

**- Order of Service -**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcoming Prayer**

- *God the Uncreated One*
- *282, Wonderful grace of Jesus*
- ***Catechism of the Kingdom to come***
- *Hymn of the Savior*
- *414, Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*

**Q & A**

**Announcements and Prayer requests**

**Greeting**

**Message in the Word -**

***The New Jerusalem, our home, an introduction***

***What will it be like for us? Part 4***

***Hebrews 11:8-16, Revelation 21***

*Holy, Holy, Holy- v1*

***Sending prayer***

**You may notice we don't pass an offering plate**

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -**

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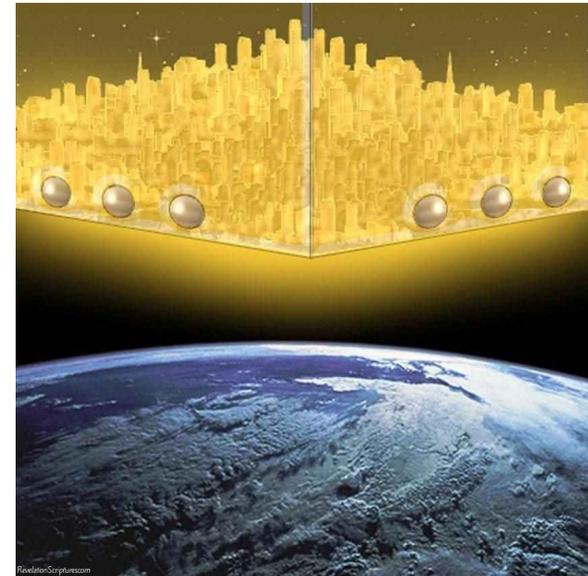
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**Teaching -**

***Eric Peterman***

***The New Jerusalem, our home, an introduction***

***What will it be like for us? Part 4***

***Hebrews 11:8-16, Revelation 21***

**- May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -**

## *The New Jerusalem, our home, an introduction*

### *What will it be like for us? Part 4*

#### *Hebrews 11:8-16, Revelation 21*

*When we think of a person coming in faith to God for salvation in His Son, Jesus, we can't help but connect that to the Holy Spirit's regeneration. The Spirit's work is not to come tidy up and patch up a tired old Adamic life, but a complete renewal and impartation of a new divine life in the heart where death and corruption had crept in. Titus 3:5 speaks of this as the "washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit". 2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature (creation); the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." Jesus applies this same "old things gone, all things new" principle of "regeneration" to the earth and heavens in Matt 19:28. And this is just where we land in our text this morning in Revelation 21. See v1 to start.*

**Revelation 21 begins with an ending!** V1 and v4 make the startling foundational design claim for the New Heavens and the New Earth... that this present earth and its systems and the heavens must be and will be, finished, kaput, wiped clean, "passed away" like a mist in the wind! What follows is, like a born again person, the regeneration of a whole New Earth and Heavens, a New Creation!

V5, God sitting on His eternal throne issues a command and a wonderful invitation to all present: "**Behold!**" *Look at the brand new heavens and earth! Take it in! Absorb this massive and beautiful reality! Be transfixed!*

V6a, "**It is done**" The entirety of past history of earth in the first Adam, and God's judgments of the Tribulation (16:17), and this present earth's culmination in the 1,000 year reign of Christ, is wrapped up and brought to utter completion. And now a brand new age is come! **Of all this I AM the Alpha and the Omega.** *Everything that was, is and will yet be is comprehended within the scope of My sovereign power and will.*

V6b-7, All this is the free inheritance by God's gift, by the exertion of the power of His grace alone, to those who just believe and trust in the Son, who are regenerated. They overcome/are victors in Christ!

V7b-8, Place of those still identified with their sin. *See v27, 22:14-15.* We sometimes sin, but unbelievers *are identified* with their sins!

### **The New Jerusalem, our city, our eternal home! A quick tour.**

V9, it is fitting that the powerful angel that had held in his power the final destructive plagues of God's enemies in the Tribulation should be the one to introduce the beautiful New Jerusalem! She is described as *the bride, the wife of the Lamb. So intimate!*

V10-14, The New Jerusalem comes down from heaven to touch the earth and connect it to heaven, prepared and build by God especially for us and Him to live in fellowship!

Its material itself exudes the glory and light of God Himself!

It has twelve angels as honor guards.

It has twelve entrances, 3 on each side of the compass, marked to include and honor Israel.

It has twelve foundation stones, marked to include and honor the twelve apostles, representing us, the church.

V15-21, The size and nature of the city and its construction.

It is either a cube or a pyramid in shape. Each side is 1,500 miles! If it is a cube, it would contain 3.75 billion cubic miles of space! Say there were 20 billion believers living there, each person would still have to themselves 1/6 of a mile of cubic space! Of course, it won't be empty space, but filled with the best of God's new creation and life, and that does not include the earth itself!

V22-27, The intimate dwelling of God will be with us, and so no need for a temple. We will all exude the light of God just as the city materials themselves will! Alive with and exuding the very light of God! There will never be a closed gate, and there will be no sun or moon because God and the Lamb will light everything! The citizenship of that place is by God's grace. When one believes on Christ for their salvation, their name is written in the Lamb's book of Life. *Praise God for His love, grace and favor!* The unregenerate have no citizenship there.

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