

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 21 PT. 2: The New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:10-27 (NASB) – “¹⁰ And he carried me away in *the* Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very valuable stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper. ¹² It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on *the gates*, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³ *There were* three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were the* twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length, width, and height are equal. ¹⁷ And he measured its wall, 144 cubits, *by* human measurements, which are *also* angelic measurements. ¹⁸ The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundation stones of the city wall were decorated with every kind of precious stone.

The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprased; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; ²⁶ and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; ²⁷ and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

Review:

We pick up part 2 of Revelation 21, right after John again encounters one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls and poured out one of the bowls of the last seven plagues.



- We already stated that this angel must carry a higher status or ranking because he is allowed to do multiple things.
- He now comes to John and states in **Verse 9**, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

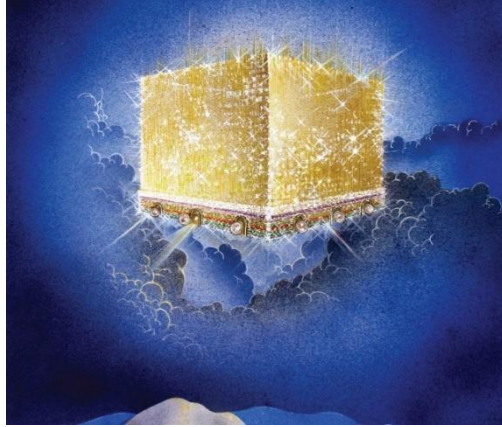
The New Jerusalem

Verses 10-11

Note: John states the Angel carries him away in the Spirit.

Spirit-(Greek)-*pnuema*-the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son. a life-giving spirit, a human soul that has left the body.

Understanding: The city’s layout is a square. This is because there is no competition for attention in the New Jerusalem, even down to the dimensions of the city. All things are equal: “perfectly perfect”.

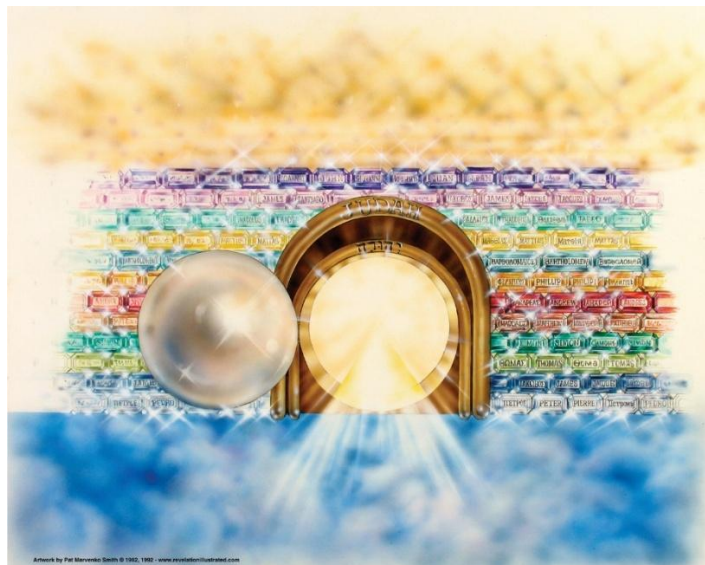


- The Angel carried John away to a great high mountain.
- The Angel showed John “that great city”.
- The Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from G-d.
- The city had the glory of G-d.
- The light of the city was like a stone most precious like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Note: Theologians believe this light would have been referring to a diamond whereas in biblical times there were no precious jaspers stones that were crystal clear. But we must remember, this is the New Jerusalem. We really can’t imagine what this color could be. (Ex.: Dreams with colors that don’t exist on earth).

Verse 12

The Gates



- The Holy City had a great and high wall.
- The Holy City had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels.
- The Holy City had names that *were* written on *the gates*, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.
- The Holy City had three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.



Understanding: This verse alone kills Replacement Theology. Each name of the gates is each of the 12 Tribes of Israel!

Question: What is Replacement Theology?

Answer: It is the belief that the Christian Church has completely replaced Israel as G-d's chosen people, meaning that the promises made to the Jewish people in the Old Testament now apply primarily to the Church, effectively rendering Israel obsolete.

Understanding: This is Apostasy! You would have to cut out most of the Bible to believe this.

Verses 13-14

The Walls



- The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones.
- On them *were the* twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
 - **Remember:** the 12 Apostles were disciples **FIRST**.

Question: Were there any Gentiles in the start of the NT Church?

Answer: No, the early church was composed of all Jewish Believers. The first Gentile convert to Christianity was Cornelius the Roman centurion, who was baptized by the Apostle Peter. This event is described in the Bible's Book of **Acts** in **Chapter 10**.

Understanding: Yeshua's 12 original disciples are forever engraved in the wall of the New Jerusalem; the Jews are the foundation of the Church.

