

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Mission Statement

This study of the Book of Revelation gives special attention to the testimony it provides concerning our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10; cp. 1:2), leading us to worship and serve Him in everything.

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - I.** The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)
 - J.** Events After the Thousand-Year Kingdom of Christ (20:7–21:8)
 - K.** The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)
 - 1. Millennial Kingdom or Eternal State?
 - a. Chronological progression of 19:11–20:15.
 - b. Absence of the curse (20:8–9; 22:3).
 - c. Same New Jerusalem (21:2, 9).
 - d. Absence of a temple (21:22; cf. Ezek 40–48; Isa 30:26; 60:19).
 - e. No need of sun or moon (21:23).
 - 2. Her angelic announcement: “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb” (21:9).
 - a. The bride/wife—cf. 19:7; 21:2, 9; 22:17; see, also, Matthew 9:15; 25:1–13; John 3:29; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25–32.
 - b. At Revelation 19:7, the bride of Christ is the Church.
 - c. At Revelation 21:9, the bride includes all redeemed of Israel, the Church, and the Kingdom (see 21:12, 27)—all those in the Lamb’s book of life (3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27).
 - d. The New Jerusalem is the bride, because it is the dwelling place of the bride (cp. Ps 87; Gal 4:26; Heb 12:22–24).
 - 3. Her source: “out of heaven from God” (21:10; cf. 21:2).
 - 4. Her spectacle (21:11): “having the glory of God” (21:23)/“her light” (LXX: Gen 1:14, 16; Dan 12:3; NT: Phil 2:15)/“like jasper” (4:3; 21:18, 19).
 - 5. Her walls (21:12–20).
 - a. The system of her walls (21:12–14).
 - “great and high” (v. 12a)
 - 12 gates guarded by 12 angels (vv. 12b–13)—names of the 12 tribes of Israel
 - 12 foundations (v. 14; cp. Heb 11:10–16)—names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb (cp. John 20:24; 1 Cor 15:5)
 - b. The survey of her walls (21:15–17).
 - A golden reed for measuring (v. 15)
 - A perfect cube of 12,000 furlongs = 1,500 miles in length, breadth, and height (v. 16)
 - Width of 144 cubits = 216 feet (v. 17)

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- c. The substance of her walls (21:18–20).
 - jasper (v. 18a; see v. 11)
 - pure gold (v. 18b)
 - precious stones (vv. 19–20)—one for each of 12 foundations
- 6. Her 12 gates, each one a pearl (21:21a).
- 7. Her street of pure gold (21:21b).
- 8. Her temple (sanctuary = holy of holies: the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (21:22)—all restraints on access to God are removed.
- 9. Her light (21:23).
- 10. Her occupants (21:24–27; cf. 17:8; 20:12, 15).
 - a. The nations and their kings (21:24).
 - b. Total access—no closed gates and no night (21:25).
 - c. The wealth of nations (21:26).
 - d. What the occupants are not (21:27a).
 - e. What the occupants are (21:27b; cf. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15).
- 11. Her river with the water of life (22:1–2a; cp. Gen 2:8–10; Ezek 47:1–12).
- 12. The tree of life with leaves for healing the nations (22:2b).
- 13. Her environment (22:3–5).
 - a. No more curse (22:3a).
 - b. The throne of God and of the Lamb (22:3b).
 - c. God’s servants serving Him (22:3c–4; cf. Matt 5:8; Rev 3:12).
 - d. No night (22:5a)—“the Lord God will illumine them.”
 - e. They will reign forever and ever (22:5b; cf. Gen 1:26).

Questions for Discussion

- a. To what period of time does Revelation 21:9–22:5 refer?
- b. Who are the bride/wife of the Lamb?
- c. What healing will the leaves of the tree of life provide?

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- ▶ Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- ▶ Jesus is the Bridegroom.
- ▶ Jesus is the temple in the heavenly Jerusalem.
- ▶ Jesus is the lamp for the heavenly Jerusalem.
- ▶ Jesus has the book of life.
- ▶ Jesus has a throne with God in the heavenly Jerusalem.
- ▶ Jesus will be worshipped by His servants.
- ▶ Jesus will reveal His face to His servants.
- ▶ Jesus will place His name on the foreheads of His servants.