

The New Jerusalem, the golden city of God, is described by John the Revelator in the book of Revelation. It is the beautiful city in which the glory of God dwells. At the end of the millennium, the holy city will descend from heaven to the earth preceded by Christ and the redeemed from all ages. This magnificent city will become the capital of the earth made new after God destroys and purifies the earth with hell's fire and creates new heavens and a new earth. Oh, wonder of wonders! God's people will literally experience heaven on earth! God longs for everyone to experience the joys of being with Jesus in the New Jerusalem. He has gone to prepare a special place for us, and He wants all to inherit the kingdom that He has prepared from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34). Through His death and shed blood on Calvary, Jesus has made it possible for the overcomer to one day enter the pearly gates and eat from the tree of life. What a joy that will be to have fellowship with Jesus and the holy angels in the New Jersualem. Let's study and learn What God Says About..."The New Jerusalem."

A SPECIAL PLACE PREPARED FOR YOU

Note: *In our previous study on hell's fire, we learned that the holy city, the New Jerusalem, will descend from heaven to earth at the end of the millennium. We discovered that before the wicked are destroyed in the lake of fire they will see the golden city, seek to overtake it, but will perish in the flames and be reduced to ashes outside the city. However, in stark contrast, the redeemed of all ages will safely dwell with Jesus inside the city! In this lesson, we will learn more about the beautifully adorned city in which the glory of God dwells.*

1. According to Jesus, what is in His Father's house? What has Jesus gone to prepare? Where will He receive believers?

[1]"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2]In my Father's house are _____ _____: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare _____ _____ _____ _____." [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will

come again, and receive you _____ _____; that where I am, there ye may be also." *John 14:1-3*

Note: *Jesus has gone to heaven to prepare a special dwelling place for His children. According to scripture, Jesus is building mansions in the holy city, the New Jerusalem, for the redeemed of all ages.*

LONGING AND LOOKING FOR THE CITY

2. According to Hebrews 13:14, what do we not have on earth? What do Christians actively seek?

"For here have we _____ _____ _____, but we seek _____ _____ _____." *Hebrews 13:14*

3. By faith, Abraham earnestly desired or looked for what? What does the city have? Who is the builder and maker of this city?

[8]"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. [9]By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: [10]For he looked for _____ _____ which hath _____, whose builder and maker is _____." *Hebrews 11:8-10*

4. In what way did the faithful see the promises before they died?

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them _____ _____, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." *Hebrews 11:13*

Note: *The faithful spoken of in Hebrews knew that this world was not their home. They understood that they were strangers and pilgrims sojourning on earth for a short while. Hence, they lived by faith, clinging to the promise to be in the heavenly Canaan Land with Jesus one day.*

5. According to Hebrews 11:14, what did the faithful seek?

[14]"For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek _____ _____. [15]And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned." *Hebrews 11:14, 15*

Note: *The faithful spoken of in this passage longed for the city of God. By faith, they lived with heaven in view. They longed to be with Jesus in a better country—heaven. God called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees to follow where He led. Abraham, the father of the faithful, stepped out in faith and didn't retreat home regardless of the obstacles. Indeed, he looked for a city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:8-10).*

6. According to Hebrews 11:16, what has God prepared for believers?

"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them _____ _____." *Hebrews 11:16*

Note: *As mentioned earlier, Jesus is preparing mansions in heaven for His children (John 14:1-3). He desires that all will come and live in the special place that He is preparing. Jesus longs for all to go to heaven with Him when He returns to take His children home. Thank God that all have the opportunity to dwell in heaven with Jesus one day.*

THE NEW JERUSALEM—THE CITY OF GOD

7. According to Hebrews 12:22, what is the heavenly Jerusalem called? Who else dwells in this glorious city?

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Hebrews 12:22*

8. What city did John the Revelator see descending from heaven? How was it prepared or beautifully adorned?

[1]"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. [2]And I John saw _____ _____ _____, _____ _____, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 21:1, 2*

Note: *The New Jerusalem will be the capital of the new earth. The redeemed of all ages will have free access to the beautiful city of God throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. The New Jerusalem will descend at the end of the 1,000-year millennium.*

9. According to Revelation 21:3, what did John the Revelator behold?

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, _____ _____ _____ _____ is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." *Revelation 21:3*

10. What will God wipe away? What will forever pass away?

"And God shall wipe away _____ _____ _____ _____ _____; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for _____ _____ _____ are passed away." *Revelation 21:4*

11. What promise did He that sat on the throne make? What was John the Revelator instructed to write?

"And he that sat upon the throne said, _____, _____ _____ _____ _____ _____. And he said unto me, Write: for _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 21:5*

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

12. According to Revelation 21:9, what was John the Revelator shown in vision?

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee _____ _____, _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 21:9*

Note: *The New Jerusalem with its glistening glory is called the bride, the Lamb's wife. It will descend from heaven with unmatched splendor.*

13. What great city did John see descending from heaven?

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, _____ _____ _____, descending out of heaven from God." *Revelation 21:10*

14. What abiding presence does the New Jerusalem have in it? The holy city glistened like what type of stone? How clear was it?

"Having _____ _____ _____ _____: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like _____ _____ _____, clear _____ _____." *Revelation 21:11*

Note: *The glory of God flashed and shined like a precious jasper stone. Indeed, the holy city radiated as John saw it descending to planet earth.*

15. How does John describe the wall of the holy city? How many gates did he see? How many angels were gatekeepers? What names were written on the gates?

