

REVELATION 21 - LESSON 29

REVELATION 21:9 - 22:1-2

We are in the portion dealing with the New Heaven and New Earth.

Bible says it will be a time that present Heaven and Earth will in fact pass away and be replaced.

God wants a complete NEW beginning, so we can spend eternity with Him.

In this chapter we're going to see "New Jerusalem", a city that comes out of Heaven and onto Earth.

John is not the only one to write about this, so does Isaiah.

Isaiah 65:17-19

Peter also saw this - II Peter 3:10-13

The New Jerusalem

- 1) Vs 3 - God will be present
- 2) Vs 4 - All death and pain, sorrow banished
No one likes any of that . . .
- 3) Vs 5 - All things will be new
- 4) VS 7 - Believers will be present
- 5) Vs 8, 27 - Unbelievers will be absent.

God wants to walk and talk and fellowship with us and we will see that we will actually see His face.

6) Vs 11, 23 - No sun or moon will be present, the Light will be God's glory.

7) Vs 12, 17, 21 - Wall will be high and wide with 12 gates of pearls.

8) Vs 14 - Foundation is deep with 12 layers
12 Apostles names etched on the 12 layers

3 Points of this City:

9) - Vs 16 - The city will be large.
Describes it as a square.

Breadth, height, length are equal. So even though it's laid out like a square, it's actually describing a cube.

12,000 - furlongs - NIV and ESV, it's 12,000 stadia. It turns out to be about 1500 miles in every direction.

Basically it's the size of the moon! Not a sphere but a cube size of the moon.

Henry Morris founder of "Institute for Christian Research".

He says past, present, and in near future there have or will be 100 billion people come and gone.

If you were to consider 20% come to faith that would be 20 billion people.

Also, if you had 1500 x 1500 square miles, 2,250,000. One story

every mile you would have almost 4 billion square miles.

10) Vs 18 - 21 - City will be beautiful with every precious stone.

Vs 18 - Walls Jasper - City made of gold. "Like Clear Glass".

It's the idea that God's glory is going to shine through every wall every street.

There are 12 foundations to the walls and each foundation has a different color. We also know that the 12 foundations have the names of the Apostles etched in them.

There are 12 gems and colors here given.

1. Jasper - walls made of jasper (Vs 19)

Multi colored gem in the mineral class of quartz, usually reddish from iron oxide.

2. Sapphire - clear deep blue
3. Chalcedony - greenish stone with few stripes of other colors.
4. Emerald - bright green
5. Sardonyx - reddish white onyx similar to color of healthy fingernails.
6. Sardius - fiery red stone
7. Chrysolite - light green

8. Beryl - sea green emerald
9. Topaz - transparent greenish yellow stone
10. Chrysoprase - yellowish pale green similar to aquamarine
11. Jacinth - violet colored gem
12. Amethyst - purple colored stone

Now we have 3 primary colors on the color wheel to which all of the other colors are derived.

(Thought) what if there was one more primary color?

What kind of color the human eyes can actually see?

Just based on red, yellow and blue, there are 1000 shades of light. Within those 1000, the eye can detect 100 levels of red/green shades and we can also see 100 levels of red/blue shades.

So it works out that when you take $1000 \times 100 \times 100 =$ humans can see 10,000,000 different shades of color.

If there was just 1 more primary color, there would be millions more colors that we can't even imagine.

11) City will have no temple (21:22)

There is no temple because God moves among us now.

Vs 22:4 - They shall see his face.

There is coming a day when we will be in His presence and see the face of God.

Also, there is no temple because no more sacrifice is needed.

No central place of worship cause worship is constant.

We won't go to a place to worship, we will be constantly in His presence.

Vs 24 - "Nations" can be translated "Gentiles" and it's letting us know that Gentile believers are welcomed as well.

Vs 25- "No night there".

We have night here because we have an earth that rotates on it's axis.

And no need for sleep because we will have a glorified body that needs no sleep.

Interesting, we will see in the next chapter there will be food but not for substance but for enjoyment.

Vs 27 - The only ones there are those that have professed faith in Christ and trusted Him.

Ch 22:1-5

Here we are introduced to the “Water of Life”, it’s not mentioned anywhere outside book of Revelation and mentioned 3 times in Revelation:

21:6

22:1

22:17

Also we are introduced to the Tree of Life in vs 2.

Tree of Life is also mentioned 3 times in the book of Revelation.

Rev 2:7 -Church of Ephesus says “those that overcome will eat of Tree of Life”.

It's also mentioned in 22:2 and 22:14.

Outside of Revelation the tree of life is mentioned 3 other times.

1 - Gen 2:9 - Tree of Life and Tree Knowledge of Good and evil.

What's interesting is that after man fell (3:22-24).

What does all that mean?

After they sinned and disobeyed God when God kicked them out of Garden it was for their own good.

Why? Because if they would have eaten of Tree of Life, it would have sealed their eternal separation from God.

And God wanted a plan of reconciliation to bring man back into fellowship with him.

Tree of Life mentioned 1 time in Ch 2 and 2 times in Ch 3.

So it's there and all the redeemed saints will eat because our eternal state is already sealed in Jesus, and so you can eat of the Tree of Life.

