

## **The Eternal City of God** **Revelation 21:9-22:5**

### **I. The City Unveiled – 21:9-14**

1. Angel showing John the city – 9-10  
City is presented as “the Bride, the wife of the Lamb” - 9  
Compare with 17:1 “the great prostitute, Babylon the great”  
“Carried John away in the Spirit into a wilderness – 17:3  
“Carried John away in the Spirit to a great high mountain”  
Showed him “the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God”
2. Two cities are in contrast  
One is the city of man seducing men with its enticements  
The other is The City of God where all His blessings flow  
Note the contrast between Abraham and Lot  
Lot chose the city of Sodom, doomed to destruction  
Abraham set his heart on the city built by God – Heb. 11:10
3. Radiance of the City of God – 11  
Filled with “the Glory of God”  
“Like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal”
4. Security of the City of God – 12  
“It had a great, high wall, with 12 gates”  
At the gates “there were 12 angels”
5. Accessibility of the City of God – 12-13  
On each gate there was the name of a Tribe of Israel  
The City is open to God’s people in Israel  
Accessibility also seen from every direction – 13  
“East, 3 gates, North, 3 gates, West, 3 gates, South, 3 gates”
6. Stability of the City of God – 14  
Wall was resting on 12 foundations  
Names of 12 apostles of the Lamb – Built on N.T. truth

### **II. Description of the City – 21:15-17**

1. The city is measured – 15  
Dimensions are taken of its gates & walls
2. The City is foursquare – 16-17  
Length, width & height is the same  
Dimension is 12,000 stadia (ASV), furlongs (KJV)  
About 1,380 miles
3. The City is Gem like – 18-21  
“Wall was built of jasper” -18  
“The City was pure gold, like clear glass” - 18  
“Foundations of wall, adorned with every kind of jewel” – 19-20  
1<sup>st</sup> jasper, 2<sup>nd</sup> sapphire, 3<sup>rd</sup> agate, 4<sup>th</sup> emerald, 5<sup>th</sup> onyx,  
6<sup>th</sup> carnelian 7<sup>th</sup> chrysolite, 8<sup>th</sup> beryl, 9<sup>th</sup> topaz,  
10<sup>th</sup> chrysoprase, 11<sup>th</sup> jacinth, 12<sup>th</sup> amethyst  
“12 Gates were 12 pearls” – 21  
Each gate made of a single pearl  
“Street of the city was pure gold” – 21  
“Like transparent glass”

### **III. The Glory of the City – 21:22-27**

1. John saw no temple in the City – 22  
A temple was a place for God to dwell with His people  
Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple
2. No need for the sun or the moon – 23  
“Glory of God gives light & its lamp is the Lamb”
3. They are the light in which all nations walk – 24  
The kings of the earth will bring their glory into it  
Every knee will bow & every tongue confess
4. Gates of the City will never be shut – 25  
There will be no night there
5. All glory & honor is brought in – 26-25  
All glory and honor belongs to God  
Nothing unclean will ever enter this City – 27  
Only those in Lamb’s book of **life**

### **IV. Provision of the City – 22:1-5**

1. River of the “water of life” - 22:1-2  
Water is essential to life  
This water is bright as crystal  
Flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb  
God is the source and the sustainer of life
2. Tree of life is on each side of the river – 2-3  
As in Garden of Eden – to sustain life forever – Gen. 3:22  
Bearing 12 kinds of fruit – yielding fruit each month  
Leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations  
The curse has been removed and life is as God intended
3. Throne of God & of the Lamb will be in the city – 3-4  
His servants will worship Him - 3  
They will see His face – 4  
Note 1 Cor. 13:12  
And His name will be on their foreheads
4. There will be no more night – 5  
The glory of God will illuminate fully  
Fellowship with God will reveal His glory – Eph. 2:6-7  
There will be harmony with God & with His New Creation  
Man again serves God, caring for His creation – Heb. 2:5-9