Key: The Word of G-d gives the Gentile believers a stiff warning to avoid such arrogance. (**Read All - Romans 11**)

Romans 11:1 (NASB) – “I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”

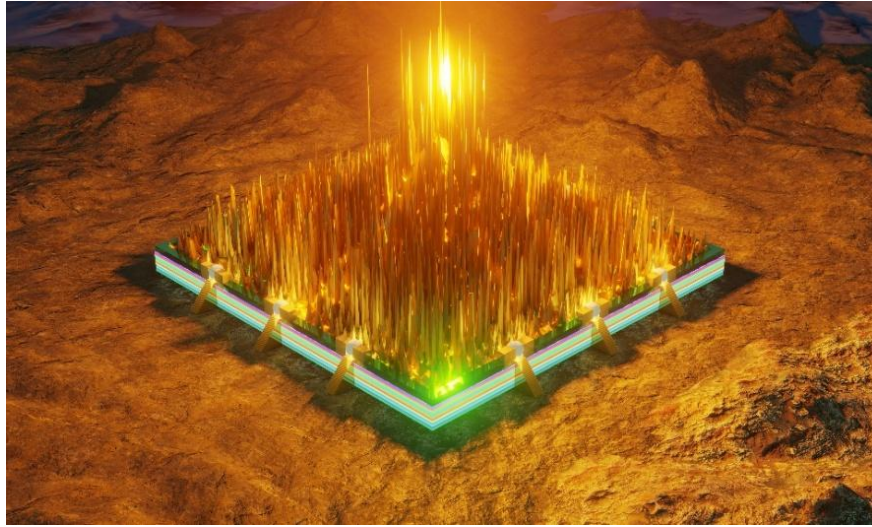
Romans 11:16-18 (NASB) – “¹⁶ If the first piece of *dough* is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are as well. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.”



Key: When you have no roots, you cannot stand on your own. The first strong wind just knocks you over. This is the state of today's church. Never forget that Gentiles **"were grafted in."** The Jews will always be honored as the 1st Covenant children.



Verses 15-16



- The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia.
- Its length, width, and height are equal. This represents the perfection of the New Jerusalem.

Verse 17

“Angelic Measurement”

Revelation 21:17 (NASB) – “And he measured its wall, 144 cubits, *by human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.*”

Note: This is a beautiful verse. It shows that even though the New Jerusalem cannot truly be comprehended by man, G-d still chooses to use a measurement that is familiar to man. **We are ALWAYS on His mind, even in eternity! (Psalm 8)**

Verse 18

Revelation 21:18 (NASB) – “The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.”



Verses 19-20

The Beauty of the Foundation



Revelation 21:19-20 (NASB) – “¹⁹ The foundation stones of the city wall were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the

sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.”

Key: G-d is stating that the Disciples are the Kingdom’s precious stones that laid the foundation for the Church.

Verse 21

Gate of Pearl

Revelation 21:21 (NASB) – “²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”



- A Pearl is formed by an irritant that enters the shell.
- Pearls are formed through pain and suffering.
- It symbolizes great value. In Biblical Times the pearl was rarer than a diamond.
- G-d’s Children are likened to a “Pearl of Great Price”. (**Matthew 13:45-46**)
- The Entrance to our eternal home, the New Jerusalem came from the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the cross. (**Isaiah 53:5**)

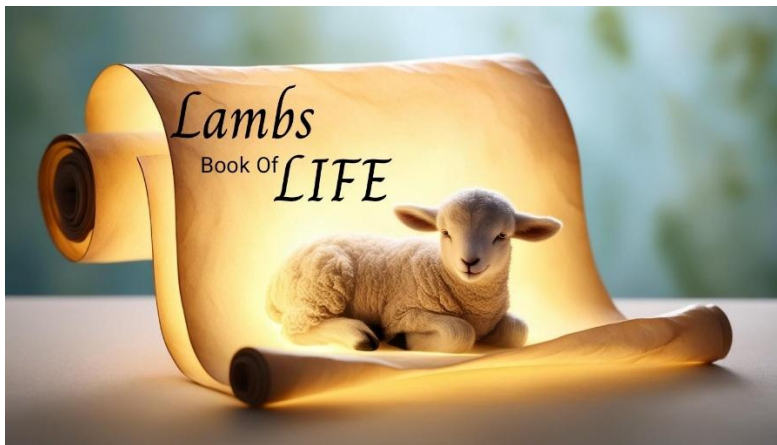
Verses 22-26



- John saw no temple in it, for the Lord G-d the Almighty and the Lamb **are** its temple.
- No need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of G-d has illuminated it, and its lamp **is** the Lamb.
- Nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
- In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed.
- They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Verse 27

Revelation 21:27 (NASB) – “and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but **only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.**”



Be sure you can say your name is written in it...

TODAY!

The End