

REVELATION 21  
THE NEW JERUSALEM!

*Facts To Remember*

Revelation 21 naturally divides into two parts.

1. Vs. 1-8, The nature of the New Jerusalem!
2. Vs. 9-27, The physical description of the New Jerusalem!

A. Revelation 21:1-8; The nature of the New Jerusalem!

1. What did John see? \_\_\_\_\_  
Isa 65:17; 66:22; 2Pe 3:13; Re 20:11

2. Why no more sea? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did John see next? \_\_\_\_\_  
Heb 11:10; 12:22; 13:14; Re 3:12; 21:10

4. What did John hear? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did the voice say?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What will God Himself do?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who spoke next? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What did He say?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Re 1:11; 1:19; 10:4; 14:13; 19:9; 21:5

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

g. \_\_\_\_\_

i. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Who has their part in the lake of fire?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

g. \_\_\_\_\_

i. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Revelation 21:9-27, The physical description of the New Jerusalem!

(1.) Its general appearance, Re 21:11,18,21. It is bright and splendid--like a precious jasper-stone, clear as crystal, and composed of pure gold. (Re 4:3; 21:11; 21:18; 21:19)

(2.) Its walls, Re 21:12,18. The walls are represented as "great and high," and as composed of 'jasper.'

(3.) Its gates, Re 21:12,13,21. The gates are twelve in number, three on each side; and are each composed of a single pearl.

(4.) Its foundations, Re 21:14,18-20. There are twelve foundations, corresponding to the number of the apostles of the Lamb. They are all composed of precious stones--jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and amethyst. (Exodus 28:17-21 & Revelation 7:5-8; 21:112-13)

*Over the ephod was the breastplate, the most sacred of the priestly vestments. This was of the same material as the ephod. It was in the form of a square, measuring a span, and was suspended from the shoulders by a cord of blue from golden rings. The border was formed of a variety of precious stones, the same that form the twelve foundations of the City of God. Within the border were twelve stones set in gold, arranged in rows of four, and, like those in the shoulder pieces, engraved with the names of the tribes. {PP 351.1}*

(5.) Its size, Re 21:15-17. It is square--the length being as great as the breadth, and its height the same. The extent of each dimension is twelve thousand furlongs--a length on each side and in height of three hundred and seventy-five miles. It would seem, however, that though the city was of that height, the wall was only an hundred and forty-four cubits, or about two hundred and sixteen feet high. The idea seems to be that the city--the dwellings within it--towered high above the wall that was thrown around it for protection. This is not uncommon in cities that are surrounded by walls. (Cube; Most Holy Place)

(6.) Its light, Re 21:23; 22:5. It has no need of the sun, or of the moon, or of a lamp, Re 22:5, to enlighten it; and yet there is no night there, Re 22:5, for the glory of God gives light to it. Isa 60:19-20; Re 21:11; 22:5

*In the City of God "there shall be no night." None will need or desire repose. There will be no weariness in doing the will of God and offering praise to His name. We shall ever feel the freshness of the morning and shall ever be far from its close. "And they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." Revelation 22:5. The light of the sun will be superseded by a radiance which is not painfully dazzling, yet which immeasurably surpasses the brightness of our noontide. The glory of God and the Lamb floods the Holy City with unfading light. The redeemed walk in the sunless glory of perpetual day. {GC 676.3}*

(7.) It is a city without a temple, Re 21:22. There is no one place in it that is peculiarly sacred, or where the worship of God will be exclusively celebrated. It will be all a temple, and the worship of God will be celebrated in all parts of it.

*"I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." Revelation 21:22. The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. "Now we see through a glass, darkly." 1 Corinthians 13:12. We*

*behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence and behold the glory of His countenance. {GC 676.4}*

(8.) It is always open, Re 21:25. There will be no need of closing it as walled cities on earth are closed to keep enemies out, and it will not be shut to prevent those who dwell there from going out and coming in when they please. The inhabitants will not be prisoners, nor will they be in danger, or be alarmed by the prospect of an attack from an enemy.

(9.) Its inhabitants will all be pure and holy, Re 21:27. There will in no wise enter there anything that defiles, or that works abomination, or that is false.

*All who enter the City of God will enter through the strait gate--by agonizing effort; for "there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth." Revelation 21:27. But none who have fallen need give up to despair. Aged men, once honored of God, may have defiled their souls, sacrificing virtue on the altar of lust; but if they repent, forsake sin, and turn to God, there is still hope for them. He who declares, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," also gives the invitation, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Revelation 2:10; Isaiah 55:7. God hates sin, but He loves the sinner. "I will heal their backsliding," He declares; "I will love them freely." Hosea 14:4. {PK 84.1}*

*Solomon's repentance was sincere; but the harm that his example of evil-doing had wrought could not be undone.*

They only shall dwell there whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Dan 12:1; written in the book

Mal. 3:16; a book of remembrance

Re 3:5; the book of life.

Re 13:8; the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Re 17:8; the book of life from the foundation of the world.

Re 20:12; the book of life.

Re 20:15; the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Re 21:27; Lamb's book of life.

Re 22:19; the book of life