

THE NEW JERUSALEM, Part 2
(Rev. 21:18-27)

- 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—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
 - C. Its WALL
 - 1. MASSIVE by human standards
 - 2. DWARFED by the city's size
 - 3. Emphasis on ORNAMENTATION

IV. The SPENDOR of the City (Rev. 21:18-27)

A. Some details

1. The WALL looks like DIAMOND
2. The CITY made of PURE GOLD, like GLASS
3. The FOUNDATIONS garnished with GEM STONES
 - a. Jasper, a CLEAR crystal, possibly DIAMOND
 - b. Sapphire, BLUE stone with flecks of GOLD
 - c. Chalcedony, SKY BLUE stone striped with other colors
 - d. Emerald, bright GREEN crystal
 - e. Sardonyx, WHITE stone with layers of RED
 - f. Sardius, FIERY RED stone
 - g. Chrysolite, GOLDEN-YELLOW crystal
 - h. Beryl, SEA GREEN stone
 - i. Topaz, GOLDEN-GREEN crystal
 - j. Chrysoprase, BLUE-GREEN stone
 - k. Jacinth, VIOLET stone
 - l. Amethyst, flashing PURPLE crystal
4. The GATES, each a single PEARL
5. The STREET, of TRANSPARENT GOLD

B. Some distinctives

1. No TEMPLE
2. No LIGHT SOURCE
3. No RIVALS
4. No SIN
5. All of the REDEEMED (John 6:37-40; 10:27-29)