

Revelation 21

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- 2 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*
- 3 *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*
- 4 *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*
- 5 *And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*
- 6 *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*
- 7 *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*
- 8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*
- 9 *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*
- 10 *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*
- 11 *Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*
- 12 *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*
- 13 *On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*
- 14 *And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*
- 15 *And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.*
- 16 *And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*
- 17 *And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.*
- 18 *And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.*

19 *And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;*

20 *The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.*

21 *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.*

22 *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

23 *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

24 *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

25 *And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*

26 *And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

27 *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 560-577 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 290, 803, 910-911, 980, 1287-1288, 1516, 1552, 1556, 1667-1669.

1. **Revelation 21:1.** Noting remarks on Revelation 20:6 [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 20 p 6](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%20p%206) that match John's disclosure "...there was no more sea" Revelation 21:1 "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" is the fulfilment with its explicit exhortation to today's believer of 2 Peter 3:13-14 "...we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."
2. **Revelation 21:2-5.** Revelation 21:2 "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" is the fulfilment for Church Age saints of Hebrews 12:22-24 "...ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" even though "...the blood of Abel..." Luke 11:51 was "...the righteous blood of Abel..." Matthew 23:35.

Revelation 21:3 "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" is the complete fulfilment especially for Church Age saints who will by then have passed beyond "...the judgment seat of Christ..." Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10 of Ezekiel 37:27, 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 "My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Noting Hebrews 12:22 “...ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” Revelation 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” is the complete fulfilment as Church Age saints will experience it - noting the final expulsion of any lingering satanic influence whereby “...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” 2 Corinthians 4:4 – depicted and typified on earth during the Lord’s thousand-year earthly reign Revelation 20:4 by and of Isaiah 25:7-9 “And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Revelation 21:5 “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful” is the particular fulfilment for Church Age saints depicted and typified on earth during the Lord’s thousand-year earthly reign Revelation 20:4 by and of Isaiah 43:18-19, 21 “Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?...This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.”

Concerning the Lord’s declaration to John “...And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful” see the attached study “**The book of the LORD**” Isaiah 34:16.

See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 19 pp 12-15 and the attached studies Purification of “The words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6, 7 – Summary, “The words of the LORD...purified seven times” Psalm 12:6 and Revelation 20 pp 10-12 and the attached study AV1611 Authority – Absolute.

It should always be remembered that the 1611 Holy Bible is “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16 “the scripture of truth” Daniel 10:21 “the royal law” James 2:8 and “All scripture” that “is given by inspiration of God” 2 Timothy 3:16 in the certain belief that no other book is.

3. Revelation 21:6-7. Revelation 21:6 “And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely” shows that whereas the Lord said “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do” John 17:4 His work is now finished forever from start to finish and today’s believer can therefore be encouraged that he has fully realised Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

In addition the Lord is extending in the widest possible sense His invitation for anyone to live forever which by definition Church Age saints have already received “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” 1 Peter 1:23 of John 4:14 “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

In that respect therefore today’s believer should continue to apply 1 Corinthians 9:22 “To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”

Today's believer according to Revelation 21:7 **"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"** may make an interesting application of Luke 15:31 **"And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine"** insofar as Paul declares for Church Age saints **"...For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's...thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"** 1 Corinthians 15:57.

4. Revelation 21:8. Revelation 21:8 **"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"** describes those who followed all the way into **"...the second death"** their mentor **"...the devil that deceived them..."** Revelation 20:10 of whom God states **"His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone"** Job 41:24 such that **"Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts"** Zechariah 7:12.

They are therefore those who in life spurned **"...the gospel of the grace of God...the gospel of Christ"** Acts 20:24, Romans 1:16 and the conditions of Psalm 15:1-2 **"LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart"** and context and where for Old Testament saints or End Times saints Revelation 12:17, 14:12 would apply James 2:18 **"...I will shew thee my faith by my works"** must be followed.

Closely matching Revelation 21:8 the Lord Jesus Christ said for them **"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man"** Mark 7:21-23.

