

“The Church in All Her Glory” **Revelation 21:9-27**

Revelation #50

In this vision John sees the glories of the Church portrayed in her heavenly state.

1. She is the Bride, the Lamb’s Wife!

vv. 9-10

*“Come, I will show you the bride,
the Lamb’s wife.”*

(1) She is purposely set in stark contrast to the whore, Babylon.

- cf. 17:1, 3; 19:9, 10

(2) She is loved of Christ!

(3) She is the “City of God” – the ultimate and “great city.” *“the great city, the holy Jerusalem”*

2. She is the Dwelling Place of God!

vv. 11, 22-23

(1) Luminous in Glory because God dwells in her!

- *“Having the glory of God”*

- *“Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal”* cf. 4:3

- *“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.”*

(2) No need for a temple!

*“But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty
and the Lamb are its temple.”*

- The temple signified the presence of God, and taught that in some measure a separation remained.

- No more need for signs, and no separation!

3. She is Forever Secure!

vv. 12-14, 17, 25

(1) The emblems of her perfect security – salvation complete and eternal

- A great and high wall – a thick, impregnable wall! 144 cubits 216 ft.

- Twelve gates with angels at the gates

- The gates never close, night never falls!

(2) Forever secure and protected from what? From her greatest enemies!

4. She is the True and Ultimate “Israel of God!”

vv. 12b-13

*“names written on (the gates) which are the names
of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.”*

- **The covenant people of God including
believers from all the Gentile nations** cf 7:4-8

- **All of the redeemed! Not one is missing!**

5. She has been built firmly upon Apostolic Truth!

v. 14

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

(1) The Apostolic truth concerning Jesus Christ

- cf. Eph. 2:19-22; 1 John 4:6

(2) The City-Bride is the ultimate temple of God

6. She is Grand and Perfect and Precious beyond All Measure!

vv. 15-21

(1) Her Magnitude

- OT background: Ezekiel’s temple Ezek. 40-42

- length, breadth, and height – 12,000 furlongs 1,380 miles!

- Ezekiel’s temple dwarfed! What’s the point?

(2) Her shape – a perfect cube of perfect dimensions

(3) Her Composition

- Her walls – jasper

- The city – pure gold, transparent

- The foundations adorned with all kinds of precious stones

7. She is Perfectly and Forever Pure!

v. 27

(1) No taint of sin...anywhere!

*“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles,
or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those
who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”*

(2) All of grace!

- The Lamb’s Book of Life - a record of names

- The Book belongs to the Lamb that was slain 13:8 “the Book of Life of the Lamb”

- The names of the redeemed have been inscribed from the foundation of the world 17:8

Further Application