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THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE WIFE AT HOME

Today we are reading again in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 21, but this time we are going to go a different direction for a different purpose; and I want to title this message, *Things that are Important to the Wife at Home*. This means that we are not on a journey, but we are now at home inside the fullness of the body of Christ, glorified flesh and bones. And that is the point I want to reflect in this message. So I want to pick back up in Revelation, Chapter 21, Verse 9. But let us pray first.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for another privilege to come to you. We praise you and thank you for the revelation of your Word and for bringing us through a long treacherous journey and bringing us home. It was brought in last week's message, We Welcome the Father Back Home Again, that 'in the Father's house there are many dwelling places,' but the one dwelling place that we are interested in is that dwelling place next to the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is the dwelling place of the Wife of the Lamb, for the Wife's dwelling place is next to Her Husband, who is the King of all the earth. And Lord, the Wife of the Lamb is the one you are dealing with right now, and we thank you. Lord, I pray that you will help me to highlight this in a way that would please you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Last week we dealt with some of the things of the millennium and also of John speaking of eternity, at the beginning of Revelation, Chapter 21, Verses 1-8, where he saw 'a new heaven and a new earth and there was no more sea.' Then something happened while John was saying these things about the new heaven and the new earth that caused him to abruptly stop talking about those things. For one of the seven angels came to him and began to tell him about something else that was important to see in order to understand God's wonderful plan for the Wife of His Son in the Father's house. So this was done even before showing John the Wife. Now watch Verses 9-10,

"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. 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."

Notice, John had been writing about a new heaven and a new earth in Verses 1-8, but stopped abruptly in Verse 9 as though he was placing a note here to come back to later, saying, "There came 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 show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife,'" as though it was highlighted, "This is important." And the angel took John (in other words, John got carried away in the Spirit), but instead of showing him the Lamb's Wife first and how She fits in the whole scheme of things, he showed John the surroundings of the city.

Notice, the whole city deals with the workings that God did in bringing everything to the beginning of eternity, including His Kingdom (His house). In the Book of John 14:2, Jesus told His disciples, "In my Father's house there are many mansions." In other words, "In my Father's domain there are many dwelling places." See, there are dwelling places for each one; for each one has their place. We see the Jews; for the city shows there are twelve gates, which are named after the Old Testament patriarch's, the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. And these Old Testament saints were brought forth from the grave when Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead; for He went down into the heart of the earth and preached to the spirits in prison, shown in the Book of 1 Peter 3:19, which was paradise to those saints, and they received complete redemption. For Christ Jesus brought them back with Him as seen in Matthew 27:51-53. God's people that had obeyed God during that time were resurrected, and the Jewish part of these Old Testament saints represent the gates of the city. And as we see the completion of the redemption story as John saw, we see the

gates, the wall, and the twelve foundations of the wall, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb—and now we are getting into that whole Eden area. And in the natural realm here on earth, it is an area about 1,500 square miles.

So in the first part of this chapter, John was talking about a new heaven and a new earth and God coming back home again to tabernacle with men; but then he suddenly stopped. Why? Because here came one of the seven angels, saying, “John, I want to show you something.” We know what John had already been shown in Verses 1-8, but the angel came and said, “I want this to be a special note to you. I want to show you the bride, the Lamb’s Wife.” So an angel took him on a high mountain and began to show him the city. He did not show him the Lamb’s Wife just yet, but he showed him the dwelling places of all the saints in this vast area. And this vast area is old Eden which never did come into being to its fullness in the days when Adam and Eve were here. God had told them to conquer the earth and bring it in subjection, starting in this vast area, Eden.

So in Eden, God started everything for Adam and Eve that they would need; He even planted a garden. And in this whole area of Eden, there were not only physical trees with natural fruit, but there were two spiritual laws, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and there were natural rivers of water that watered this area. But in *this* hour it is spiritual. That water is spiritual. In Adam’s Eden, it was literal rivers, the flowing out to different places to water this whole area. But in this hour, that water is spiritual living water flowing out from the Wife of the Lamb. And in that great eternity, whosoever will can come into this city and drink of the water of life, because it flows from the throne of God and the Lamb and on through the Lamb’s Wife, who at this time is another member of the Godhead. Notice, there is God’s Son *and* the Son’s Wife there on the throne. But we do not see God, because God is a

Spirit; but we see the glory of God. And even though God is a Spirit, He put flesh and bones on the Godhead, and we see God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, sitting on the throne and the Wife of the Lamb. And the Lamb's Wife is the group of people that John made a special note of here. So rather than showing the Lamb's Wife first, the angel said, "Let us get *this* first. I want to show you something here." And then he goes ahead and shows John other things that pertained to the city before he shows him the Wife.