In turn what proceeds **"...out of the heart of men..."** Mark 7:21 for those to whom the Lord referred in Mark 7:21-23 and again closely matching Revelation 21:8 are what Paul lists with their outcome *even for Christians* though concerning rewards for Church Age saints not salvation in Galatians 5:19-21 **"...the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."**

That is *all* that the deceived flesh-worker has to present before the *works-based* judgement of the **"...great white throne, and him that sat on it..."** Revelation 20:11 and when *those* works are brought before the *works-based* judgement of the **"...great white throne, and him that sat on it..."** those works *fail* the judgement and the outcome is inevitably **"...the second death."**

Today's believer can take comfort in Romans 4:5-8 **"...to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."**

5. Revelation 21:9-10. Revelation 21:9-10 “**And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God**” reveal that “**...the bride, the Lamb’s wife...**” whom Paul “**...espoused...to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ**” 2 Corinthians 11:2 is “**...that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God**” because it is populated with Church Age saints who have fulfilled John’s declaration of 1 John 3:2, 5 “**Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is...And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**”

Moreover Revelation 21:9-10 reveal the *complete* fulfilment in which today’s believer can rejoice of what is *depicted and typified on earth* during the Lord’s thousand-year *earthly* reign Revelation 20:4 via Isaiah 24:23, 60:19 “**Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously...The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory**” depicting what actually happens in Revelation 21:23 “**And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof**” insofar as “**This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**” 1 John 1:5.

6. Revelation 21:11-13. “**...that great city, the holy Jerusalem...Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal**” Revelation 21:10-11 is so described because “**...The LORD is there**” Ezekiel 48:35.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 4 pp 2-3 and this extract.

Revelation 4:3. “**And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald**” is fulfilled for today’s believer at the Lord’s Return in a most comforting manner though also as an exhortation according to:

Isaiah 33:17 “**Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off**” with by way of illustration:

Hebrews 11:16 “**...now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city**” which for Church Age believers is “**...the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**” Revelation 21:2 and:

1 John 3:2-3 “**Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**”

With respect to Revelation 21:12-13 “**...a wall great and high, and...twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates**” the names with each name assigned to an angel are very likely those listed in their final order for all individual twelve tribes in the order for millennial Jerusalem in groups of three for each of the four compass points in Ezekiel 48:31-34 “**And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. And at the east side...three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. And at the south side...three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. At the west side...three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.**”

The designation of the gates in Revelation 21:13 would most likely match that of Ezekiel 48:31-34 but note that the east gates have been mentioned before the north gates in Revelation 21:13 whereas the north gates are referred to before the east gates in Ezekiel 48:31-32. The explanation may be that Ezekiel declares in Ezekiel 1:4, 28 ***“And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire...As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD...”*** but gives a different direction in Ezekiel 43:2 ***“And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory”*** consistent with Revelation 1:16 ***“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”***

Noting these multiple access ways to ***“...the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High...Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth...mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King”*** Psalm 46:4, 48:2 – indicating that though God’s glory will emerge from the *east* where for all men at that time ***“...unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings”*** Malachi 4:2 ***“...the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven”*** Revelation 21:2 will come down from *the north* and come to rest in space *north* of earth - today’s believer should always be thankful that ***“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God”*** Romans 5:1-2.

Revelation 21:12, 14 ***“...a wall great and high...the wall of the city...”*** is addressed below.

7. **Revelation 21:14-21.** Revelation 21:12, 14 ***“...a wall great and high...the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb”*** refers in this writer’s view to *the first eleven* of those designated apostles according to Luke 6:13-16 ***“And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor”*** with Judas replaced by Paul who though ***“...as of one born out of due time”*** 1 Corinthians 15:8 nevertheless testifies that ***“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation...I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me”*** 1 Corinthians 3:9-10, 15:9-10.

Today’s believer should keep in mind Luke 6:47-49 ***“Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”***

A simple calculation shows that “...**the city...and...the wall thereof...**” Revelation 21:15-17 are 1500 miles in each direction including the vertical and 216 feet high respectively. That is certainly sufficient real estate for the establishment of “...**many mansions...**” John 14:2 and its disclosure is a part answer to Paul’s prayer “...**that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height**” Ephesians 3:17-18 such that today’s believer can truly testify “**He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me**” 2 Samuel 22:20 with Psalm 18:19 insofar as “**For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly**” Romans 5:6.

