

**Three Angel's Message Series**  
**Lesson 15: The Holy City, New Jerusalem! Part 1**  
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**After Satan, his demons, and the wicked are destroyed and the earth is purified by fire,- what does John see next in vision?**

**Revelation 21:1**

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

After the world is cleansed by hellfire, the righteous saved will see Jesus create a new heaven and new earth! The new heaven here is speaking about the sky. I can image that the new heaven will have some of the most spectacular views.

We will see Jesus create a new heaven and new earth. This will be one of the most amazing things that we will be privileged to see.

**Isaiah 65:17**

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**Isaiah 66:22**

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

A new heaven and a new earth is what God's faithful are looking forward to. This is a prophetic promised of Jesus Christ that will be fulfilled.

**2 Peter 3:13**

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

**Besides a new heaven and new earth, what else new did John see in vision?**

**Revelation 21:2**

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**What does God say about the new Jerusalem in Isaiah? Go back to Isaiah ch. 65**

**Isaiah 65:18**

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

The old corrupted earthly Jerusalem will be passed away. Jesus will make a whole new Jerusalem!

Jerusalem (Hebrew) = "teaching of peace" - BDB Definitions

The new Jerusalem will be a city of peace throughout the ceaseless age of eternity!

The new Jerusalem is the holy city of Heaven that will be established on this new earth. It will be the new capital of the entire universe.

**What does John hear next in vision from Jesus in Revelation 21:3 concerning the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem?**

**Revelation 21:3-4**

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Tabernacle (Greek) is skēnē = habitation or dwelling place**

**What and where is Jesus building for us now?**

**John 14:2, 3**

2 In my Father's house (heavenly tabernacle) are many mansions (Greek- residence): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Jesus has made a place for you IN the Father's house!

**As we dwell with God Revelation 21:4 says, God will wipe away all tears. There will be no more death, sorrow, nor crying or pain.**

**What does the prophet Isaiah say about this?**

**Isaiah 30:19**

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

**Isaiah 65:18-19**

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the **voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.**

**What does John hear Jesus say next in vision?**

**Revelation 21:5-6**

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

6 And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

It is done! The creation of the new heavens and new earth and the heavenly city of Jerusalem being established here will be the final phase of the everlasting covenant completely fulfilled!

All who thirsted after truth were filled by Jesus, the water of life. Jesus freely offers this to ALL people NOW!

### John 7:37

37 ...**If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

### John 4:14

14 **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

### Who will make it to live in the new Jerusalem and who will NOT? What does Jesus say?

#### Revelation 21:7-8

7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers [Gk: pharmakeia = poisonous druggist], and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

#### Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft [Gk: pharmakeia = poisonous druggist], hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

### What did the angel show John in vision concerning the new Jerusalem?

#### Revelation 21:9-11

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to **a great and high mountain**, and shewed me that **great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

In order to see the size and scope of the great city holy Jerusalem, notice John was taken to a great and high mountain.

### At the end of 1000 years just before the last battle (Gog and Magog)....

“Christ descends upon the Mount of Olives, whence, after His resurrection, He ascended, and where angels repeated the promise of His return. Says the prophet: ‘The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.’ ‘And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof, . . . and there shall be a very great valley.’ ‘And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.’ **Zechariah 14:5, 4, 9.** As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City. - Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 662.

## **What is the description of the new Jerusalem?**

### **Revelation 21:12-14**

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

### **Descriptions of new Jerusalem**

- Great high wall
- 12 gates
- 1 angel at the entrance of each gate
- Names of the 12 tribes of Israel at each gate
- 3 gates on each side of the city
- 12 foundations (Wall of the city) each one had the a name of the 12 apostles

The wall of the city is a great wall. Based on engineering, the larger and higher the wall the greater and wider the foundations must be. It is obvious that the twelve foundations of the wall reveal that the wall be extremely tall and wide.

**Jesus is the main foundation of His church. Jesus is the rock.**

### **Matthew 16:18**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art **Peter (Gk: Petros = piece of rock)**, and upon this rock (Gk: Petra =mass of rock) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The 12 foundations of the wall will stand as a monument - Jesus taught and used the 12 apostles to build His New Testament church.

The walls of new Jerusalem stand as a monument to the church of Jesus Christ which was able to build on the foundations of the ministries of the twelve apostles.

### **Ephesians 2:19-20**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

The names of the twelve tribes of Israel at each gate of the city stand as a monument to the ministry of the 144,000 worldwide apostles at the end of time that give the final warning to the world to “get out of Babylon.”

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