Well, in contrast, we see in Revelation, Chapter 17, one of the seven angels which had the seven vials showing John the woman that rides the Roman beast and her destruction as she is burned with fire. For there are two women in the Book of Revelation—the Lamb's Wife and Satan's Wife; and it is going to be so important for us to see these two women. So a little later we will come back to this again to show how it all fits together.

I have a book that is called, *The Interpreted Book of Revelation*, which brings all of this out for us, showing the different kings and their kingdoms and what happened to them in history. In addition, it shows in the Book of Daniel concerning the beast with ten horns, and there came another horn up, a little horn, which was spiritual, and he broke three of the other horns off. And, of course, that was in Europe where the pope dethroned those that rebelled against him when he was in control of it. And we have all of that in history. But when the angel showed John the city, the holy Jerusalem, he took him on a long journey. And that is the way we have been also, on a journey. But we arrived home.

I have been ministering now for over sixty years and I have studied all of that out; I know the chronicles of all of it. But that was in our journey getting to where we are at now, for we have come to a new place in God's plan where we, the Wife of the Lamb, are seen. And to show that we are in a new place, we have the revelation of the fullness of Christ that came into Jesus,

and it was a seamless transition. Sometime back I preached a message called, *A Seamless Transition between God's Christ and God's Son*, which is in a single booklet and is also a chapter in our book, *A Seamless Transition*, which shows there was no struggling between Jesus and the Christ that came into Him, for they fit together perfectly as a hand fits in a glove. Likewise, it was and is a perfect fit for the Wife of the Lamb in this hour who has finished Her journey and has gotten home. Yes, it was a perfect fit when the fullness of Christ came down from heaven in angelical form, shown in Revelation, Chapter 10, and in His hand He had a little book open, and He gave it to us, and we took it and ate it up, and we were married to our Lord Jesus Christ by a proxy marriage. This could and did take place because in the fullness of Christ (just like in God) there were both the male and the female attributes. That is why we say that everything that is good about a man comes from God, and everything that is good about a woman comes from God. Well, God put all of that in Christ. So in Christ was both the masculine and feminine Spirit (just like with Adam when Eve was still in him). But the feminine part of that Spirit laid dormant until there was a female body for the feminine Spirit to go into.

When God took the rib from Adam and created Eve, there was a perfect woman there, and there was no struggle for Adam and Eve to accept this. There was a seamless transition for that feminine spirit from Adam into Eve. This activated the feminine spirit because now there was a female body that this spirit fit into as a hand fits a glove. And this was how it was when the fullness of Christ came into Jesus. (And this fullness is what was seen in Revelation, Chapter 10, which came into us, the body of Christ.) Jesus Christ did not take a Wife while He was here, but He had a Wife, for God predestinated the Wife in Him before the world was. So the angel said unto John, "Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife." And now She is not just in Him as a dormant Spirit, but She is alive and She is all

feminine, as the feminine attributes show forth themselves as an active part of the Godhead. And our Lord Jesus Christ will never have to be alone again. Praise God!

So the Lamb's Wife is the only woman of the New Testament that is dressed in fine linen, clean and white. But there is another woman that I want to read about (O' what a contrast in the two women), which is in Revelation, Chapter 17. And she is a whore riding the beast. We see this in prophecy even from the time of Daniel. I have many books about the Roman Empire; and we show some of this in our book, *The Interpreted Book of Revelation*. So here in this message, we are putting everything in a nutshell rather than going through all the details, because since our journey is over and we have arrived home, all the details are not necessary. Well, Daniel saw all of it; for he saw the Gentile world powers, and he saw what would happen concerning his own people, the Jews. The angel Gabriel came to Daniel, and when Gabriel got through talking, he made that man Daniel to understand. Just as our Lord Jesus gave us to understand and to know what is important to us, the Wife at home.