See the *TBS Westminster Reference Bible* p 1496 that equates a cubit to 18 inches.

Note again that God “...**maketh his angels spirits...**” Psalm 104:4, Hebrews 1:7 but “...**the measure of a man...is...of the angel**” Revelation 21:17 in accordance with Daniel 9:21, Luke 1:26 “**Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation...And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.**” That is why the Lord said “**For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven**” Matthew 22:30.

For Revelation 21:18 “**And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass**” see remarks above with respect to Revelation 4:3, 21:10-11 and note that so it should be for His city as it is for He that is “**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**” Revelation 19:16 as *typified* by King Solomon in 1 Kings 10:18, 2 Chronicles 9:17 “**Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold...overlaid...with pure gold.**”

Revelation 14:14 “**And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown...**” is therefore an entirely apt description and today’s believer who follows Paul’s exhortation “**If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...**” 2 Timothy 2:12 can look forward to a like blessing at the Lord’s Return according to Psalm 21:3 “**For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.**”

Revelation 21:19-21 “**And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass**” list the precious stones like those - noting that they are listed in groups of three like the gates of Revelation 21:13 - of “...**the breastplate of judgment...set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row...And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond...And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst...And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper...set in gold in their inclosings...with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes**” Exodus 28:15, 17-21 with Exodus 39:9-14.

The underlined items indicate stones in Exodus 28:17-20 with direct counterparts in Revelation 21:19 and Dr Ruckman indicates that the “**sardonyx**” is “**an onyx.**” Thus far though this writer has not been able to match “**a carbuncle...a diamond...a ligure, an agate**” Exodus 28:17, 18, 19 with “**a chalcedony...chrysolite...chrysoprasus...jacinth.**” Moreover while it is feasible to match the order of the stones of Exodus 28:17-20 with the order of birth in Genesis 29:32-35, 30:5-20, 24, 35:18 that ordering will not match that of Ezekiel 48:31-34 for the tribes of Israel and the stones of Revelation 21:19-20.

For now this writer can only draw attention to the fact that Genesis 29:32-35, 30:5-20, 24, 35:18 with Exodus 28:15, 17-21, 39:9-14 and Ezekiel 48:31-34 for the tribes of Israel and the stones of Revelation 21:19-20 highlight the encouraging fact for “...*the saints of the most High...*” Daniel 7:18, 22, 25, 27 of Malachi 3:17 “*And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.*”

For Revelation 21:21 “*And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass*” see remarks above on Revelation 21:18, 19:16, 1 Kings 10:18, 2 Chronicles 9:17, Revelation 14:14, 2 Timothy 2:12, Psalm 21:3. Note further that since “...*the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*” Revelation 21:12 are associated with “...*the twelve gates...*” each “...*of one pearl...*” Revelation 21:21 that is fitting because Israel is to God “...*one pearl of great price...*” Matthew 13:46.

Today’s believer can likewise rejoice that he is of the company of Hebrews 2:11-13 “*For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*”

8. **Revelation 21:22-27.** Revelation 21:22 “*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it*” depicts the complete fulfilment *corporately* of what exists *individually now* for Church Age saints – noting the exhortation - according to 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, 12:27, 2 Corinthians 6:16-17 “...*ye are the temple of God, and...the Spirit of God dwelleth in you...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own...For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s...Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*”

For Revelation 21:23 see remarks above on Revelation 21:9-10, Isaiah 24:23, 60:19, 1 John 1:5.

