

The Age of Eternity  
“Finally In Heaven, Still on Earth”

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# New Heaven and New Earth

New heaven... new earth: The ancient Greek word translated new here (kainos) means “new in character, ‘fresh’.” It doesn’t mean “recent” or “new in time.” This isn’t just the next heaven and the next earth; this is the better heaven and better earth replacing the old (the first earth had passed away).

# No More Sea

No more sea: To the Jewish mind, the sea was a place of separation and evil. Already in the Book of Revelation it is shown to be the source of the Satanic beast (Revelation 13:1) and the place of the dead (Revelation 20:13).

In other passages of Scripture, the sea is associated with the heathen (Isaiah 57:20) and in a more general sense, with the opponents of the Lord that must be conquered (Psalm 89:9).

# New Jerusalem

(2-4) The New Jerusalem descends from heaven.

- Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

The New Jerusalem, which is also called the Tabernacle of God, the Holy City, the City of God, the Celestial City, the City Foursquare, and Heavenly Jerusalem, is literally heaven on earth.

Galatians 4:26

Hebrews 11:10; 12:22–24; and  
13:14,

The new heaven and new earth are what some call the “eternal state” and will be “where righteousness dwells”

2 Peter 3:13

This is the city that Abraham looked for in faith

Hebrews 11:10

It is the place where God will dwell with His people forever

Revelation 21:3

Inhabitants of this celestial city will have all tears wiped away

Revelation 21:4

# New Everything

(5) All things new.

- 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.”

Keep Writing John!!! **“Write!!!!** for these words are true and faithful.”



# Facts about the New Heaven and The New Earth

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>REFERENCES</b>	<b>O.T. PROPECHIES</b>
God will dwell with us	Revelation 7:15; 21:3	Isaiah 12:6; Eze. 43:7
We shall be His people	21:3,7	Jer. 31:33; Zech. 13:9
He will be our God	21:3	Eze.37:27; Zech.8:8
God will wipe away our tears	7:17; 21:4	Is. 25:8; 35:10
There will be no more death	20:14; 21:4	Is. 25:8; Hos. 13:14
There will be no more mourning	21:4	Isa. 35:10; Jer. 31:13
There will be no more weeping	21:4	Isaiah 30:19; 65:18-19
There will be no more night	18:23; 21:23,25; 22:5	60:19-20; Zech. 2:5
There will be no more curse	22:3	Ezek. 37:26; Zech. 14:11

# The Final Announcement

(6-8) The invitation and a warning.

- And 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. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

# John takes a tour

(9-10) “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

# THE NEW JERUSALEM REVELATION 21-22

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## SIGNIFICANCE

- A great, high wall (2200 km in all directions and 65m thick) = there will be an impenetrable barrier between believers and unbelievers [see 21:27]
- Made of pure gold and the walls of pure jasper
- A perfect square, like Ezekiel's vision of God's city [Ezekiel 48:30-35]
- A perfect cube like the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle and the temple, representing the presence of God [Exodus 26; 1Kings 6:20]
- As big as the known world of the first century, i.e. from Palestine to Spain

- 12 gates with the names of the tribes of Israel representing the old covenant people of God
- Fulfilment of Ezekiel's vision [see Ezekiel 48:30-35]

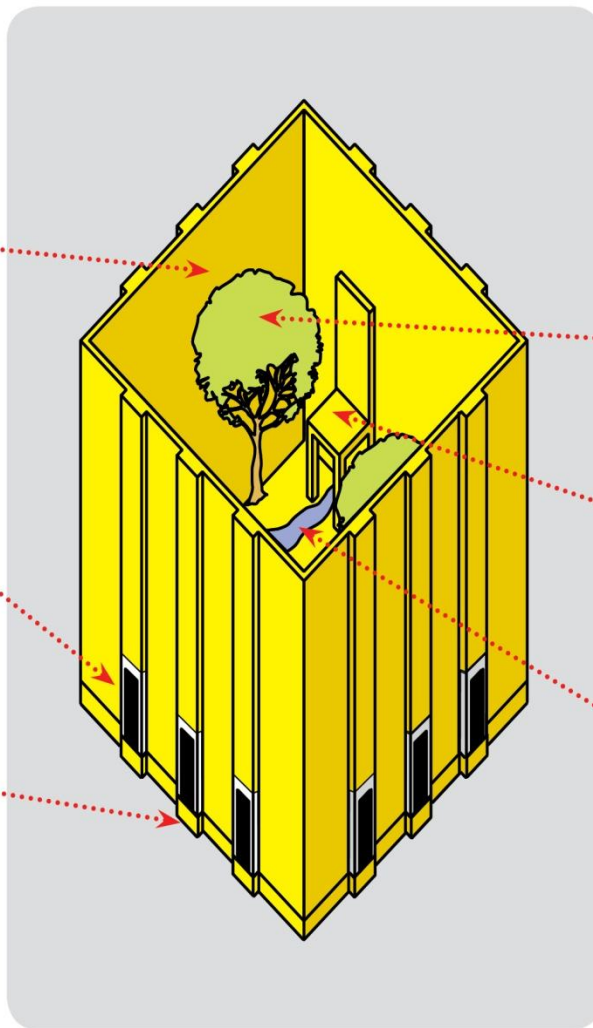
- 12 foundations with the names of the apostles representing the new covenant people of God
- Foundations made of 12 precious stones like the breastplate of the high priest [Exodus 28:17-20]
- Fulfilment of Isaiah's vision of Zion, with walls, foundations and battlements made of precious stones [see Isaiah 54:11-12]