We were baptized into the fullness of Christ Jesus and have become the fullness of the perfect man—so here we are; we are at home. And we do not need to know every little detail about the 70th Week of Daniel, which takes place after the rapture. I like to sometimes refer to the Book of John 21:15-23 where Jesus Christ showed Himself after His resurrection to His apostles for a third time and was giving instructions to them. When they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, 'Lovest thou me more than these?'" And Peter said unto him, "Yes, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Then Jesus said unto him, "Feed my lambs." And Jesus said this two more times, "Simon, son of Jonas, 'Lovest thou me more than these?'" And Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." And Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." And then Peter asked Jesus about John, saying, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" And Jesus said

unto him, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." Well, John did see His literal coming, but he saw the coming in the form of a vision on the Isle of Patmos. So there are some things to which the Lord Jesus says, 'What is that to thee?' So we do not try to pick all these things up; but through time God has revealed them so that when we arrived home we would not be blindsided, we would know that we are at home, and we could look back and see the journey that we came through.

So in Revelation 21:9, the angel said, "Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife." And John made mention of us also in Revelation 19:7-8, as we are shown there clothed in fine linen, clean and white. All these other things concerning the gates and the wall and the street of gold are adding support, although these things do not personally involve us, the Wife. This means we were not personally involved in the building of the wall. We were not personally involved in setting the gates. We were not personally involved with all the other saints that have come through all the other ages. But we are personally involved with one thing, we are looking at the King, being one with Him. And that is why the Bible says concerning *Her* that She is 'bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh.' And She is the only one that is dressed this way in our Eden, and it is in the midst of the paradise of God.

As promised earlier, let us read in Revelation 17:1-3 and watch the angel come and show both sides of the picture. John says, "*And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. (Our Lord is showing us here that this is the false church, Catholicism.) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman...*" Watch how important this is.

When John saw the city, the holy Jerusalem, he was taken on a high mountain and he saw the glory of God. But watch here, when he sees this great whore, he is taken into a dreary wilderness. Notice, the angel did not take John to a beautiful place to show the great whore; but our Lord wanted the surroundings to guide John's mentality, and He wanted us to feel what John was seeing. And that is the way it is with the Lamb's Wife; we feel what we are seeing. When we see the city, the holy Jerusalem, the glory of God, the gates and foundations of the wall and the precious stones and the street of gold, hallelujah, we feel everything we see. We rejoice in the Lord!

Continuing, Verse 3 again, *"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."* The beast is what the woman sat upon. Most people want to make the beast and the woman the same thing, but there is a difference, so we have to separate the two to get the understanding right. The beast is that Roman Empire that this woman gets control of. This is as she did in the Dark Ages when three kings disobeyed her, for she reached and pulled those three horns up, meaning she freed their subjects and left them without a kingdom until they repented and came back to her. That little horn, which was a spiritual horn, Catholicism, had control, see. So the woman and the beast are two different things. Now watch. *"and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast (the royal Roman color), full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."* That is the ten horns, the ten kings. Now here is the woman. It says here, Verse 4, *"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:"* John saw her in a wilderness setting, and the things he is saying all matches with what he is seeing. And if you are the Lamb's Wife, it just puts a feeling upon you that you do not want anything to do with that.

And if you go into these religious systems today, you will get that feeling, "I do not want anything to do with this." Because it is not pure. See, the river that flows out from the throne; it is as clear as crystal, pure water of life. But we are not seeing that in what John is saying here, but it is right the opposite. It is the church system today, controlled by the antichrist, because the mother whore had daughters, denominations, and let us not discount all the independent churches and movements that claim they are not a denomination but are carrying that same antichrist spirit. The next verse (Verse 5) shows this.

Verse 5 says, "*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*" That shows this great whore had daughters, and they are harlots. So from her came harlots, and they are much like their mother. John is seeing all of this, and by now his skin is probably crawling. It made him feel sick when he saw the filthiness of this woman and what she represented. And that is what God intended, because He wanted what He was showing to have an impression of John.