Concerning Revelation 21:24-27 “*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life*” the saved of these nations will for example be “...*the righteous...*” Matthew 25:37 whom the Lord commends in Matthew 25:34-40 “*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*”

Note that “...*the righteous...*” Matthew 25:37 are those whose works *in continuance* are brought before the *works-based* judgement of the “...*great white throne, and him that sat on it...*” Revelation 20:11 *and pass.* Their nations will be set out forever in twelve major groups according to Deuteronomy 32:8 “*When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*”

In addition Revelation 21:24-27 reveal the complete fulfilment of what is *depicted and typified on earth* during the Lord's thousand-year *earthly* reign Revelation 20:4 via Psalm 72:10-11, Isaiah 60:11, 18 ***"The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him...Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought...Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."***

Today's believer should therefore note carefully and abide by ***"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name"*** Hebrews 13:14-15.

Conclusion

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Revelation 21 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *How would you describe what John saw in Revelation 21:1-2?*
2. *How would you describe the Lord's promises of Revelation 21:3-4?*
3. *How would you describe "these words...true and faithful" Revelation 21:5?*
4. *How do you perceive the Lord's promise of Revelation 21:6 "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely"?*
5. *What distinction does the Lord draw in Revelation 21:7-8?*
6. *Without consulting Question 7 what do you think is most glorious about the city that Revelation 21:9-21 describe?*
7. *Using a concordance if necessary what Old Testament prophecy matches Revelation 21:22-23 at least in type?*
8. *Again using a concordance if necessary what national deliverance for saved populations has been wrought by the fulfilment of Revelation 21:24-27?*
9. *Why do you think that the Lord is concerned about nations even in eternity?*
10. *How should the prospect of experiencing Revelation 21 affect you now?*

Sample Answers

1. *The Lord gives a good description in John 14:2-3 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*
2. *"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" John 14:18.*
3. *Those words are as King Solomon set forth in Ecclesiastes 12:10 "The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth."*
4. *"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" John 4:14.*
5. *"Then shall ye...discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not" Malachi 3:18.*
6. *This writer is drawn in a devotional, practical, spiritual sense though the illustration is realistic to Hebrews 11:16 "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."*
7. *"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" Isaiah 60:19.*
8. *The nations have been fully delivered from the desolation that they were suffering pre-Second Advent according to Isaiah's prophecy of Isaiah 60:2 "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."*
9. *The enemy tried to destroy nations in the End Times as revealed in Isaiah 10:13 "For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man" whereas God had set national and racial boundaries for the reason that Paul gives in Acts 17:24, 26-27 "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth...hath made of one blood all nations of men for to*

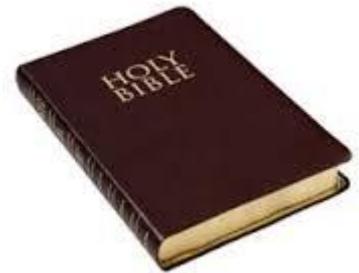
dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us. ”

10. **“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure”** 1 John 3:3.

“The book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16

Introduction

“**The book of the LORD**” is the 1611 Holy Bible. There is no other. **“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them”** Isaiah 34:16.



Practical Considerations

- The Lord has *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16, the *one* mention of that phrase in scripture.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore matches the *oneness* of **“one body, and one Spirit,...one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all”** Ephesians 4:4-6.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** is for **“every man...in his own language”** Acts 2:6 insofar as **“Peter...with the eleven”** Acts 2:14 **“were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** Acts 2:4 such that the listeners said **“hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God”** Acts 2:8, 11.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore exists in many languages, *but the standard for “the book of the LORD” is the 1611 Holy Bible in English.*

See store-hicb8.mybigcommerce.com/content/bbb/2013/Aug.pdf p 6 *A Brief Analysis of Missionary Authority* by Jonathan Richmond, Bible Baptist Mission Board director.

*The espousal of a particular translation being equal to or superior to the **King James** leaves one in a precarious position in relation to Bible believers versus the Alexandrian Cult.*

*Bible believers believe that the **King James (Authorized Version)** is the perfect, inerrant words of God and is the final authority. It is the standard to which all versions and translations are compared. And since the AV is the standard, it is superior to anything and everything that is compared to it. Stated another way, nothing compared to the standard is equal to or superior to the standard. English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles [i.e. any non-English Bible] should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*

The Greek Textus Receptus (any edition) is not superior to English. It was an interim, early New Testament, a stepping stone to the purification of the words of God in English. The world does not speak Greek and never will again...

