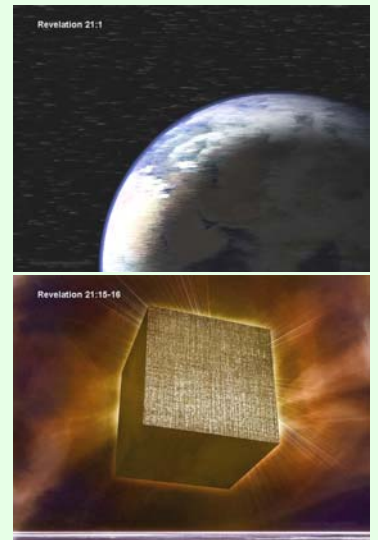


Revelation 21

New Heaven, New Earth,
Bride of Christ, new City

- **“New heaven and new earth”** - old passed away, no more sea.
- John sees **“holy city New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”**
- Voice announces that God’s **dwelling place is with men**, they will be His people and He will be their God.
- God will wipe away every tear, no more death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain...**old things have passed away.**
- One on the throne says **“Behold, I make all things new.”** These words are true and faithful. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.” Will give water of life to all who thirst, the one who overcomes will inherit all things.
- Cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars in the **lake of fire** (2nd death)
- Angel shows John **“the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”** Sees holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven with the glory of God. Very unusual description follows.
- **“Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal”** (diamond)
- **“She”** had **great high wall** with **12 gates** and 12 angels at the gates, names of tribes of Israel written on them. 3 gates in each of 4 directions (NSEW)
- Wall has **12 foundations**, each with a name of the 12 apostles.
- Angel measures city, it is a **perfect cube**, 12,000 furlongs each direction (about 1500 miles) - would bridge NY to London, huge, about size of moon!



- Wall 144 cubits thick
- Constructed of **jasper**, city pure gold, **“like clear glass”**
- Foundations decorated with all kinds of **precious stones**: jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst (12 stones, similar to priest’s breastplate in Exodus 28)
- Each gate a **single huge pearl, street gold**, **“Like transparent glass.”** Light will penetrate every corner of this city.
- **No temple**, not needed. God and the Lamb now dwell in the midst of man (God is the temple!). God’s glory illuminates, no need of sun or moon, Lamb is the light. All the saved will walk in His light, **“kings of earth bring their glory and honor into it.”**
- Gates not shut (like regular cities at night), **no night there.**
- **Nothing that defiles will enter this city.** Only those written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.
- Remember, **we cannot really imagine this.** (1 Corinthians 2:9)