So the woman and the beast are two different beings. See, the woman only rides the beast for a short period of time. Did you understand what I said? The beast was all the way back there in the BC period; and this beast is what destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, this Roman System. So it goes way back. But the woman did not come into being until after the BC period; she is the so-called church. But she, by pulling strings, by doing the things she did, came to the place where she became very wealthy, and she used her finances, her religion, to get total control, and this gave her the ability to make covenants. And even Israel is going to fall into a trap and make a covenant with this woman who is riding this beast. We find this unholy alliance in the Book of Daniel, Chapter 9, for Israel will make a covenant with the woman that rides the beast, but in the middle of the week, she

will break that covenant. So the woman is cracking the whip. She is not one of these whores in a little side roadhouse out here, but she is a great whore that plays the kings and the dignitaries and the high-ups. And she has daughters out here doing similar things that she does. That is what the Word is saying here.

Verse 6, "*And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints (that means she has killed saints all the way through, that spirit has), and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*" In other words, "Look what a beautiful woman, beautiful system." Verse 7, "*And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, **and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.***" That is the Roman Empire. Verse 8, "*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit (in other words, he did rule, and his head was wounded to death (see, was and is), and then he, that spirit of antichrist, shall ascend out of the bottomless pit), and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*" Coming out of the Dark Age, in Europe there was a saying after the restoration and the beginning of the time of the daughters, "The papacy is dead, and no one will lift a hand to help it." She *was* (before that) with such power. Then she *is not*. And then she *shall be*. She was restored by the lamb beast, which is the United States of America, after World War 2. Verse 9, "*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth (which is Rome).*" The angel is showing John the natural city and the land area of this other woman. Verse 10, "*And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*" He (the antichrist that is ruling) must continue, meaning it will pick up where it left off, 'he must continue a short space.' It will not be long because judgment is going to strike that thing.

Verse 11, *"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth,"* He is the eighth, which is the spiritual power of the antichrist, the Roman Church, which does not put another horn on the head of the beast. See, in the Book of Daniel, on this head he saw a little horn come up which was a spiritual horn. It did not add another horn to it, it just put the woman on the beast; that is all it did. *"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."* This means the beast continues its work with the seventh form of this government, ten horns, as it was before it received the deadly wound. Verse 12, *"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."* There will be something come along that will put these kings together, 'the European nations,' and they are almost together now. Verse 13 says, *"These have one mind,..."* Now watch. If these can have one mind, if God can give these kings or rulers which fight one another, one mind, then how much more has He given us, the Wife, the body of Christ, the one mind of Christ? Watch. They were given one mind. *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast (which the woman rides)."* In other words, they give it all over to the devil. Watch what happens. Verse 14, *"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."* That verse (Verse 14) is dropped in before he explains how this goes. Verse 15 says, *"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."* In other words, by her trickery she controls the whole prophetic world. That is about what is going on right now. That is where the mark of the beast can spread all over. See, this is the beast here. Thank God, the Lamb's Wife has gotten home, and we are inside this place of the fullness of Christ and are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, and we are no longer tossed to and fro. We are home. We

can rest. We can relax and enjoy the good things in the comfort of our home. (Ephesians 4:13-16)

Let us go on to Verse 16, *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore..."* I told you, the whore is not going to reign but a short while. All these ten nations here that she has deceived, will use her great wealth to bail them out of their trouble. So when these nations and the world is in trouble financially, she is going to come to the rescue. All she has to do about their debt and currency is to say that the Vatican will back them up. See that woman will ride the beast; she will crack the whip and they will do what she says. And if they do not do what she says, they will be in trouble with her very quickly. So they will give her power, and they will let this woman ride them until the Word of God is fulfilled. It is like when you ride a horse, you control the horse. So she will control them. But watch what they do. After a while, when she breaks the covenant with Israel and the different ones, and she begins to break her word, they will say, "She is no better than we are. We have been deceived! We have been taken!" And they will hate her. Now watch. God put it in their hearts to give their power over to the beast, but then hate comes in when the purpose of God is fulfilled.