Jonathan Richmond concludes with a rebuke to ‘originals-onlyists’ and ‘Greekiolators’:

*So then **your** brain determines which is correct; **your** brain is the final authority; **you** have made **yourself** equal to God.*

As Gail Ripplinger has rightly said, *In Awe of Thy Word* p 956, this writer’s emphases:

*The desire to appear intelligent or superior by referring to ‘the Greek’ and downplaying the common man’s Bible, exposes a naivety concerning textual history and those documents which today’s pseudo-intellectuals call ‘the critical text,’ ‘the original Greek,’ the ‘Majority Text,’ or the ‘Textus Receptus.’ **There existed a true original Greek (i.e. Majority Text, Textus Receptus). It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on the planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it. He needs no ‘Dead Bible Society’ to translate it into “everyday English,” using the same corrupt secularised lexicons used by the TNIV, NIV, NASB and***

HCSB [Holman Christian Standard Bible]. *God has not called readers to check his Holy Bible for errors. He has called his Holy Bible to check us for errors.*"

- The Lord's *one Book*, "**the book of the LORD**" is:
 - "**the book of the covenant**" Exodus 24:7, 2 Kings 23:2, 21, 2 Chronicles 34:30, "**the everlasting covenant**" Hebrews 13:20 between God and believers
 - "**thy book**" Exodus 32:32, *one witness* to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**my book**" Exodus 32:33, *two witnesses*, 2 Corinthians 13:1, to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**the book of the law of God**" Joshua 24:26, Nehemiah 8:18 i.e. "**the book of the law of the LORD**" 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:14, Nehemiah 9:3 or simply "**the book of the law**" Joshua 8:31, 34, 2 Kings 22:8, 11, 2 Chronicles 34:15, Nehemiah 8:3, Galatians 3:10. That Book is now "**the law of Christ**" Galatians 6:2.
 - "**the book of the living**" Psalm 69:28 i.e. "**the book of life**" Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 22:19, "**the book of life of the Lamb**" Revelation 13:8, "**the Lamb's book of life**" Revelation 21:27
 - "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16
 - "**the book of the purchase**" Jeremiah 32:12 for "**the purchased possession**" Ephesians 1:14, "**us accepted in the beloved**" Ephesians 1:6. See AV1611 Authority - Absolute www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php.

Principles of Understanding

- The Lord does *not* recognise "**many books**" Ecclesiastes 12:12 i.e. multiple *differing* translations in any one language. That is "**confused noise**" Isaiah 9:5 and "**God is not the author of confusion**" 1 Corinthians 14:33.
- The Lord has *commanded* "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read.**" That is, "**the book of the LORD**" not "**many books**" must be *sought after* and *read*.
- The command "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read**" can only be fulfilled if "**the book of the LORD**" is in "**words easy to be understood**" 1 Corinthians 14:9.
- An 'originals-onlyist' does not and never can have *one Book* to seek after and read. 'Originals-onlyism' is among the "**damnable heresies**" 2 Peter 2:1.

Permanence of "the book of the LORD"

- "**no one of these shall fail**" because "**the word of the Lord endureth for ever**" 1 Peter 1:25 and is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6. "**Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts**" Jeremiah 15:16.
- "**none shall want her mate**" because those words are "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**" 1 Corinthians 2:13 i.e. cross-referencing of "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth**" so that the student "**might understand the scriptures**" Luke 24:45.
- "**my mouth it hath commanded**" because it is "**the word which he commanded to a thousand generations**" 1 Chronicles 16:15, Psalm 105:8 and "**the word of the Lord**" 1 Peter 1:25 is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6 with Jeremiah 15:16 "**Thy words...thy word.**"
- "**and his spirit it hath gathered them**" because "**the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**" John 6:63 and "**the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you**" John 14:26.

Therefore "**receive with meekness the engrafted word**" James 1:21 "**the book of the LORD**" as "**obedient children**" 1 Peter 1:14 without any "**Not so, Lord**" Acts 10:14.