

Revelation 21:9-27

John describes the new Jerusalem

I. John's Visit to the New Jerusalem (21:9-27): The apostle records the following facts.

A. John describes what he sees (21:9-18, 19-21, 26).

1. The city itself (21:9-11, 18b): It is filled with God's glory and shines like a precious jewel and pure gold.
2. The gates and walls (21:12-14, 18a, 21a)
 - a. The gates (21:12b-13, 21a): There are twelve gates, each made of solid pearl, guarded by twelve angels. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel are written on the gates.
 - b. The walls (21:12a, 14, 18a): The walls are made of jasper, supported by twelve foundations, on which are written the names of the twelve apostles.
3. The size and dimensions (21:15-17)
 - a. The city measures 1,400 miles long by 1,400 miles wide by 1,400 miles high (21:15-16).
 - b. The walls are two hundred feet thick (21:17).
4. The foundations (21:19-20): Each of the twelve foundations is inlaid with a different precious jewel.
5. The street (21:21b): It is made of pure gold, like transparent glass.
6. The worship (21:26): All nations bring their glory and honor to the temple.

B. John describes what he does not see (21:22-25, 27).

1. There is no Temple there (21:22).
2. There is no need of the sun (21:23-24).
3. There are no closed gates (21:25).
4. There is no impurity or evil (21:27).