This world system is running just as it is supposed to run. God maneuvers and works things according to His will. Thus far, we see the things that are taking place just as it has been said. But watch here, not only was God showing John the great whore, but He was showing many other things that goes along with it. (This is important to understand because I am going to get back in Revelation, Chapter 21, Verse 9, where it was said by the angel unto John, "Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife." But before the angel showed John the Lamb's Wife, he showed him the great city, the holy Jerusalem. Let me repeat that again. Before the angel showed John the Lamb's Wife, he showed him the great city, the holy Jerusalem and the

land area, which is also spiritual Eden, so that there would be no misunderstanding.) And when the angel showed John the great whore, he also showed John the beast she was riding on and how God would use the ten horns to bring judgment upon her. And to be sure that one would understand, he showed the ten horns (European nations) and showed even the land area and what would be the end of this great whore and her daughters in the following chapters of the Book of Revelation. Now John began to understand that this woman was Satan's Wife, and the angel also showed him the spiritual city of mystery Babylon the great. So this is very important to our understanding of what John saw.

Now continuing, *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore (well, she is the one that made them what they are), and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."* Why will they do such things as this when they just gave their power over to her? They were of one mind and gave their power over to the beastly spirit of the devil that this woman, the great whore, was riding. But watch what happened. Verse 17, *"For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will,"* Watch. These kings (ten horns, ten nations) of this worldly system are going to fulfill the will of God. Although they do not even know God, they are going to fulfill the will of God. God is going to put it within their hearts to give their power over to the beast, but then they suddenly begin to hate her when God's purpose is fulfilled; and they will come up with a plan; they will say, "Let's burn her! Let's destroy her!" In one hour, shown in Revelation, Chapter 18, such riches come to naught. The Vatican that was (and is) the great church system will then be no more, for the ten horns completely destroy her! The world will be in total chaos. But watch what the Word is saying here. Verse 17, *"For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."* That is the Roman system that the woman got control of. See, the beast never becomes the woman.

The ten European nations lend their power to the woman for a while. The spirit of the beast is the devil himself that got control over the European beast with seven heads and ten horns. And in Revelation 13:1, we find this beast that comes up out of the sea has seven heads and ten horns. Here in Revelation 13:1, God is showing how this beast became what is seen here. **For that beast is a combination of all the beasts that Daniel saw in his vision of the end time, for it shows the body of the beast as the world powers from the time of Daniel in the BC period up unto our day, with the ten horns on the head of this beast, and that is now, and shows western Europe.** Even so, it explains the body of the beast. All this other territory, it is that Roman system, it is the European ten nations there, and the woman is going to crack the whip over them. Still they are the ones that are going to destroy the very thing that they have been projecting.

Verse 18, *"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* Now there is no natural city reigning over the earth, but it is Catholicism. Everything is working out to bring this prophecy to where God wants it. God is making His will come to pass. But watch, God was going to show John the woman, this great whore, but he did more than that, for the angel gave him a little historical background of both the woman and the beast that carried her. And we bring out the historical details in our book, *The Interpreted Book of Revelation*, and we thank God for that book and how it brings out these things.

Now let us go back to Revelation, Chapter 21. And as the angel showed in Chapter 17 that woman, the mother whore, and gave some history along with it to back up what he was saying and a prophecy of what was going to happen to her, then in Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22, one of the seven angels shows this woman called the bride, the Lamb's Wife. Here came 'one of the seven angels that had the seven last plagues' to show John

a virtuous woman. Again, Verse 9 says, *“And there came unto me one of the seven angels...”* He is going to show the other side of the picture now, not the devil’s whore, but the Wife of the Lamb, dressed in fine linen, clean and white. We can look around today and see the other side in a religious system. The angel described the great whore as having a cup full of the abomination of the filthiness of her fornication. This great whore had harlot daughters; like Mama like daughter, see, right down the line. But now let us take a look at something more pleasant, the holy city New Jerusalem and the Wife of the Lamb. *“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.”* But She is not seen until we get to Revelation, Chapter 22; there we actually find the Lamb’s Wife, who is shown as the tree of life.

