

Revelation 21

I. New Heaven And New Earth.

1. God will create.
 - A. 2Peter 3:12-13 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
 - B. Psalm 102:25-26 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.
 - C. Isaiah 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
 - D. Isaiah 66:22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.
2. Not corrupted by man.

II. New Jerusalem.

1. This is the city the righteous have been waiting for.
 - A. Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.
 - B. It is the dwelling place of the bride.
 1. I go away to prepare a place for you.
2. God will dwell there with us.
 - A. We shall be His people (inheritance).
 1. Israel is His inheritance.
 - a. 1 Kings 8:53 For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God."
 - b. Psalm 78:71 (God sent David) ... To shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.
Psalm 94:14 For the Lord will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

2. The Church is His inheritance
 - a. Ephes. 1:18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know...what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
3. God's Goodness to His people.
 - A. God will be close enough to wipe away every tear.
 1. Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death forever, the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.
 - B. Ephes. 2:7 in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
4. The former way of life as we know it today will passed away.
 - A. We have a taste of it now on a personal level!
 1. 2Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
5. The invitation to come.
 - A. God is more than willing to receive all that are willing to come.
 1. Believers will inherit the eternal kingdom
 2. and eternal fellowship with God.
 - a. I will be his God and he will be My son.
 - B. What will happen to those who refuse?
 1. The unbelievers are cowards.
 - a. They try and make us feel stupid for being believers.
 - b. There is enough evidence for anyone to believe the Bible!

III. New Jerusalem Described.

1. The City
 - A. The city has the glory of God.
 - B. Transparent
2. The Gates.
 - A. They have the names of the twelve tribes of children of Israel.
3. The measurements of the city.
 - A. 1500 miles square

- B. Mt. Everest, on the Nepal-Tibet border in the Himalayas, is the highest mountain on earth. It is about 29,028 feet; above sea level. height was confirmed in December 1983 during a surveillance mission by the space shuttle Columbia.
- C. "Hawaii's Mauna Kea, though, rises an astonishing 33,476 feet from the depths of the Pacific Ocean floor. Measuring from base to peak, Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain on earth

4. The Wall.

A. Twelve foundations.

1. Names of the twelve apostles.

- a. Eph. 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone
- b. 1 Cor. 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it.

B. If there is any Biblical reference point for the variety of gems, it is probably the High Priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:15-21)

1. Jasper: various colors.

- a. An opaque cryptocrystalline variety of quartz that may be red, yellow, or brown.

2. Sapphire: usually blue but may be any color except red.

3. Chalcedony: blue , or green

4. Emerald: green

5. Sardonyx: combining the sard and the onyx, having three layers of opaque spots or stripes on a transparent red basis.

6. Sardius: a deep orange-red

7. Chrysolite: yellow-green.

8. Beryl: gold-coloured gem (white green blue yellow or pink)

9. Topaz: a golden yellow or green.

10.Chrysoprase: An apple-green

11.Jacinth: reddish blue or deep purple.

12.Amethyst: pale-blue crystallized quartz, varying to a dark purple blue.

5. The Lord is the temple.

A. The temple in the OT was the place were

- 1. The presence of God dwelt
- 2. The people came to worship God.

6. The Lord is the Light.

A. In the Temple was the lampstand.

- 1. John 8:12 I am the light of the world