

Revelation

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2. Who is the speaker?

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5. John spends the next seventeen verse describing This new heaven and new city.
- a. We must remember that John is seeing what no man's eyes have ever seen.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But as it is written: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*"

Isaiah 64:4- (NKJV)

⁴ For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

Isaiah 65:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

- b. He is seeing that which God has prepared before the foundations of this world was.

1. All who belongs to God, thirst to see what God has for us beyond our understanding.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

6. John use's that which is familiar to him to explain that which he see's.

1. He uses precious stones, Gold, and Jewels to describe God Holy City.
2. Jews are known for their love for jewels and precious stones.

7. John has used the things of this world to describe the things of that world in chapter four already.

Revelation 4:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

⁴ Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⁶ Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

hese things in chapter four to describe what he was seeing

8. John says he sees.

- a. The Newly recreated heavens
- b. The Newly recreated earth

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- c. Then he see's the new city of God coming down from heaven.

Revelation 21:2 (NKJV)

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

- 1. John being in the Spirit as

- a. Moses was in Deut. 9 : 19.

Hebrews 12:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, "*I am exceedingly afraid* and trembling.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

- b. Paul was in 11 Cor. 12 : 1 – 4

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

³ And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

- 2. All seen what man's eyes cannot explain.

- a. Mose said he was terrifying

- b. Paul said he heard spoken words that were unlawful to repeat.

9. This is the last vision given to John.

- a. There is a judgment coming
- b. But there is hope just beyond the horizon.

10. John says he sees the city in it's Glory.

Revelation 21:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

a. Having the shekinah Glory Of God.

1. God very presence shines through-out and through the city.

2. The city sparkles with the glory of God.

3. It reflects the beauty of a jasper which is a beautiful clear green.
clear as a crystal.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Psalms 19:1 (NKJV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

11. John says the city walls were great and high, and it has twelve angles standing at twelve gates.

Revelation 21:12 (NKJV)

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

a. Symbolic of the security the new city will have for it's people.

Jude 1:24-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

b. Four things are said about the gates.

1. The gates will have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel upon them.

a. Symbolizing that salvation-(or entrance into the city)- is by
the Messiah of the Jews only.

1. Both Jews and gentiles alike will have to come through the
One and only gate.

John 10:9 (NKJV)

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 4:22 (NKJV)

²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 2 : 1 - Heb. 12 : 24 – Heb. 9 : 24 - Heb. 9 : 15 – Heb. 8 : 6 - 1 Tim. 2 : 5

2. The gates are guarded by twelve angels.

Revelation 21:12 (NKJV)

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

a. This symbolizes the city is protected.

1. No person will be allowed into the city with out God approval.

2. No evil will be allowed in –(even if attempted).

3. There are three gates on each of it's four outside walls.

4. Each Gate has three names of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel written upon it.

Revelation 21:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

1. Symbolizing two things

a. that no matter which direction you come you will have to come through the same Messiah.

Romans 10:12 (NKJV)

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

Galatians 3:28- 29 (NKJV)

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

b. That all are welcome to come through faith In Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

12. John sees the city's twelve foundations.

Revelation 21:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

- a. Upon the twelve foundations are written the names of the twelve apostles.
- b. They are the twelve apostles of the lamb of God.
 - 1. It is symbolic of their testimony.
 - a. Their faithfulness unto death
 - b. Their unwillingness to be broken to deny the Lamb of God.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Hebrews 11:35-40 (NKJV)

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶ Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented--

³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

13. John describes the shape of this New City of God.

Revelation 21:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

a. How it will set upon this new earth.

1. The city is square in shape.

a. One side facing the east and north and one side to the south and the other to the west.

b. Symbolic of citizenship is open to all nations, language's and tribes.

2. The city covers approx. 1500 miles in all four directions.

3. Its towers are 1500 miles high.

4. This is a total of approx. 2,250,000 sq. miles or 3,375,000,000 cubic miles.

5. Almost 4 billion cubic miles altogether.

6. The thickness of the walls and gates are 144 cubits or 266 ft. thick.

b. All are symbolic that the city of God is large enough for all who wants to come by faith in the son.

1 John 5:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

14. John gives us a view of the materials used in the construction of the walls and

gates of this great city of God.

Revelation 21:17-21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

a. We must keep in mind that these Jewels are not the jewels of this earth but are jewels in their perfect form of perfection.

1. The walls are as of Jasper

2. The city appears to be of pure Gold.

3. The walls of the city are adorned with all kinds of precious stones.

4. The first foundation was made of jasper

a. The second foundation was of sapphire

b. The third foundation was of chalcedony

c. the fourth foundation was of emerald

d. The fifth foundation was of sardonyx

e. The sixth foundation was of sardius

f. The seventh foundation was of chrysolite

g. The eighth foundation was of beryl

h. The ninth foundation was of topaz

i. The tenth foundation was of chrysoprase

j. The eleventh foundation was of jacinth

k. The twelfth foundation was of amethyst

b The twelve gates are made with twelve-(single)-pearls.

c. The streets were of pure Gold liken to transparent glass.

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15. John says the city has no need of light.

Revelation 21:23 (NKJV)

²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

a. For the glory of God is the light of all things.

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