Notice, before he shows the Wife, he shows what protects Her. He shows Her surroundings. He shows the city of the living God. And I will tell you, it makes me shout just to see Her surroundings! And that is what God gives us today, He gives us the surroundings; for we are in a spiritual realm. As Jesus said in John 3:13, *“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man **which is in heaven.**”* He was in heaven while He was speaking here on earth because He was in that heavenly realm. The fullness of Christ had come into Jesus, and that put Him in heaven rather than in the earth. Glory to God! And because of Revelation, Chapter 10, and the coming down of the fullness of Christ in the form of the Mighty Angel, we were baptized into the fullness of Christ, and we are in heaven. For we were translated into Ephesians 4:13-16, which connected with Ephesians 5:30-32, and we are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, thus showing that we are the same; we are the She part of Christ.

Now we have a picture of the Lamb’s Wife in this city, surrounded by the glory of God and everything good that we

could think of, with a street that is pure gold. No, not natural gold, but spiritual gold which means our faith. O' such glory! It is the glory of God, and there is no darkness at all here. And what does it say about us? We are no longer tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. (Ephesians 4:13-16) We are in the fullness of the light of the revelation of God's Word, for our light is as clear as crystal. Oh, what wonderful surroundings we are in! And we know and are doing that which is important to the Wife at home.

So compare the two surroundings now with the two women. We see the one woman's surroundings, which is that city called 'mystery Babylon the great,' and she has no part of this city of God. But as far as the Lamb's Wife, we see our surroundings, for we are home, inside the holy city, New Jerusalem. Praise God, there is only one thing that we are interested in now, and that is our marriage to our Lord Jesus Christ, and the one doctrine of God, which is, "I only do that which the Lord shows me to do." So in this hour, we do not spend a lot of time on all the historical details of kings and their kingdoms. I did that for sixty years; I have done all of that. But you do not need to do it; you are home now. Why go back and say, "I want to see how we got here"? No. It is all right to have a knowledge of how we got here; but where we are at now, we are so close to the completion of our glorification, as it has already begun to build within us and we are changing, that we do not have time to go back. Yes, you could take a few years to study all this out and give every detail, but what we have now is so good that you are probably not going to go back there too much and study. Because Solomon said, "Too much study is weariness to the flesh." I have done it hour after hour after hour, year after year after year. And I will tell you something, and this is not being braggadocios or anything, but all of that is still in my spirit and in my mentality, and there is very few questions that I could not answer concerning any of this. And since I picked these things

up coming through this journey, I freely share it with you, and you do not have to go back there and get it. Amen.

Many years ago I felt a little burden in my heart that I just could not get rid of, for something just kept beckoning me to make known the interpretation of the Book of Revelation. So I began to write; and when I finished writing *The Interpreted Book of Revelation*, that burden was gone; for I knew that I had accomplished what the Lord had put a burden on me to do. And there it is, laying for the whole world to see. See, it was in me to 'bring all the Book of Revelation over to our day and make it known.' And I just felt like, this morning, showing you where we are and what we are to concentrate on. What that angel said, "Be sure to show what has happened up to this time. Let it be known that this has been wrought of God. Truly, it is the Spirit of prophecy. Do not let this get lost, because this burden is part of the history of what happened to cause the writing of *The Interpreted Book of Revelation*. Put this in here about the Wife of the Lamb, just as John did in Revelation 19:7-8, saying, 'Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife hath made Herself ready. And to Her was granted that She should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.'" Hallelujah! The greatest thing that is in the world today is the Wife of the Lamb. And that is what we are concentrating on because we are home. We do not need to go back and come through the things we have been through. Yes, we have come through a lot of struggling, and it has been a long journey. But we have arrived at the end of the hazardous journey, and we are home. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. But in the Father's literal living quarters (to put it into words that we can understand) there is a great palace with a throne, and the glory of God is upon the throne with the Lamb sitting on the throne with His Wife by His side. Hallelujah! That is what I am concentrating on.

So let us go on with this. As the angel was about to show John the Lamb's Wife, saying, "I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife," he then was like, "But first I want to stop here," and he began to show him something else. Now watch. Verse 10, "*And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain (notice, he did not take him into a wilderness), and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.*" He showed him something heavenly because what he was dealing with was heavenly things. So here, everything is glorious. Watch, it showed the city descending from heaven, Verse 11, "*Having the glory of God: and her light...*" Now remember, when showing that 'other woman,' there was darkness. It says 'darkness was poured out upon the seat of the beast' (Revelation 16:10), and then confusion came in and other manifestations of darkness. But here there is no darkness. Darkness is all gone. "*Having the glory of God: and **her light** was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, **clear as crystal;***" The revelation that the Lamb's Wife possesses is as clear as crystal. I like things clear. He clears it up and makes it just as clear as crystal to us; and that way you cannot be tossed to and fro. If there is a lacking of being as clear as crystal, then someone can say, "Well, I know that sounds good, but there is another way of looking at it." No, if it is as clear as crystal to you, you cannot be tossed to and fro and carried about. You are home, you are happy, you are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, and that flesh is glorified flesh and bones.

