

THE NEW JERUSALEM, Part 1
(Rev. 21:9-17)

I. The STATUS of the City (Rev. 21:9-11)

A. Introduced by an ANGEL

1. Had POURED OUT God's WRATH (Rev. 16)
2. Now PRESENTS Christ's WIFE

B. Seen by JOHN

1. Descending out of HEAVEN from God
2. Having the GLORY of God
3. Glittering like a BRILLIANT DIAMOND

II. The SECURITY of the City (Rev. 21:12-14)

A. Surrounded by a WALL, "GREAT and HIGH"

B. Entered through TWELVE GATES

1. THREE on each SIDE
2. Each TENDED by an ANGEL
3. Each NAMED for a TRIBE of ISRAEL

- C. Built on TWELVE FOUNDATIONS, inscribed with the names of the APOSTLES (cf. Eph. 2:19-20)

III. The SIZE of the City (Rev. 21:15-17)

A. Its SHAPE

1. It may be FLAT/SQUARE
2. It may be a PYRAMID
3. It may be a SPHERE
4. It seems to be a CUBE

B. Its DIMENSIONS

1. Each side at least 1400 MILES
2. Each level (?) about 1.25 BILLION ACRES
3. If levels are each TEN MILES high, there would be 140 levels
 - a. Room for AIR TRAVEL through each
 - b. Total surface area 1.5 times that of ENTIRE EARTH

C. Its WALL

1. MASSIVE by human standards
2. DWARFED by the city's size
3. Emphasis on ORNAMENTATION