

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Place in the Book of Revelation

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 1,000-Year Reign of Christ (20:7–21:8)**
- K. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)**

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”**
- 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,**

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.
- 12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 13 *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.
- 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- 15 The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 16 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.
- 17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, *according to* human measurements, which are also angelic *measurements*.
- 18 The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;**
- 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.**

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- 22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- 23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.**
- 25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;**
- 26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;**

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**
- 1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,**

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

Revelation 21:9–22:5

- 4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.
- 5 And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.









Question for Discussion

**To what period of time
does Revelation 21:9–22:5
refer?**

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).**
 - e. No need of sun or moon (21:23).**

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- 2. Her angelic announcement (21:9)**
 - a. The bride/wife—cf. 19:7; 21:2, 9; 22:17.**

Question for Discussion

**Who are the bride/wife
of the Lamb?**

Matthew 9:15

And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.”

See Matthew 25:1–13.

John 3:29

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.”

2 Corinthians 11:2

**For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy;
for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to
Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.**

See Ephesians 5:25–32.

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 - b. At Rev 19:7, the bride of Christ is the Church.**
 - c. At Rev 21:9, the bride includes all redeemed of Israel, the Church, and the Kingdom (21:12, 27)—all those in the Lamb's book of life.**
 - d. The New Jerusalem is the bride, because it is the bride's dwelling place.**

New/Heavenly Jerusalem/Zion

- Psalm 87
- Galatians 4:26
- Hebrews 12:22–24

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- 3. Her source (21:10; cf. 21:2)**
- 4. Her spectacle (21:11)**
 - a. “having the glory of God”**
 - b. “her light”**
 - c. “like jasper”**

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- 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)—12 tribes of Israel**
 - > 12 foundations (v. 14)—12 apostles**

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 - b. The survey of her walls (21:15–17)**
 - > Golden reed for measuring (v. 15)**
 - > Perfect cube: 1,500 miles (v. 16)**
 - > Width: 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)**

K. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)

- 6. Her 12 gates, each one a pearl (21:21a)**
- 7. Her street of pure gold (21:21b)**
- 8. Her temple (21:22)**
- 9. Her light (21:23)**

K. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)

10. Her occupants (21:24–27)

- a. The nations and their kings (v. 24)**
- b. Total access (v. 25)**
- c. The wealth of nations (v. 26)**
- d. What the occupants are not (v. 27a)**
- e. What the occupants are (v. 27b)**

11. Her river with the water of life (22:1–2a)

The Last Things Replicate the First Things

Genesis 1:1 **Creation**

Genesis 1:3 **God's Light**

Genesis 1:26 **Man's Rule**

Genesis 2:8–17 **Old Eden**

Genesis 3:17 **Curse**

Revelation 21:4; 22:3 **No Curse**

Revelation 22:1–2 **New Eden**

Revelation 20:4 **Man's Rule**

Revelation 21:23; 22:5 **God's Light**

Revelation 21:1 **New Creation**

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Genesis 1:1 **Creation**

Genesis 3:1 **Satan's Freedom**

Genesis 6–8 **Worldwide Judgment**

Genesis 10–11 **Babel / Babylon**

Revelation 17–18 **Babylon**

Revelation 19:11–19 **Worldwide Judgment**

Revelation 20:2–3 **Satan's Confinement**

Revelation 21:1 **New Creation**

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“Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Revelation 19:10

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11. Her river with the water of life (22:1–2a)

12. The tree of life with leaves for healing the nations (22:2b)

Question for Discussion

**What healing
will the leaves
of the tree of life
provide?**

K. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:9–22:5)

13. Her environment (22:3–5)

- a. No more curse (v. 3a)**
- b. The throne of God and of the Lamb (v. 3b)**
- c. God's servants serving Him (vv. 3c–4)**
- d. No night (v. 5a)**
- e. They will reign forever and ever (v. 5b)**

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.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **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.**