Now watch. He will show what the surroundings of the Wife are. Verse 12, "*And had a wall great and high, and had twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*" This is the twelve patriarchs, Jacobs sons, showing we are connected here with the rest of God's family. We are connected. This city is our home. It is not Rome. It is Jerusalem. It is old Eden restored back to what God had in mind from the beginning. God had it started but it did not go forth at

that time. Just like there was a marriage to take place by the Apostle Paul, but the serpent came in and it did not happen then, but now it has. It was the same thing with Eden, it did not precede, and it did not spread out to its full size at that time because the fall came. But now it is happening. There are no failures in God, even though something may look like a failure, it eventually produces the will of God. And when we look at things going on in this world today, we see the beginning of sorrows. (Matthew, Chapter 24) But thank God we are home! We are home, and it is beautiful! Oh, there are precious stones. There is a wall. Nothing can come through the wall, the gates; like in Eden there, shown in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 3, where God drove man out and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life. But by revelation we have come right by it and have become the tree of life, the Wife of the Lamb. We are inside the city, in the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Now this city is not literal. There is not one tangible thing that has come down from heaven. It is all glory, precious stones of jasper and the street of gold as clear as glass. Now if there is a clear glass between you and me, I cannot see it. If you have a perfectly clear glass between us, the only way I would know there is glass there is that light reflects off it. It is as clear as glass, see, nothing tangible.

Now let us read Verse 13, *"On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates."* It is a square, see. But there is no literal square there. That is the external part of God's kingdom. He is showing us that. But he said, "I want you to see the Lamb's Wife." See, the Wife is hidden inside the city. So in Revelation, Chapter 22, we finally get to what the angel said in Chapter 21 to John, "Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife." Yes, he showed Her surroundings, and how beautiful Her surroundings are! Oh, what a glorious place it is! And there is the throne of God, with

the glory of God all around it. There is the Lamb of God sitting there, and there is the Lamb's Wife bearing Her fruit, and the water of life is flowing out as the nations come and partake of it. There is no literal city with gates, a wall, and foundations; it is all spiritual. I have often said, when Peter went up, when he passed on from this life and went up, he did not take a wheelbarrow full of stones and cement to lay a foundation. No, it was his faith, his ministry. And one thing I appreciate about Peter is when he wrote about Paul in 2 Peter, Chapter 3, he said, "Our beloved Paul wrote things that are hard to be understood by those that do not understand the scripture." He called him, "Beloved Paul." That is enough right there to make me like Peter. Here, Peter was acknowledging Paul's revelation (the foundation) that he laid, which was a separate foundation than the twelve foundations that was laid by the twelve apostles that preached to the twelve tribes of Israel. So the foundation shown in the Book of 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, is where Paul said, "I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon." And we, the Wife of the Lamb, are built on Paul's foundation as the tree of life, of which Paul is a part of, him being a member of the Wife, the body of Christ.

Verses 14-16, *"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."* (And then it tells about the measurements here.) *And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth four-square, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."* In other words, it is an area where the glory of God comes down to earth. And he let John see it like a cube. And there is no darkness there, just light, a place of glory. And there is plenty of gold there! But that gold is as clear as transparent glass; and there has never been any gold like that, see. But it is recorded in the Word of God by both Peter and Paul, "The trying of your

faith is more precious than pure gold." So which would you rather have, a house full of gold or a house full of faith? Notice, it is our faith; there is nothing literal. Let us get Verse 18, *"And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."* Do you see that? We have heard it said about walking on the streets of gold, and songs that say, "Oh, how beautiful heaven must be," and "Build me a cabin in the corner of Glory land." All those things, God laid them in there that way for the natural people as they came through time with all their difficulties. When we look at the Dark Ages, in all those difficulties, they could always look forward and say, "I have a home waiting where I can walk on streets of gold, and I will have a mansion." And now we have arrived; and here we see that it is all in the Spirit, and it is much better for us. There is a lot of that 'gold as clear as glass' between me and you this morning. Praise the Lord!

