

# THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

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This is the future of the believers, a spiritual destiny described in earthly terms.

- I. The New Heaven and Earth are presented **V 1, 5a**
- A. *And I saw*-marks the three major elements of the chapter Cf **Vs 1, 2, 22**
  - B. *A new Heaven and a new Earth* (Cf. Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13)
    - 1. *The first heaven and earth pass away*-they are gone forever, not the old \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. The new Earth
      - a. *There was no more sea*
      - b. The present earth is made up mostly of \_\_\_\_\_+% water and not quite \_\_\_\_\_% land
      - c. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ descriptive term of the New Earth given in Scripture
    - 3. Cf. Vs 5-*All things new*-\_\_\_\_\_ connection with anything previously created
  - C. *New*-a reference to quality, more than time; the idea of freshness
- II. The first mention of the New Jerusalem **Vs 2**
- A. *And I John saw*
  - B. *The New Jerusalem*
    - 1. *The Holy City*
    - 2. *Comes down from God out of Heaven* (the \_\_\_\_\_ of God)
      - a. Not \_\_\_\_\_ at this point, but
      - b. It seems to have been \_\_\_\_\_ in existence
    - 3. *Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*
      - a. Not implying that the New Jerusalem is for the Church \_\_\_\_\_
      - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of the freshness and beauty of the City's first impression upon John
- III. God to \_\_\_\_\_ with men **Vs 3-6a**
- A. The presence of God among men assures an entirely \_\_\_\_\_ state of conditions
  - B. God's presence with people insures \_\_\_\_\_ and tranquility
    - 1. *Tears*-wiped away-comfort
    - 2. *No more death*-sin brings death, thus sin will no longer \_\_\_\_\_ in this environment
    - 3. *No more sorrow, crying, pain*-those things that are the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin in the world
    - 4. *Former Things (#1-3) are passed away*
      - a. No longer \_\_\_\_\_
      - b. Not \_\_\_\_\_ returning
  - C. God speaking directly with John and promising these things **Vs 5-8**
    - 1. **Vs 3** the voice not identified, in **Vs 5** it is
    - 2. *It is done*-the \_\_\_\_\_ that had to take place have taken place **Vs 6a**
    - 3. *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end*-title reserved for God alone **Vs 6a**
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ vs Disaster **Vs 6b-8**
- A. *The Water of Life* **Vs 6** (Cf Isa 55:1; John 4:10, 14)
  - B. Blessing of inheriting all things as the children of God **Vs 7**
  - C. *But* **Vs 8**
    - 1. The unsaved are characterized:
      - a. *Fearful*-\_\_\_\_\_
      - b. *Unbelieving*
      - c. *Abominable*-\_\_\_\_\_ corrupt
      - d. *Murderers*
      - e. *Whoremongers*-sexually immoral
      - f. *Sorcerers*-those who practice \_\_\_\_\_
      - g. *Idolaters*-idol worshippers
      - h. *All Liars*

2. The abode of the unsaved

a. *The Lake of Fire which burns with fire and brimstone*

(1) *Brimstone—a \_\_\_\_\_ fire*

(2) *A sulfur fire produces sulfur dioxide which is a \_\_\_\_\_ gas, yet the unsaved will not \_\_\_\_\_*

b. *The second death—as \_\_\_\_\_ to the wonderful life that the saved enjoy*

V. The New Jerusalem described **Vs 9-14**

A. Symbolic interpretation can present \_\_\_\_\_ in understand the New Jerusalem

B. Failure by our finite minds does not limit the accurateness of John's Inspired description

C. The radiance given off by the city was \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 11**

D. The Wall and Gates **Vs 12**

1. The Wall **Vs 12, 14**

a. Great and high **Vs 12**    b. Built upon \_\_\_\_\_ foundations **Vs 14**

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 13**

a. 12 in number—3 in each wall

b. Probably named after the 12 Tribes of Israel

c. An angel is posted at each gate

VI. The City's \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 15-17**

A. **Foursquare**—width, length, height are all the same (It seems to be a cube in shape)

1. 12,000 Furlongs

a. 1 Furlong—\_\_\_\_\_ feet    b. 582 feet X 12,000 = 6,984,000 feet

2. 6,984,000 divided 5,280 feet = \_\_\_\_\_ miles (wide, long, and high)

B. The Walls 144 cubits **Vs 17**

1. 1 cubit—\_\_\_\_\_ inches    2. 144 X 21 = \_\_\_\_\_ feet high

VII. The beauty of the City **Vs 18-21**

A. Pure gold, resembling glass (possibly \_\_\_\_\_ brilliance of appearance) **Vs 18b**

B. The wall-Jasper (possibly green in color)

C. The foundations (colorful and precious) **Vs 19-20**

1. *Jasper*—\_\_\_\_\_ ; fine ornamental stone

2. *Sapphire*—deep blue; similar to \_\_\_\_\_ in hardness

3. *Chalcedony*—blue-green; a type of \_\_\_\_\_    4. *Emerald*—bright \_\_\_\_\_

5. *Sardonyx*—\_\_\_\_\_ ; type of onyx stone    6. *Sardius*—reddish \_\_\_\_\_

7. *Chrysolite*—gold    8. *Beryl*—sea-green; type of \_\_\_\_\_ stone

9. *Topaz*—greenish yellow    10. *Chrysoprasus*—golden green

11. *Jacinith* (Hyacinth)—orange-red    12. *Amethyst*—\_\_\_\_\_

C. The Gates—each a \_\_\_\_\_ pearl **Vs 21a**

D. The Street—pure gold resembling glass (cf. VII, A) **Vs 21b**

VIII. The Temple of the City **Vs 22**

A. *And I saw*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Temple building

C. The city's inhabitants are in the immediate presence of God and there is no need of the \_\_\_\_\_ for communing with God

IX. The Light of the City **Vs 23-24**

A. No sun is \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God lights the City

X. Access to the City **Vs 25-27**

A. **No Night**—no need for rest from \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 25**

B. **Vs 26** difficult to interpret

C. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ will be allowed to enter the New Jerusalem **Vs 27**