"And had a wall _____ _____ _____, and had _____ _____, and at the gates _____ _____, and names written thereon, which are the names of _____ _____ _____ of the children of Israel." *Revelation 21:12*

16. On which sides of the city were three gates?

"On _____ _____ three gates; on _____ _____ three gates; on _____ _____ three gates; and on _____ _____ three gates." *Revelation 21:13*

17. How many foundations does the city and its wall rest upon? What names are inscribed upon the twelve foundations?

"And the wall of the city had _____ _____, and in them the names of _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 21:14*

Note: *Each of the twelve foundations of the holy city has one of the names of the twelve apostles inscribed upon it.*

THE MEASUREMENT OF THE HOLY CITY

18. With what instrument did the angel measure the city, gates, and wall of the New Jerusalem?

"And he that talked with me had _____ _____ _____ to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof." *Revelation 21:15*

19. How does John describe the layout of the holy city? How large is the expanse of the city? The length, breadth, and height of the city are what?

"And _____ _____ _____ _____, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, _____ _____ _____. The length and the breadth and the height of it are _____." *Revelation 21:16*

Note: *The New Jerusalem is laid out foursquare. It is 1500 miles in circumference and 375 miles in length on each side. The length, breadth, and height of the city are equal.*

20. What is the measurement of the wall of the holy city?

"And he measured the wall thereof, _____ _____ and _____ and _____ _____, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel." *Revelation 21:17*

Note: *The wall of the New Jerusalem is 216 feet high.*

MATERIALS OF THE HOLY CITY

21. Of what material is the wall of the New Jerusalem? Of what material is the city made? How transparent is the golden city?

"And the building of the wall of it was of _____: and the city was _____ _____, like unto _____ _____." *Revelation 21:18*

Note: *The wall of the New Jerusalem is made of jasper. The holy city is made of pure transparent gold, and is clear as glass.*

22. Of what are the foundations of the wall of the city made? What are the names of the twelve foundations?

[19]"And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with _____ _____ _____ _____ _____. The first foundation was _____; the second, _____; the third, a _____; the fourth, an _____; [20]The fifth, _____; the sixth, _____; the seventh, _____; the eighth, _____; the ninth, a _____; the tenth, a _____; the eleventh, a _____; the twelfth, an _____." *Revelation 21:19, 20*

Note: *The twelve stones which make up the foundations of the wall of the holy city, and the twelve stones on the breastplate of the high priest appear to be identical. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were inscribed on the breastplate of the high priest (Exodus 28:17-20; 39:10-19).*

23. Of what material are the twelve gates of the city made? Specifically, of what are the gates made? Of what material is the street made? How is the street described?

"And the twelve gates were _____ _____: every several gate was of _____ _____: and the street of the city was _____ _____, as it were _____ _____." *Revelation 21:21*

ADDITIONAL FACTS ABOUT THE HOLY CITY

24. What didn't John see in the New Jerusalem? Who does he say is the temple of the holy city?

"And I saw _____ _____ _____: for _____ _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ are the temple of it." *Revelation 21:22*

25. There is no need for what to shine within the New Jerusalem? What abiding presence and person provided light in the city?

"And the city had no need of the _____, neither of the _____, to shine in it: for _____ _____ _____ _____ did lighten it, and _____ _____ is the light thereof." *Revelation 21:23*

26. Who shall walk in the light of the city? Who brings their glory and honor into the holy city?

"And _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ shall walk in the light of it: and _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ do bring their glory and honour into it." *Revelation 21:24*

27. What shall not be shut by day? What shall not occur in the city? The glory and honor of whom will be in the city?

[25]"And _____ _____ of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be _____ _____ _____. [26]And they shall bring the glory and honour of _____ _____ into it." *Revelation 21:25, 26*

28. In order to enter the city, where must our names be recorded?

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 21:27*

29. What proceeds out of the throne of God? How clear is this wonderful river in the holy city?

"And he showed me _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, clear _____ _____, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." *Revelation 22:1*

30. What tree bares twelve manner of fruits every month? The leaves of the tree are for the healing of what?

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was

there _____ _____ _____ _____, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of _____ _____." *Revelation 22:2*

31. The throne of whom will be in the New Jerusalem? What shall God's servants see? What shall be in their foreheads? How long will they reign in the holy city?

[3]"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of _____ and of _____ _____ shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: [4]And they shall see _____ _____; and _____ _____ shall be in their foreheads. [5]And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign _____ _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 22:3-5*

32. What assurances are given to John in Revelation 22:6?

"And he said unto me, _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done." *Revelation 22:6*

COME AND ENTER THE KINGDOM

33. What is the last invitation in the Scriptures?

"And the Spirit and the bride say, _____. And let him that heareth say, _____. And let him that is athirst _____. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." *Revelation 22:17*

Note: *In Revelation 22:17, the last invitation in Scripture is extended to "whosoever will." All may accept this invitation, enter the New Jerusalem with Jesus, and enjoy the pleasures of heaven forever.*

SUMMARY

The New Jerusalem will descend from heaven to earth after the 1,000-year millennium has ended. Shortly after the descent of the holy city, God will resurrect the wicked—who will attempt to attack the city—and then destroy them in the lake of fire. After which, John the Revelator saw a new heaven and a new earth. He also saw and vividly described the beautifully adorned city of God which will be the capital of the earth made new. Nothing of a defiling nature will enter the golden city. The only ones who will enter are those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

34. Dear friend, are you determined to occupy the place that Jesus is preparing for you in the New Jerusalem? _____

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