Verses 19-21, *"And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."* So do you see it? It is a place of glory. A wonderful place. And it will be right here on this good solid earth, right there in that land area where God was at before He went up.

First, He walked with Adam in the cool of the day. God walked with His children. But when sin came, He withdrew Himself, for He took spiritual Eden away, but He left the land area. See, sin can never enter there. We used to sing a song, "Sin can never enter there; it will stop you at the gate, bar you out forevermore, because sin can never enter there." So God went up, and He let the earth and mankind go through the different

phases and stages through time. And all the while He was working His will. Jesus told His disciples when they prayed, "Pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven." And did you notice what I read there about the ten horns (ten European nations)? According to the will of God, they gave their power and authority and everything over to the beast that the woman rode. But then, they suddenly got one mind and turned and hated the whore and burned her with fire. The whole thing was working the will of God.

Verses 22-23, *"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun (Now it is not talking about the earth here. It is talking about a big square Eden area, 1,500 miles.), neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."* Oh, that city where the Lamb is the light! Oh, that city where there cometh no night! And now over there is over here for us, the Wife of the Lamb. Hallelujah! Verses 24-25, *"And the nations of them which are saved (that is the mortal natural people that passed the great white throne judgment) shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."* In other words, it is only light there. And right now it is only light here in the Wife of the Lamb. Whether it is day or night, it is light here, spiritual light. And over there, the glory will be so great that no darkness can stay. The Lamb is the light. But out there in the natural world, there are natural people, farmers and so on, and they will need that time of night to rest and refresh themselves. And every day they will say, "This is a new day that God has made, let us rejoice therein!"

Verses 26-27, *"And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. 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."* John is seeing this in 96 AD, so he mentions the fact that nothing in no wise that

defileth or worketh abomination shall enter this city. This is a simple statement of facts, for he is saying in no wise will those wicked people with those evil spirits be in eternity trying to get into this city of God. Then in Revelation, Chapter 22, in the midst of this city is shown the Lamb's Wife, the tree of life. But did you notice, he not only showed the Wife, but he showed where She is at too. So connect that with John, Chapter 14, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come and receive you unto myself. In my Father's house are many mansions." Oh, that is what it is, right there. And that is where we are at spiritually, right now. That is why we are so happy. That is why we can see the world falling apart all around us and we are not about to have a nervous breakdown. And God only knows what will be in the future out there in those realms. But we know what it is for us, the Lamb's Wife; for we have come into the realm of glorified flesh and bones. So we know what is important to the Wife at home.

Notice again the title of the message, *Things that are Important to the Wife at Home*. We showed you these things of how it all happened. But the angel said, "Wait, John, I have something to show you. I want to show you the city. This city is the Wife's home base. So the angel said, "Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's Wife," although John had previously wrote about the Wife of the Lamb in Revelation 19:7-8. The Wife of the Lamb simply means a body of many members, a many member body of Christ that has become bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, fulfilling the part as Eve fulfilled. We are the Lord Jesus Christ's partner, for His Wife had to be someone that was compatible with Him. Are you compatible with Him in His ways? Read that message, *A Seamless Transition between God's Christ and God's Son*. It is the same thing between the Lord Jesus Christ and His Christ Wife; it is a seamless transition, and we love every minute of it.

Heavenly Father, we thank you today for your love, goodness, and your great grace that you have put upon us. And we praise you, God, because you care for us and you are showing us our home. Lord, we are already there spiritually, but you want to show us a little bit about what to expect, the glory and the size of that domain, the wall, and the street of pure gold as clear as glass. Everything is clear; no darkness there, where the Lamb is the light. And the Lamb is the light here; that is why we are no longer tossed to and fro. Your servant Paul said, "You are not children of darkness; you are children of light." And we thank you for it, Lord. Thank you for making us the Wife of the Lamb. We praise you, we love you, and we thank you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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