12 tribes of Israel at each gate
- 3 gates on each side of the city
- 12 foundations (Wall of the city) each one had the a name of the 12 apostles

The wall of the city is a great wall. Based on engineering, the larger and higher the wall the greater and wider the foundations must be. It is obvious that the twelve foundations of the wall reveal that the wall be extremely tall and wide.

**Jesus is the main foundation of His church. Jesus is the rock.**

#### **Matthew 16:18**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art **Peter (Gk: Petros = piece of rock)**, and upon this rock (Gk: Petra =mass of rock) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The 12 foundations of the wall will stand as a monument how Jesus taught and used the 12 apostles to build His New Testament church.

The walls of new Jerusalem stand as a monument to the church of Jesus Christ which was able to build on the foundations of the ministries of the twelve apostles.

#### **Ephesians 2:19-20**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

The names of the twelve tribes of Israel at each gate of the city stand as a monument to the ministry of the 144,000 worldwide apostles at the end of time that give the final warning to the world to “get out of Babylon.”

## Go back to Revelation 7:4-8

Remember, the names of each tribe reflect the character of Jesus that all the spiritual tribes of Israel (the 144,000) have.

### Revelation 7:4-8

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

$$12 \times 12,000 = 144,000$$

## What are the measurements of new Jerusalem?

### Revelation 21:15-16

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

***What are the three things that were measured?*** The City, the gates, and the wall.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. **The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.**

The measurements of city is a perfect cube in which the sides, width, and height are equal.

The measurement of all sides of the new Jerusalem is 12,000 furlongs.

Show an example of a four dimensional cube.

***How many measurable edges are on a cube?*** 12

**What is the total measurement of all the 12 edges of the cube combined?**

12 edges x 12,000 furlongs = 144,000 furlongs!

**Do you think that is happenstance?**

The 12 edges reflect the 12 tribes of Israel based on Revelation 7, the 12,000 furlongs point to the population of each tribe that make up the 144,000!

**Like each gate of the city, the measurements of the city, a perfect cube, also stands as a monument to the worldwide apostleship of the 144,000!**

The size of the new Jerusalem is massive and very great in height, width, and length.

So we can convert furlong measurements to our value of measurements we use in the United States then we can understand how large the city is.

1 furlong is equal to 660 feet

$12,000 \times 660 \text{ feet} = 7,920,000 \text{ feet}$

Convert feet to miles. 1 mile = 5280 feet

$7,200,000 \text{ feet divided by } 5280 \text{ feet} = \text{approximately } 1,500 \text{ miles} - \text{height, width, and length each!}$

The length of size of new Jerusalem is like traveling from Wadesboro, NC pass San Antonio, TX, over an 18 hour road trip.

Currently, in the old earth, it only takes about 62 miles to go out of our atmosphere.

The new earth and heavens will be to able to accommodate such a large city 1500 miles high! Wow. And this is just the size of the city!

The new Jerusalem will stand as a great mountain jewel of the new earth. With a city this large it will be seen for miles away!

### **What is the measurement of the walls of the city?**

#### **Revelation 21:17**

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

The walls are 144 cubits! The walls are a monument to the church of Jesus Christ. The 144,000 sealed with the seal of the living God are part of the end time church!

#### **Convert cubits to our measuring system?**

Cubit (Greek): a measure of length equal to distance from the joint of the elbow to the tip of the middle finger (i.e. about 18 inches, (.5 m) – Thayer Definitions

**1 cubit = 18 inches**

$144 \text{ cubit} \times 18 \text{ inches} = 2592 \text{ inches}$

1 ft = 12 inches

$2592 \text{ divided by } 12 \text{ inches} = 216 \text{ feet}$

Walls are approximately 216 feet high.

### **What are the walls, gates, streets, and foundations made from?**

#### **Revelation 21:18-21**

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.  
 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;  
 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.  
 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

### **Who is the temple and the light of the new heaven and earth including the new Jerusalem?**

#### **Revelation 21:22**

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

### **God Almighty and Christ are the temple of new Jerusalem, He is the sanctuary in the midst of his people. This was prophesied in Ezekiel 37:26-28.**

#### **Ezekiel 37:26-28**

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

### **All who overcome will be the spiritual pillars of the temple of God, the Lamb**

#### **Revelation 3:12**

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

### **Also Jesus will be the physical light of the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem. There will be no need for the sun or the moon to light it.**

#### **Revelation 21:23, 24**

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

### **Those who walked in the spiritual light of Jesus on earth, will also walk in the physical light of Jesus in the new heavens, new earth, and the new Jerusalem.**

### **What does Isaiah say about this?**

#### **Isaiah 60:20**

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

## **What is the rest of description of new Jerusalem and its citizens given in John's vision?**

### **Revelation 21:25-27**

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Amen!!! This is reality! It will be fulfilled. There will be no sin, no rebellion, no worldliness in the new Jerusalem. There will be no defilement or corruption.

## **What are some of the other things that we will be doing in our everlasting dwelling place with God?**

### **Isaiah 66:22-23**

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

### **Isaiah 65:21-23**

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

“There the redeemed shall know, even as also they are known. The loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul shall there find truest and sweetest exercise. The pure communion with holy beings, the harmonious social life with the blessed angels and with the faithful ones of all ages who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, the sacred ties that bind together ‘the whole family in heaven and earth’ (Ephesians 3:15)--these help to constitute the happiness of the redeemed.

There, immortal minds will contemplate with never-failing delight the wonders of creative power, the mysteries of redeeming love. There will be no cruel, deceiving foe to tempt to forgetfulness of God. Every faculty will be developed, every capacity increased. The acquirement of knowledge will not weary the mind or exhaust the energies. There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions realized; and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of mind and soul and body.

All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's redeemed. Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar--worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul.” (GC p. 677)