



*The first eight verses of this chapter conclude the vision presenting the two rival cities by showing the arrival of the New Jerusalem. Then the fourth vision begins with a detailed description of the heavenly bride city and moves on to a presentation of the Lamb as the light of all nations.*

## Outline

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## Truths & Principles

- ✓ The final state of the redeemed will include full and free access to God.
- ✓ All enemies brought to mankind by sin and the Fall will be removed.
- ✓ Nobody in this life can fully understand what the new Holy City will be like.
- ✓ An overflow of precious metals and gems is one way to think about the final state.
- ✓ Eternal light is one way to think about the blessedness of final salvation.
- ✓ Vile sinners will be excluded from heavenly bliss.

## Preview

The Revelation now takes us on to its grand conclusion: the eternal state. We are introduced to a “new heaven” and a “new earth”. Next, we see the “New Jerusalem” – the Bride of Christ. Finally, all the struggles of earth are over and the glory of God is with redeemed mankind. This is a brand new universe. It is “paradise restored!”



## Applications

- ✓ Beware of the sinful acts and attitudes that will exclude a person from eternal bliss.
- ✓ Take hope in the promise that whatever has caused tears in this life will one day be banished forever.
- ✓ We must continue striving to overcome sin as a sign of our heavenly citizenship.
- ✓ We must witness for Christ is all we do to turn sinners from their fate of eternal punishment to eternal life in Christ.



*Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21*

1. What was the name of the holy city John saw (21:2)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where will the unbelieving, the abominable, murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, and idolater be placed (21:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many gates did John see on the new, holy Jerusalem (21:12)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What names were inscribed on the gates (21:12)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many foundations did John see (21:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What names were inscribed on the foundations (21:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was used to measure the city, its gates, and its walls (21:15)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The street of the city was pure gold and transparent like (21:21)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. The city had no need for the sun because (21:23)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who will be in the city (21:24)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Study Questions

1. Read Isaiah 65:17-18.
  - ❖ What key to the prophetic significance of Revelation 21 do you find in these verses?
2. Read ☐ Leviticus 26:11-12, ☐ Ezekiel 37:27 ☐ Ezekiel 48:35.
  - ❖ What is promised in each?
  - ❖ How is Revelation 21:3 the fulfillment of these Old Testament prophecy promises?
  - ❖ Why is this promise so important?
3. Consider the New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem.
  - ❖ How does believing in a literal Heaven impact the way you live your life now?
  - ❖ Why do you think that Christians do not talk or sing about Heaven very much today?
4. Consider in Revelation 21:2, the New Jerusalem is described as a “prepared bride adorned for her husband”.
  - ❖ Who is the husband?
  - ❖ Now read verses 11-14. What imagery do you think of when you read this description of the New Jerusalem?
5. Consider what is missing in Heaven.
  - ❖ What is missing?
  - ❖ Why are these things not needed?
6. Consider your time in Heaven.
  - ❖ Who are the top ten people you want to meet and talk to?
  - ❖ Why these ten?