

The Beautiful Bride Notes

Revelation 21:9-27

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Main Point: The people of God are safe, glorious, and perfect because Jesus is a protective, generous, and purifying groom. We should honor our groom by cleansing ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit.

The Beautiful Bride is _____

1. City imagery
 - The 12 foundations are adorned with every kind of _____ (vs. 14).
 - The walls are strong and _____ (vs. 12).
 - The 12 gates are _____ (vs. 12).
 - The streets are _____ and safe (vs. 21).
2. Because Jesus is our _____ groom.
 - He has prepared a _____/refuge/safe place for us (John 14:1-3).
 - Jesus has protected us from our greatest _____: the penalty, power, and presence of sin.
 - Jesus has _____ our debt and defeated death.
 - Jesus has _____ the bondage of sin.
 - Jesus has _____ the world- no more corruption, brokenness, or perversion.
 - Jesus has and will eternally _____ His bride.
3. Do you know this protecting groom personally?

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1. Glory theme
 - Jewels are _____ and precious stones that are expensive and radiant (vs.11).
 - Gold (extravagant and shiny) (vs.15).
 - The size and scale are global and incomparable (vs.16).
 - The size of the _____ world at the time.
 - The size of the pearls of the gates are _____ times the size of an average pearl.
 - Expansion from the tabernacle Holy of Holies (cube).
 - Kings pay _____ (the Lord's renown is universally recognized) (vs. 24-26).
2. Because Jesus is our _____ groom (Ezekiel 16:8-14).
 - Jesus is the glorious and glorying groom (Romans 8:30).
 - Do you hear how _____ the Lord is to His bride (Ephesians 2:7).
 - Is your image of God as a taker?
3. Do you know this generous groom personally?

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1. Purity theme
 - Bride and Lamb are two pictures of purity and _____ (vs 9, 22).
 - Holy and nothing is _____ (vs. 10, 27).
 - Everything is clear and transparent (vs. 11, 18, 21).
2. Completion theme
 - The 12's speak to fullness of _____
 - 12 pearl gates guarded by 12 angles inscribed with the 12 tribes of Israel (vs 12).
 - 12 foundations adorned with 12 jewels and inscribed with the 12 apostles' names (vs.14).
 - The completed _____ place for all of God's people (vs 22)
 - Evil conquered, peace on earth, and _____ with God.
3. Because Jesus is our _____ groom.
 - Jesus will purify the world by _____ all evil and evil doers (Malachi 4:1).
 - The same fire that consumes dross _____ gold.
 - Jesus will purify His people with _____ fire (Malachi 3:2-3).
 - How do you know if you will be consumed by judgment or refined for glory (Isaiah 43:1-3)?
 - You cannot save yourself or withstand God's judgment through your own goodness. Only Jesus can _____ you to God.
4. Direction for believers
 - Let us cleanse ourselves from every _____ of body and spirit (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1).
 - What priorities are competing for my time and attention?
 - What partnerships are leading me away from Christ?
 - Do my life choices reveal that Jesus is important to me?
 - What would be Jesus' priority at my job? My family?
 - Do I bring my tribute, my homage, my life to praise the lamb, today?
 - Celebrate that Jesus will purify you _____ your lifetime until you meet Him face-to-face (Ephesians 5:27, 1 Thessalonians 5:23).