## SYMBOL

**WALLS**  
21:12-18

**GATES**  
21:12-13, 21, 25-27

**FOUNDATIONS**  
21:14, 19-20



## SYMBOL

**TEMPLE**  
21:22

**LIGHT**  
21:23-24; 22:5

**TREE**  
22:2

**THRONE**  
22:3-4

**RIVER**  
22:1-2

**CURSE**  
22:3

## SIGNIFICANCE

- God and Jesus meet face-to-face with their people
- There is no need for a temple

- No need for the sun or the moon for the glory of God gives the city light and the Lamb is its lamp
- Light = glory and life - the nations will be drawn toward it [see Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20, John 1:4, 9; 8:12; 12:35, 46]

- The tree of life stands on either side of the river representing eternal life for believers [see Genesis 3:22, Ezekiel 47:12]

- The throne of God / the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve them
- God's people will now see his face and live, be marked as his chosen people and will reign over the new creation with Christ [see Daniel 7:27; Matthew 5:8; Revelation 7:3; 20:4]

- The river of life flows from the throne down the middle of the city, representing the gift of eternal life [see Genesis 2:10; Psalm 36:8; Psalm 46:4; John 4:10; Ezekiel 47:12, Zechariah 14:8]

- No longer will there be any curse in the city from the fall [see Genesis 3]

# The city's walls, gates, and foundation

(11-14) “Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

# The city's dimensions

- (15-17) “And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.”

# The city's beauty

(18-21) “The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”

# Twelve Jeweled Foundations New Jerusalem

Amethyst MATTHEW JAMES ZEBEDEE ANDREW Chalcedony

PAUL Diamond Hyacinth Chrysoprasus JAMES ALPHEUS

**TWELVE APOSTLES**  
Revelation 21:14, 19-20

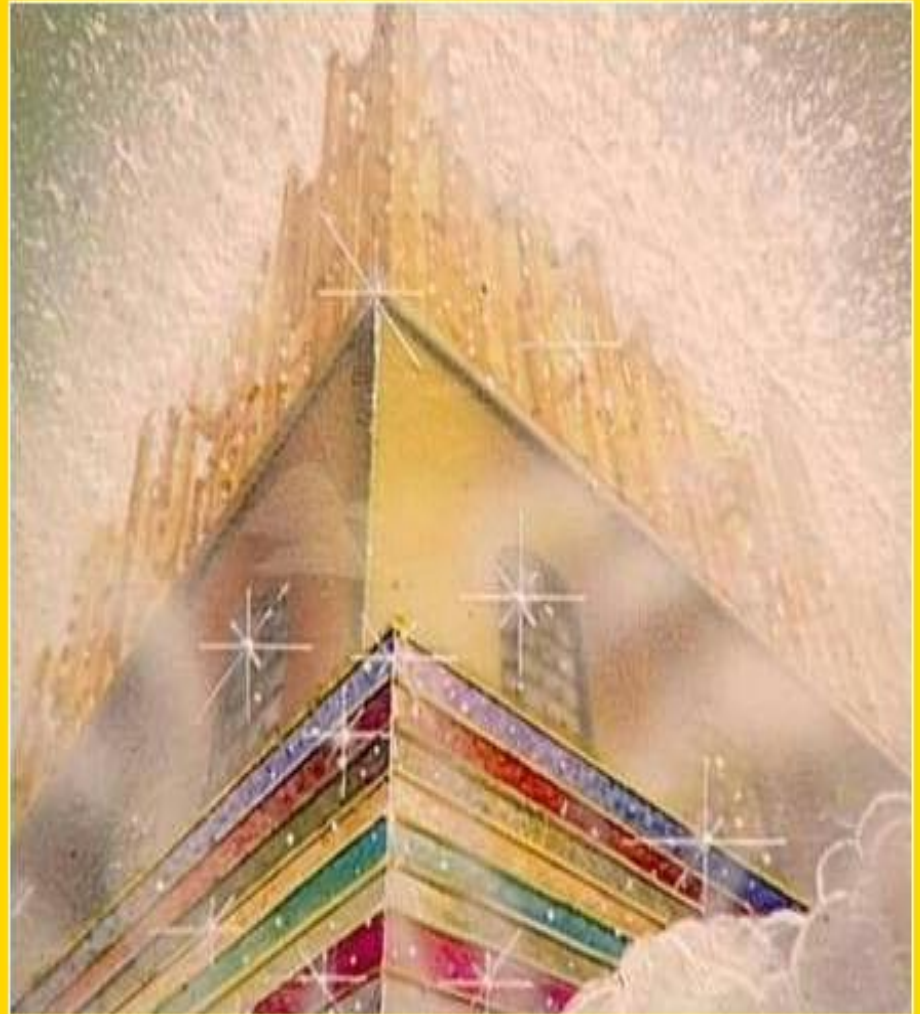
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# Foundation of Precious Stones



# Where is the temple?

(22-23) “But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”

# Access Denied

(24-27) “And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”**

# Let's Go In

- 22: 1-5 “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. **And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be **no more night.** They will **not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever”**

# Why Healing?

The “healing” is a reference to the perpetual blessing of the new heaven and earth; never again will the world be plagued by physical disorders or spiritual ills or corruption. There will be no more warfare, no strife, no conflicting factions. God will heal all that ails His creation, and there will be no more curse

- Among all the trees in the Garden of Eden, God identified two special trees: of life, and of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:9)
- God allowed Adam to eat from all the trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, warning him that death would result. (Genesis 2:16-17)

- After Adam disobeyed God's command regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God forbade Adam to eat from the tree of life lest he live forever in that state; therefore God guards the tree. (Genesis 3:22b-24)
- Those in the new heavens and the new earth will enjoy the fruit of the tree of life for all of eternity. (Revelation 22:14)