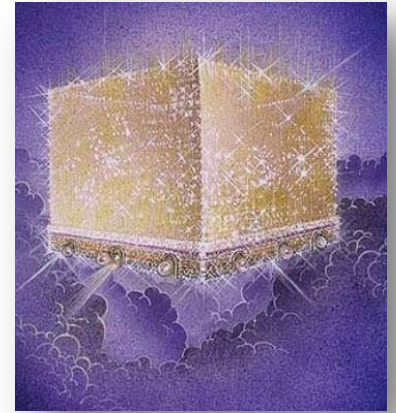


1. *A New City*

Revelation 21:2, “Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”

A fulfillment of the words of Jesus:

John 14:1-3, ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



This is your inheritance in Christ:

Colossians 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

1 Peter 1:4, “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”



God Changes His Address

Ezekiel 37:27 (NASB), “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

The Tabernacle of God has always been the place where God dwelt among His people. The first one was built by Moses in the desert wilderness. It was eventually replaced by a more permanent structure. By the end of the tribulation period, there will have been three Jewish Temples built and destroyed (Moses, Solomon, Herod).



At this point in time all sin has been done away with, there is no more unrighteousness, no pain, no sorrow, no tears, for Jesus Christ will wipe away every tear from every eye. There will be no more death, for the former things are passed away and behold all things have been made new.

It will be a time of eternal righteousness. It is at this time that God will move His heavenly Tabernacle from heaven to earth.

Revelation 21:3, “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

What a glorious time this will be when the glory of heaven comes down to earth. There will be no difference between Jew or Gentile, for we all will be “His People” and He will dwell among us and be our God. At this point the New City, called the New Jerusalem, also comes down from heaven and comes to rest somewhere above the actual city of Jerusalem. This is the abode of the saints of God, and they will go back and forth from it to earth as they have need or the desire to do. This is a final fulfillment of Jacob’s Dream.

Genesis 28:12, “Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

With the Kingdom of Heaven in perfect order and all restored to its original perfect condition, He who sits on the throne finally declares, “**IT IS DONE!**” He then identifies Himself as the **ALPHA and OMEGA**, the Beginning and the End. He is Jesus Christ, the Finisher of all things.

Revelation 21:5-6, ⁵“Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” ⁶And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.”

This is the third time we find in Scripture where Jesus Christ has said “It is done” or “finished”.

John 19:30, "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

Revelation 16:17-21, ¹⁷"Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Jesus had finished His redemptive work on the cross when He said "it is finished." Now God's will for the ages has been accomplished through His Son and again He says, "It is done." In these verses we find the fulfillment of another Scripture. Jesus is at the well of Jacob when a woman of Samaria comes to the well to get water. They have a short conversation. Then Jesus tells her:



John 4:13-14, Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

We find the fulfillment of that statement in Rev.21:6 (above). Jesus Himself will give the water of life freely as He has told the woman at the well so many years ago.

The New Jerusalem

Rev.21:9-27

Then John says one of the angels that had one of the seven bowls of judgment of the tribulation period came to him. He carried John away in the spirit to a high mountain overlooking that great city. John calls it the Holy Jerusalem. The angel told John he would show him the "Bride" (of Rev.19:7-9), the Lamb's wife.

This would certainly indicate that the church, the "Bride of Christ," has been in heaven and has already received her reward, her inheritance. John tells us that the city descended out of heaven and had the glory of God as her light. John goes on to describe three main characteristics of this magnificent city which are:

3.1 The brilliance of the city, verses 9-14

- Its light was bright from the glory of God and likened unto a jasper stone that is clear as crystal.
- Twelve gates it has, three on each of its four walls, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on them.

- Each wall had twelve foundations, and in them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Each foundation layer was garnished with all types of precious stones.
- There was no sun for light, for the glory of God and the Lamb gave the city its light. (ref. John 1:4-5)
- The nations of the earth and the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into the city.

3.2 The size of the city, verses 15-17

- The angel measures the city and finds it to be 12,000 furlongs deep, wide and tall, a perfect cube. When converted into miles, we find the city is 1500 miles long by 1500 miles wide by 1500 miles tall. If it were laid alongside the United States, it would stretch from Maine to Florida and from the Eastern seaboard to six hundred miles west of the Mississippi River, covering more than half of the United States. It would then rise up 1500 miles out into space.

3.3 The beauty of the city, verses 18-21

- The walls themselves were of Jasper and the city of pure gold and as clear as glass.
- Each of the twelve gates are made of one solid pearl
- The streets were made of pure gold like transparent glass
- There is no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were the temple of it.