



PITWM VERSE BY VERSE REVELATION 21:9-14, 22-27

LESSON: THE HOLY NEW JERUSALEM—May 11, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

God, who sat on the throne makes all things new, and told John to write these things down, for they are true and faithful. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and will comfort His people by removing all that caused pain, and provide the fountain of the water of life freely to them that thirsts. Just as God finished the work of Creation (Gen.2:1-3); Jesus finished the work of Redemption (Jh.19:30); so the Trinity will finish the entire plan of salvation by inviting the redeemed into a New Creation. While those who overcome, inherit all things, and enjoy the blessings of being God's children, the wicked and unfaithful have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone (cf. 19:20; 20:10, 14-15) which is defined as the "*second death*" (21:8). Those who can endure the testing of evil, and remain faithful are those whom God will reward (21:5-8).

LESSON: I. REVELATION 21:9-14

21:9 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. This is the last vision God gives John, and it is the most glorious of visions. One of the Seven Angels who had carried the bowls or vials filled with the seven final disasters spoke to John, saying, "*Come here, I'll show you the Bride, the Lamb's Wife.*" It is gracious of God to allow one of the angels who are commissioned to pour out the most horrendous plagues earth has ever known. This was a great privilege of inviting John to a special view of the bride, the Lamb's wife. Rev. 21:2 says "*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*" Therefore the "*holy city, New Jerusalem*" must be the Bride, the Lamb's Wife (the believers whom Christ died for). And Christ is surely the Bridegroom for the New Jerusalem!

21:10 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,—The angel took John away in the Spirit to an enormous, high mountain and showed him the great city, Holy Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God, having the bright glory of God. John had a majestic vantage point in the spirit on a great and high mountain, seeing all of her beauty and glory.

21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;—The glory of God Himself shines all throughout the city having a sparkling sheen where there is no need for the sun nor any other heavenly body to give the city light. Her light was like a costly stone. It even shined clear as crystal. The





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glory of God glitters off the city as though the buildings were crystal clear.

21:12 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:—The city had a great majestic high wall which indicates that all will be secure within the city. And it will be separate in holiness from all that is unlike it. Twelve gates where an Angel will stand at each gate, and on the gates there will be inscribed the names of the Twelve Tribes of the sons of Israel. Three things are said...

1. The gates have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel upon them. Joseph, Benjamin, Dan. Reuben, Judah Levi. Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, and Naphtali. They symbolize that the only way to come to God is **through the Messiah of the twelve tribes of the Jews**—the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the entrance into the Heavenly Jerusalem is only through the Messiah of the Jewish nation. No person can enter the heavenly city unless he comes through the gates of salvation provided by God.
2. The gates are guarded by twelve angels. This symbolizes that the entrance to the city is protected. No person is allowed to enter the city unless they come through the salvation that God gave through His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

3. In each direction—east, north, south, and west there are three gates totaling twelve gates altogether (Ez.48:30-35). This symbolizes that everyone on earth is invited to enter the city. The only requirement is that they come through the Messiah, the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ.

21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The wall was set on twelve foundations, and the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb – Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Matthias will be remembered throughout eternity as they are inscribed on the foundations. These are the twelve after Judas Iscariot's death.

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The Angel speaking to John had a gold measuring stick to measure the City, its gates, and its walls. The City was laid out in a perfect square. He measured the City with the measuring stick: twelve thousand stadia (*an instrument for measuring distances or heights by means of angles*). Its length, width, and height are all equal. Using the standard measure, the Angel measured the thickness of its wall: 144 cubits. The wall was jasper, the color of Glory, and the City was pure gold, translucent as glass. The foundations of the City walls were garnished with every precious gem/stone imaginable. The first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprasus, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were



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twelve pearls, each and every gate was of one single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold as translucent glass.

II. REVELATION 21:22-27

21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. There would be no physical structure of a Temple as was in the Old Testament times where the priests would come once a year. There would be no need for such a Temple, and it would not serve as the same purpose, because the Lord God Almighty—and the Lamb are the Temple. His presence will be everywhere for every believer to worship and communicate with.

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. The City doesn't need sun or moon for light, for God's Glory is its light, and the Lamb its lamp!

21:24 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. The nations that are saved will walk in the light of God's glory, and the kings of the earth will bring into it their glory and honor of praise. Whatever picture we surmise, it will give tribute to God and Christ for giving so great a salvation.

21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. The city's gates will never be shut. The day will always continue because there will be no night. And it looks like there is no need for sleep or rest, for we will have perfect bodies with perfect strength. And the Holy Spirit will fill us to the fullest, giving us perfect knowledge and consciousness of God's presence.

21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. God's glory and the Lamb's light; the saved nations and kings of the earth will bring the glory and honor of the nations into the City.

21:27 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. Nothing unclean; those who do shameful things or tell lies will ever enter the city. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city.

SUMMARY:

Of the Seven Angels who had carried the bowls filled with the seven final disasters spoke to John, saying, "*Come here. I'll show you the Bride, the Lamb's Wife.*" He took John away in the Spirit to an enormous, high mountain, and showed him the Holy Jerusalem





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descending out of Heaven from God, having the bright glory of God. The city had a great majestic high wall with twelve gates. At each gate stood an Angel, and on the gates were inscribed the names of the Twelve Tribes of the sons of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. The wall was set on twelve foundations, and the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb are inscribed on them **(21:9-14)**.

There would be no physical structure of a Temple as was in the Old Testament times where the priests would come once a year because the Lord God Almighty—and the Lamb are the Temple. His presence will be everywhere for every believer to worship and communicate with. The City doesn't need sun, neither the moon for light, for God's Glory is its light, and the Lamb its lamp! The nations that are saved will walk in the light of God's glory, and the kings of the earth will bring into it their glory and honor of praise. The city's gates will never be shut. The day will always continue because there will be no night. God's glory and the Lamb's light; the saved nations and kings of the earth will bring the glory and honor of the nations into the City. Nothing unclean; those who do shameful things or tell lies will ever enter the city. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city **(21:22-27)**.