

The Description of the New Jerusalem

Series: Heaven – Part 5

Text: Revelation 21:9-21

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I. THE CITY'S IDENTITY (v. 9)

- A. This text, along with *Rev. 21:2*, identifies the New Jerusalem as the bride of Christ.

II. THE GREATNESS OF THE CITY (v. 10)

- A. The city is great because of its size
- B. The city is great because of its beauty
- C. The city is great because of its excellence
- D. The city is great because of its purity (*Rev. 21:27*)

III. THE GRANDEUR OF THE CITY (v. 11)

- A. The glory of God illuminates the city (v. 23)

IV. THE FORTIFICATION OF THE CITY (v. 12-14)

- A. A great high wall encircles the new Jerusalem
- B. The wall has 12 gates (gates speak of entrances)
- C. The 12 gates had 12 angels, one angel at each gate
- D. The 12 gates bore the names of the 12 tribes of Israel
- E. The city wall had 12 foundations bearing the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb (v. 14)
- F. The city's wall was extremely thick (v. 17) – 144 cubits equals approximately 216 feet
- G. The wall was made of jasper, and city was pure gold, like unto clear glass (v. 18)
- H. The foundations of the city's wall were garnished (decorated) with precious stones (v. 19)
- I. The gates resembled huge, single pearls, and the streets of the city were made of pure gold, like transparent glass (*Rev. 21:18*)

V. THE SIZE OF THE CITY (v. 15-16)

- A. Twelve thousand furlongs equals approximately a 1,500 mile cube (2,250,000 square miles)
- B. The invitation: *Rev. 22:17 – And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*