

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:1-22:2

I. INTRODUCTION-

- a. When the Millennial Reign of Christ is over and the final judgment of the lost has been completed the Bible says that God will make all things new.
- b. When God makes all things new Heaven will no longer be confined to just one part of creation but all of creation will be Heaven. There will be a New Heaven and a New Earth.
- c. Today we are going to look at the capital city and the center of life of that new world to come, the New Jerusalem. REAL, REMARKABLE, RESTRICTED

II. THE NEW JERUSALEM IS A REAL PLACE-

- a. The New Jerusalem is not a figure of speech or mere symbolism. The New Jerusalem is a real place that the Bible says will come down from God and be a part of the New Earth.
- b. The Lord Jesus spoke of the New Jerusalem in *Revelation 3:12 (NKJV)* “*He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*”
- c. The New Jerusalem is the final installment and “crown jewel” of the New Heaven and the New Earth.
- d. Jesus said in John 14:2-3 that every believer will have a dwelling place in the New Jerusalem. “*In My Father's house are many mansions; 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*”

III. THE NEW JERUSALEM IS AN REMARKABLE PLACE-

- a. **The New Jerusalem is remarkable because of its size.** *Revelation 21:16 (NKJV)* “*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.*”
- b. The New Jerusalem will be a perfect cube measuring over 1,400 miles in length, width and height.

- c. Someone has calculated that if the New Jerusalem were divided into levels like the stories of a building and if three billion believers lived in the New Jerusalem each believer would have 40 square miles to themselves!
- d. **The New Jerusalem is remarkable because of its splendor. #1, The New Jerusalem will be a holy city according to Revelation 21:2.**
- e. *“No lie will ever be uttered in Heaven or the New Jerusalem. No evil word will ever be spoken. No underhanded business deal will ever be discussed. No unclean picture will ever be seen. No corruption of life will ever be thought of in the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem will be holy because everyone in it will be holy.”*
- f. **#2, The New Jerusalem will be surrounded by a massive and stunningly beautiful wall.** Revelation 21:17-18 (NLT) *“Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick. 18 The wall was made of jasper...”*
- g. Surrounding the New Jerusalem will be a jasper wall, like a giant diamond bracelet, that will glitter and flash with the glory of God.
- h. **#3, There will be 12 gates in the wall around the city and each gate will be made of one massive pearl.** Revelation 21:21 *“The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl...”*
- i. A pearl is created through suffering. Every time we go through the gates of the New Jerusalem we will be reminded that the only reason we are in Heaven is because Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sins.
- j. Revelation 21:25 says the gates of the city will never be closed and we will go in and out of the city as we serve God and explore and enjoy His creation.
- k. **#4, The New Jerusalem will be built upon a twelve layer foundation of precious stones.** Revelation 21:19 (NKJV) *“The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones...”*
- l. **#5, The New Jerusalem will have streets and walls made of gold.** Revelation 21:18 (NKJV) *“...and the city (that is, the walls of the city) was pure gold, like clear glass.”* Revelation 21:21 (NKJV) *“... And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”* The gold of Heaven is so pure that it will appear to be transparent!
- m. **#6, The Tree of Life and the River of Life will be in the New Jerusalem.** Revelation 22:2 (NKJV) *“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.”* God will abundantly provide for our every need in Heaven.

- n. **#7, The Lamb of God will be the light of the New Jerusalem.** *Revelation 21:23 (NKJV) "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."*
- o. There will be no lamps, light posts or lanterns in the New Jerusalem. The light of the sun or of the moon will not be needed. The New Jerusalem will be illuminated by the glory of the Lamb of God who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. THE NEW JERUSALEM IS A RESTRICTED PLACE-

- a. Everyone can go to Heaven. Everyone can have a place in the New Jerusalem. But not everyone will.
- b. Entrance into Heaven is not based on a person's the good works or on how religious a person was. Entrance into Heaven is based solely on what a person does with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. Many people who talk about Heaven never mention the Lord Jesus Christ. But, Jesus is the Builder of Heaven, He is the light of Heaven, being with Jesus is the joy, purpose and goal of Heaven, Jesus is the only way to Heaven and only those who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are going to Heaven.
- d. All those who refuse to repent and turn from their sin and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will be denied entrance into Heaven.
- e. *Revelation 21:8 (NKJV) "But the cowardly (those afraid to receive Christ), unbelieving (those unwilling to receive Christ), abominable (those who refuse to repent of their fleshly abominations), murderers (murderers who refuse to repent), sexually immoral (those who refuse to repent of their sexual immorality), sorcerers (those who follow the devil), idolaters (those who follow false religions), and all liars (unrepentant liars and deceivers) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*
- f. *Revelation 21:27 (NKJV) "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."*

V. CONCLUSION-

- a. Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? If it is Heaven and the New Jerusalem is your future home!
- b. Knowing that Heaven is our future home should motivate us to #1, Be joyful! #2, Be thankful! #3, Be encouraged in serving Christ. #4, Be motivated to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.