

THE ETERNAL CITY
(Revelation 21:9 – 22:7)

I. The New Jerusalem, a LITERAL City

A. The INHABITANTS of the city

1. God: the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT (John 14:2; Rev. 21:10-11)
2. The CHURCH as the BRIDE of CHRIST (John 14:3; Heb. 12:22-23; Rev. 21:9-10)
3. The REDEEMED of ISRAEL (Heb. 11:10)
4. The REDEEMED of ALL AGES (Heb 12:22-23)
5. The UNFALLEN ANGELS (Heb. 12:22-23)

B. The MEANS of entrance into this city

1. RESURRECTION
 - a. Those redeemed since Christ's ASCENSION, at the end of the CHURCH AGE
 - b. The Old Testament saints and the Tribulation martyrs, at the end of the TRIBULATION
 - c. Any Millennium saints who DIED during that era
2. RAPTURE
 - a. Those living at the end of this PRESENT age when Christ comes for the CHURCH

b. The saints of the MILLENNIUM still living at its CONCLUSION

II. LIFE in the Eternal City

- A. A life of FELLOWSHIP with GOD (John 14:3; 1 Cor. 13:12a; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 22:4)
- B. A life of REST (Rev. 14:13)
- C. A life of KNOWLEDGE (1 Cor. 13:12b)
- D. A life of HOLINESS (Rev. 21:27)
- E. A life of JOY (Rev. 21:4)
- F. A life of SERVICE (Rev 22:3)
- G. A life of ABUNDANCE (Rev. 21:6)
- H. A life of GLORY (2 Cor. 4:17; Col. 3:4)
- I. A life of WORSHIP (Rev. 19:1; 7:9-12)

“There is the danger that the redeemed one will become so occupied with the anticipation of his own experience of glory that the supreme glorification of the godhead is lost. Our occupation in the eternal state will not be with our position or glory, but with God Himself” (Pentecost, *Things to Come*, p. 582).

The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear bridegroom’s face;

I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of Grace—

Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand:--

The Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel’s land.

(Anne Ross Cousins, “Immanuel’s Land” [1865], stanza 17 of 19)