

Three Angel's Message Series
Lesson 15 - The Holy City, New Jerusalem! Part 2
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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

$7,920,000 \text{ feet} \div 5280 \text{ feet} = \text{approximately } 1,500 \text{ miles} - \text{height, width, and length each!}$

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

$2592 \div 12 \text{ inches} = 216 \text{ feet}$

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 the 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)