

The New Heaven and the
New Earth
Revelation 21
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The New Order of Life

1. A new heaven and a new earth
2. The new Jerusalem comes down from heaven
3. God Himself will dwell with His creation
4. No more death or mourning or crying or pain - the old order of life has passed away
5. God is everything - the alpha and omega

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The New Jerusalem vs 9-21

1. The new Jerusalem
 - ▶ This could be the same angel of 17:1
 - ▶ There is a purposeful contrast between God's people and satan's people

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2. The Holy City, Jerusalem
 - ▶ See also Ez 40 - 43

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3. The glory of God
 - ▶ As a very precious jewel
 - ▶ See Isa 60:17-21

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The New Jerusalem vs 9-21

4. The walls and gates
 - ▶ The city is surrounded by walls and has 12 gates
 - ▶ Each gate is guarded by an angel
 - ▶ Three gates on each side of the city

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- 4. The walls and gates
 - ▶ Each gate has a name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel
 - ▶ See Ez 48:30-35

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The New Jerusalem vs 9-21

- 4. The walls and gates
 - ▶ Only those whose names are written on the Book of Life can enter - 21:27
 - ▶ The walls have 12 foundations
 - ▶ Each foundation has a name of one of the 12 apostles on it

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- 5. The Measurements
 - ▶ The angel had a measuring rod of gold
 - ▶ See Ez 40-41

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5. The Measurements

- ▶ The city is laid out in a square, maybe even a cube
- ▶ NOTE! The cube shape reminds us of the Holy of Holies in the temple which was a perfect cube. See 1 Kings 6:19ff ; Ez 40 - 41

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5. The Measurements

- ▶ The symbolism is that the whole city is the Holy of Holies
- ▶ It is the perfect place or the place of perfection
- ▶ It is the Shekinah of God

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5. The Measurements

- ▶ Further measures of perfection are:
- ▶ The length, height and width are 12,000 stadia
- ▶ The thickness of the walls are 144 cubits

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- 6. The Materials
 - ▶ The walls are made of Jasper - clear as crystal
 - ▶ The city is made of pure gold - pure as glass
 - ▶ NOTE! There is a transparency or translucency about the city

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- 6. The Materials
 - ▶ The foundations of the wall are decorated with precious stones of all types and beauty
 - ▶ NOTE! The idea of the “city of the gods”

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- 6. The Materials
 - ▶ Each gate is made from a single pearl!
 - ▶ The pearl was the most valued stone in the ancient world
 - ▶ Hence, merchants would seek the pearl of great price - Matt 13:45-46

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6. The Materials

- ▶ The Great street is made of pure gold - as pure as transparent glass
- ▶ NOTE! There is a dazzling, shining, brilliance about the city of God

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The New Jerusalem vs 9-21

7. The Occupants

- ▶ God Himself will dwell there. There will be no need for a representation of Him, He will be there physically
- ▶ God will be the light source
- ▶ There will never be any darkness!

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The New Jerusalem vs 9-21

7. The Occupants

- ▶ Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life will be live there
- ▶ The glory of the nations will be experienced
- ▶ Nothing impure nor anything shameful or deceitful will mar the city of God

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Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ The New Jerusalem will be a place a dazzling brilliance that only the righteous can view and enjoy
- ▶ God's Shekinah glory will be seen and shared by the redeemed of humanity
- ▶ His shekinah will be reflected in every aspect of the new heaven and earth!
- ▶ Including us!
