

The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 21

“The New Heaven, New Earth & New Jerusalem!”

I) The New Heaven & Earth (v1-8)

(v1) **What happened to the first Heaven & first earth? They passed away.** Jesus prophetically spoke of this event Matthew 24:35 he said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means away. Let’s hear Peter describe this event in **2 Peter 3:10-18.**

(v2) **What came down out of Heaven? The New Jerusalem, the holy city.** (The city is pictured as a bride because it contains the bride and takes on her character. The word adorned is from the Greek verb kosmeo (“to order” or “to arrange”); thus we get our English word “cosmetics.”

(v3) **Who will God dwell with? All who are saved.** **John 3:16-17** - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

(v4) **What will God wipe away forever? Every tear, sorrow, pain & death. All former things have passed away.** (1 Cor 15:54-58 - *So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*)

(v5-6) **Jesus says that we can drink of the Fountain of life!** A true Christian is one who thirsts: **Matt 5:6** - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* **John 4:13-14** - *Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."* **John 7:37-39** - *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.* **Ps 42:1-2** - *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

(v7) **The overcomers get to inherit all things & we shall be God’s children!** **1 John 5:4-5** - *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

(v8) **Where will people go who don’t want Christ? To the lake of fire.** (Also reference 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:2-5)

II) The New Jerusalem (v9-27)

(v9-11) **The New Jerusalem will have the glory of God.** (J.V. McGee writes, “The word light in Greek is *phoster*, which speaks of the source of light. Not reflection like the moon, not generated by combustion like the sun, but it originates light and is the source of light. The presence of God and Christ gives explanation to this, as He declared, “. . . I am the light of the world” (Jn. 9:5). God is light. The jasper stone is probably a diamond. The appearance of the New Jerusalem is a diamond in a gold mounting. Could its symbolism be like a wedding ring for the bride of Christ! (Awesome!”

(v12-13) **Twelve gates to enter the city – Representing the twelve tribes of Israel.**

(v14) **Twelve foundations represent the twelve apostles.**

(v15-17) **Measurements of the city – 1500 miles cubed.**

(v18-21) **Construction materials for the wall – Jasper – Diamond; the city was made of gold.>the foundation was made up multiple gem stones: Jasper-diamond’ sapphire-brilliant blue stone; chalcedony-agate stone, sky blue with colored stripes; emerald-bright green; sardonyx-a red and white striped stone; sardius-quartz stone, shades of red; chrysolite-transparent gold, yellow-hued stone; beryl various colors, shades of green, yellow, and blue; topaz-yellow-green stone; chrysoprase-gold-tinted green stone; jacinth-blue or violet colored stone; amethyst-purple stone. Twelve gates each made of one solid pearl.**

(v24-27) **All the redeemed people throughout human history will inhabit the city. Jesus will illuminate the city forever and nothing evil will ever be there.**

Is your name written in the Lamb’s book of life?