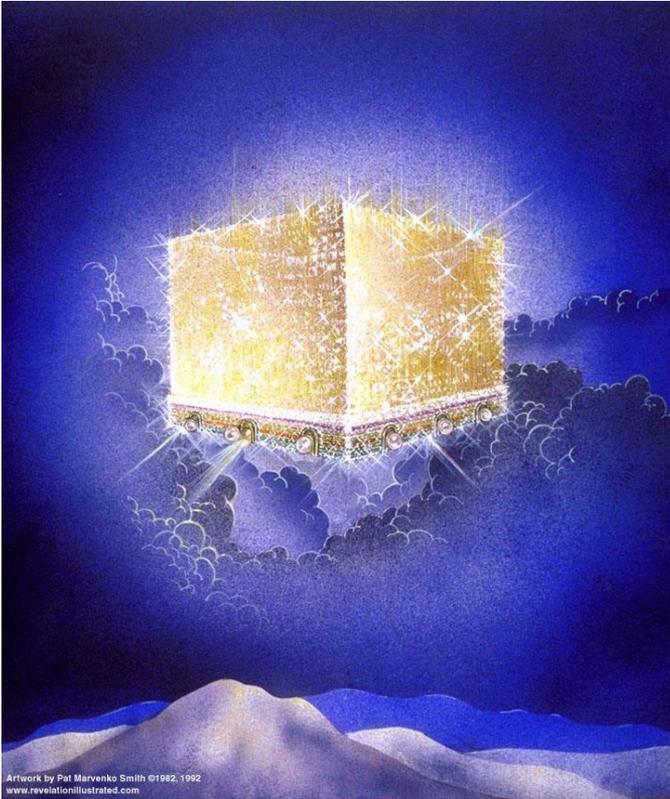


# “All Things New” (more)

## Revelation 21:9-27

The “new things” are further described, or expounded on, in these verses.

### I. THE NEW JERUSALEM (FURTHER EXPLAINED) – VS. 9-21



**A. Vs. 9 – Announced by one of the angels that had the seven vials – Rev. 15**

**B. As in vs. 2, the new city is seen as “the bride, the Lamb’s wife”**

1. The reference to the Savior as the "Lamb" is to point again to what Jesus did for mankind in giving His life as the sacrificial Lamb
2. The reference to a "city" being a "bride" is obviously not to be taken literally – it is simply a picture or metaphor for the beauty of the city
3. As the "Lamb's wife," the saints of the ages are represented – not just those of the Age of Grace. There is debate on this, and there are those that believe this is speaking specifically of the Age of Grace saints, but the context would indicate otherwise.
4. There is some debate on when this event takes place – it could be a retrospect to the Millennium when the city comes to hover over Jerusalem, or it could be the state of the New City after the old earth and heaven are destroyed (which may be the best interpretation here)

***C. The new city described – vs. 10-21***

1. John saw it at a "great city...descending out of heaven from God" – vs. 10
2. The light, or brightness, of the new city "was like unto a stone most precious...clear as crystal" – vs. 11
3. The wall had twelve gates, and an angel at each gate, and the names of the twelve tribes of Israel – one on each gate, three gates per side – vs. 12-13

4. The wall had “twelve foundations” (more than likely one upon another) – with the names of the 12 Apostles on them – Judas Iscariot wasn’t one of them, the Apostle Paul was – vs. 14

1 Corinthians 15:8

<sup>8</sup> And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

5. The size of the city is given as “foursquare” – that is, the length, depth and height were the same – it was a cube “twelve thousand furlongs” in size – one furlong is 220 yds., 8 furlongs to a mile, 12,000 furlongs equals 1500 miles
6. The wall is measured as 144 cubits high – a cubit being the distance between the elbow and the tip of the middle finger – or approximately 18 inches – so that would make the height of the wall about 216 feet high – vs. 17
7. The wall is described in vs. 18
8. The foundations are further described in vs. 19-20



- a) Jasper stone – earlier described as “precious” and “clear as crystal” for its properties
- b) Sapphire – a stone similar to a diamond in hardness and blue in color
- c) Chalcedony – an agate stone from Chalcedon (in Turkey), thought to be sky-blue with stripes of other colors running through it
- d) Emerald – bright green color
- e) Sardonyx – red and white stone
- f) Sardius – a common jewel of reddish color also found in honey color which was considered less valuable (this was used with the jasper stone to describe the glory of God on the throne in Rev. 4:3)

#### Revelation 4:3

<sup>3</sup> And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

- g) Chrysolite – a transparent stone golden in color
  - h) Beryl – sea-green
  - i) Topaz – yellow-green and transparent
  - j) Chrysoprasus – another shade of green
  - k) Jacinth – violet color
  - l) Amethyst – commonly purple
9. The gates to the city – which are never

shut – are described as of “one pearl” – vs.  
21

## **II. THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE CITY – VS. 22**

- A. Again, the phrase “And I saw” is used, indicating an important change or an important point – there was no temple is the point***
- B. This would be one indication that this New Jerusalem is seen after eternity begins, after the Millennium, for during it there is a Temple, and Temple worship is resumed to some degree***
- C. There is no real building that houses the temple for the purpose of the Temple as we know it is no more***
- D. The “new temple,” as it is called, is given as “the Lord God Almighty, and the Lamb are the temple of it”***
  - 1. That is, the “temple,” as the dwelling place of God is no longer needed for God, as the Lamb, dwells among the people in Person
  - 2. No temple will be needed for His presence, as the Temple, or dwelling place, is always there

## **III. THE NEW LIGHT OF THE CITY – VS. 23-24**

- A. The light of the sun and moon and stars is no more for the need of them to light the earth and to control the earths seasons and gravity and so on are no more***

**B. Although we cannot comprehend this particular point, the light of all of the new earth will be the same as in heaven right now – God Himself, in the Person of the Lamb, in the Person of the Son**

**C. This is another indication that this New City is from eternity future, not the Millennium, for during that period the light of the sun and moon is still shining, and darkness still exists**

**D. This is the view that the Gospel of John had in mind when he recorded that Jesus was the "light of the world"**

John 1:7-9

<sup>7</sup> The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

<sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

<sup>9</sup> That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 3:19

<sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 8:12

<sup>12</sup> Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:35

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that

walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

**E. Vs. 24 mentions the "nations of them which are saved"**

1. The word "nations" is referring to saved Gentiles, that fall under a separate category than do the saved Jews or the church-age saints
2. Most likely referring to the saved from the Tribulation and Millennium

**F. Vs. 24 referenced "the kings of the earth" bringing their glory and honor into the city – although it's unclear in Scripture as to how or why, it would appear that there is some form of government on the new earth that has a hierarchal structure – that's all we know and that's all we can say about it**

**IV. ACCESS TO THE CITY – vs. 25-27**

**A. Vs. 25 – the gates will never be shut – there won't be a need to shut them because there is no night there**

**B. Vs. 26 – again points to that hierarchal structure of a nation**

1. Keep in mind that John used language understandable at the time but that does not mean that the form of government then will be anything like today
2. God will be the Supreme Ruler on the Throne but there are apparently nations

with rulers in eternity

***C. Vs. 27 references, again, the fact that there won't be anything that "defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie (referencing 21:8)" in the New City***

1. It doesn't mean there could be, any more than the fact that Jesus was tempted to sin means He could have sinned
2. This just means that sin is gone, and all of its influence

Conclusion: Simply, will you be there?

