REVELATION

Chapter 21

Overview

John describes the new Jerusalem.

1. JOHN'S VISION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM (21:1-8)

- A. What he sees (21:1-2)
- 1. A new heaven and earth (20:1)
- 2. The Holy City descending from heaven (20:2)
- **B. What he hears** (21:3-8)
- 1. The words of the angel (21:3-4)
- a. He says God himself will mingle among his people (21:3).
- b. He says God himself will minister to his people (21:4).
- 2. The words of the Almighty (21:5-8)
- a. He will be the Father to all the saved (21:5-7).
- b. He will be the foe to all the unsaved (21:8): They will be cast into the lake of fire.

II. JOHN'S VISIT TO THE NEW JERUSALEM (21:9-27): The apostle records the following facts.

- A. John describes what he sees (21:9-18, 19-21, 26).
- 1. The city itself (21:9-11, 18b): It is filled with God's glory and shines like a precious jewel and pure gold.
- 2. The gates and walls (21:12-14, 18a, 21a)
- a. The gates (21:12b-13, 21a): There are twelve gates, each made of solid pearl, guarded by twelve angels. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel are written on the gates.
- b. The walls (21:12a, 14, 18a): The walls are made of jasper, supported by twelve foundations, on which are written the names of the twelve apostles.
- 2. The size and dimensions (21:15-17)
- a. The city measures 1,400 miles long by 1,400 miles wide by 1,400 miles high (21:15-16).
- b. The walls are two hundred feet thick (21:17).
- 3. The foundations (21:19-20): Each of the twelve foundations is inlaid with a different precious jewel.
- 4. The street (21:21b): It is made of pure gold, like transparent glass.
- 5. The worship (21:26): All nations bring their glory and honor to the temple.

II. JOHN'S VISIT TO THE NEW JERUSALEM (21:9-27): The apostle records the following facts. continued

- B. John describes what he does not see (21:22-25, 27).
- 1. There is no Temple there (21:22).
- 2. There is no need of the sun (21:23-24).
- 3. There are no closed gates (21:25).
- 4. There is no impurity or evil (21:27).