

## *The New Jerusalem* *Revelation 21:9-27*

*“From John’s angel-designated vantage point, he sees something amazing. A city descending from the sky. It is massive! It’s not normal city big or even country big. It’s continent big. It’s wider than Europe from London to Kiev. Whatever mountaintop John was standing on had to have some serious elevation for him to be able to see more than just one small portion of one enormous wall. And, oh, is it beautiful! Like the most perfect of gemstones are its walls and its foundations and its gates and its streets.*

*For the next twenty two verses, John presents a description of the new Jerusalem that is dressed as a beautiful bride would be for her husband. Why does God provide these details? Maybe it is because He wants to create a bit of anticipation for our future home. If He gives too much detail, our focus might excessively shift to the future and we will be of no use serving Him today. If He gives too little detail, there will be no anticipation... God presents us with just enough of a picture to stir our fancies and build our expectations.” Tsarfati*

- I. Revelation 21& 22 give us the most detailed picture in Scripture of what our eternal home will be like after the Lord permanently removes godlessness and its insidious effect from His saints. He tells us that he will create (**bara**) a new heaven and earth, new (**kainos**) meaning brand new. The old heavens and earth will be destroyed, not renovated. The Lord doesn’t want anything to do with what the fall has meant for his creation, so he’ll get rid of the old and bring in the new. No Satan and his deception, No demons or demonic activity, No sin nature, and No darkness. None of what verse 8 tells us will exist. There will be No cowards (fear of man over fear of God), No unbelievers, No vile people, No murderers, No sexually immoral, No practice of magic arts, No idolaters, and No liars. *If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed (John 8:36).*

Rev. 21:6-10

1 Cor. 15:42-50

**Revelation 21:5** *He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’*

- II. Jesus tells us in John 14:2, that in His Father's house are many rooms that He has prepared for us in advance. Revelation 21:9-27 tells us that the place he has prepared is a great and glorious city called the New Jerusalem. It will be our eternal dwelling that shows us the great worth and value the Father puts on those who chose to love Him over the world and its wicked ways. It's description, in many ways, gives us a glimpse of what His love, grace, peace and mercy are like in their fullest sense. He wants to give us the very best of what He has to offer to show us how deeply valued we are by Him. Nothing but the best is our destiny. That is one reason why Paul prays that we *may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...* (Eph. 3:18).

Rev. 21:9-26

Ps. 104:1-2a

Heb. 1:14

Eph. 2:19-20

Rev. 22:3

Rev. 21:3

Rev. 21:7

*"The dimensions and the descriptions of the city stagger our imagination. 'Foursquare' means 'equal on all sides'; which may mean the city is a perfect cube, a 'holy of holies' radiant with the presence of God. Or, it could be a pyramid. In either case, the city measures about 1,500 miles each way, or two-thirds the size of the United States."*  
Wiersbe

*"Henry Morris, guessing that there will have been 100 billion people in the human race through history, and that 20% of them will be saved, calculated that each person would have a "block" with about 75 acres on each face to call their own. This is highly speculative, but illustrates the point that there is plenty of room in the New Jerusalem."*

- III. Jesus makes it very clear to us that the eternal environment we will be living in will be safe and free from those who are impure, shameful or deceitful. It is a highly exclusive place reserved for those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. James tells us that our life here is mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14). Praise God that when we leave it, we will find that our journey takes us to God's house where we will receive a rich welcome. He's coming for us! That is why he tells us, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me"* (John 14:1).

Rev. 21:27