

Revelation 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Devil is not in Hell today! He is the prince of the power of the air. His power is limited today, but in the Tribulation his powers will be expanded, especially when the restrainer (Holy Spirit) is removed. Notice, Satan is not the first to go into Hell that is reserved for the Beast and the false prophet. Hell is described here as a lake of fire and brimstone (some have described brimstone as like napalm that was used in Vietnam. Jesus spoke of Hell quite often: Luke 3:7 Matthew 25:41, Matthew 8:12. Separation from God – outer darkness (no sun, so God is the only light).

Revelation 20:11-13 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

Great White Throne Judgment – 2nd resurrection (This is the judgment of the lost). **Did they keep the law?** A sinless life is the standard if you enter on your works. No one will be able to stand up at this judgment. They will all be judged by the works (Romans 3:23) and not grace. Even the Dead and Lost will get a fair trial according to your works. But at this judgment, all you will have are your works alone, without Christ you will have to fulfill the law every jot and tittle.

Revelation 20:14-15 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Jesus described Hades and Paradise in his parable (Luke 16:19-31). When Jesus ascended He took with him the Old Testament Saints in Paradise. Hades is not the final place of hell. Hades is the prison of the lost souls. Hell is the second death. Lake of fire and it is outer darkness. **How dark is outer darkness?** Just as Heaven is more magnificent than words can describe. Lake of fire and outer darkness cannot come close to describing the magnitude and agony of hell.

Chapter 21

Heaven - Overview

Key Concepts: New Earth, New Heaven, New Jerusalem

If this is your picture of Heaven you are in for a surprise!
You won't be floating around counting clouds.

You will have a real: address, name, job, and house. For example, according to 1 Corinthians 6:3 you will judge Angels. John 14:1-4 tells of the promise of Heaven.



What kind of body will you have? Glorified body just as Christ had (1 Corinthians 15:35-58). Christ as you know ate and visited over 500 people in His Glorified body after resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:5-8).

What are some basic changes we know about? Besides the obvious no tears and streets of Gold.

- Total Absence of Sin / Testing – Rev 22:3
- The New Jerusalem will be the center of the universe all will orbit around it.
- The law gravity will change as we know it. There will be heavy traffic between back and forth between space, New Jerusalem and new earth. - Rev 21:24-26
- No Night – God will be source of all light. No need for the sun and the solar system as we know it today. Rev 21:26, Rev 22:4
- No Rest – With glorified bodies in Christ Image we will not tire or need sleep or rest.
- No Sea in the New Jerusalem – Currently with earth is covered $\frac{3}{4}$ by sea consequently much of the earth is not inhabitable. In addition, the sea is used many times as an instrument of judgment. Early, in this Chapter the sea represented the nations of man – toss and turning and not a peace.
- Man will be a vegetarian as he was in the Garden - Rev 22:3
- You will live in New Jerusalem will the presence of Christ & the Throne of God - Rev 22:4.

New Jerusalem will be the capital of Heaven and the center of the universe - seat of ruling power the throne of the universe spiritually and literally.

Revelation 21: 1-5 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Notice all things are new. “This creation will pass away.” Isaiah 66:22

Honestly, are you happy with this life or does it tend to frustrate you? Are you of this world or a child of the Kingdom to come? You answer to the first question may be default answer the second question.

Man will finally dwell with God and see him face to face just as Moses and many others long to do. Each saint will be in service. His people translated in the original language means the same verb as His people in service in the tabernacle.

New Jerusalem is coming down out of heaven, what does that mean?

What will it be like to see God and Jesus face to face? No tears, no death, no pain. What is meant by the old order has passed away?

Revelation 21:6-7 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The reference to Alpha and omega lets us know that this is Jesus. Believers will thirst for Christ and will be satisfied. All Believers are overcomers (John 1:12). Remember the promise to Philadelphia that the victorious one will be a pillar in the temple of God (Revelation 3:12).

Who is on the throne? Where have we heard “it is done”? John 19:30, Rev 16:17 and Rev 21:6 – What is the significance? Have you ever ponder that phrase son of the king and what that might mean in a literal sense in heaven?

God says you will be sons. This means with all rights. Heirs of God and Inherit all things – Romans 8:16-17.

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Why is the fiery lake mentioned here in the chapter on heaven? Do you remember the Greek word for sorcery or “magic arts”? Lest you draw the wrong conclusion: God reminds us all things new except the Lake of fire. The second death is real and sin and darkness are blocked out for eternity from the new creation. Without the possibility of temptation as we had in the garden without the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Revelation 21:9-11 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

The bride is the church of Jesus. Physical description and dimensions of Heaven are given to us. Notice there is a clear difference between the Millennium, the New Jerusalem, and New Earth.

<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Post Millennial</u>
1000yrs	Endless
Sorrows present	No sorrow
Earthly	Not of this world (Physiological changes of great magnitude)
Righteousness Reigns	Righteousness Dwells
Imperfection/Rebels	Perfection / Sinless

Earthly Jerusalem and New Jerusalem what is the difference. The Old Testament promises to Israel to live in the land. The New Earthly Jerusalem is the fulfillment. It is the second city both share eternity, but The Throne and Christ call New Jerusalem home. Much like the Jews went to the temple or tabernacle to worship. They will travel to New Jerusalem to worship. If there were no need for travel, why would there be 12 gates for the 12 tribes. More on that later.

How far does New Jerusalem come down from Heaven? There are Many Speculations.

Facts:	Views:
It comes down from Heaven.	Spiritualize, Assume it is another city on earth
Never states that it comes all the way down to earth.	A city in Heaven
John is taken up to see it and measure	Hangs below Heaven in mid-air.

Because of our sin nature, the Glory of God rightfully causes fear, and we know many examples with the children of Israel, the arc and etc. In our current nature, we are unable to experience the full Glory of God, but all that will be possible in glorified bodies clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Where is the bride's residence? Jesus said I go and prepare a place for you?

Revelation 21:12-14 *It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

Notice the gates, How many whose names are written?

Jasper described here is most likely a diamond. Beauty and also the hardest substance. The great wall symbolizes peace, and it is approximately 216 feet high. Notice: 12 is the number in the bible for government. 12 is referenced 21 times in Revelations and 7 times here alone. 12 gates are set up for his holy temple or tabernacle just as God has done before. See diagram below of the tabernacle in the desert.

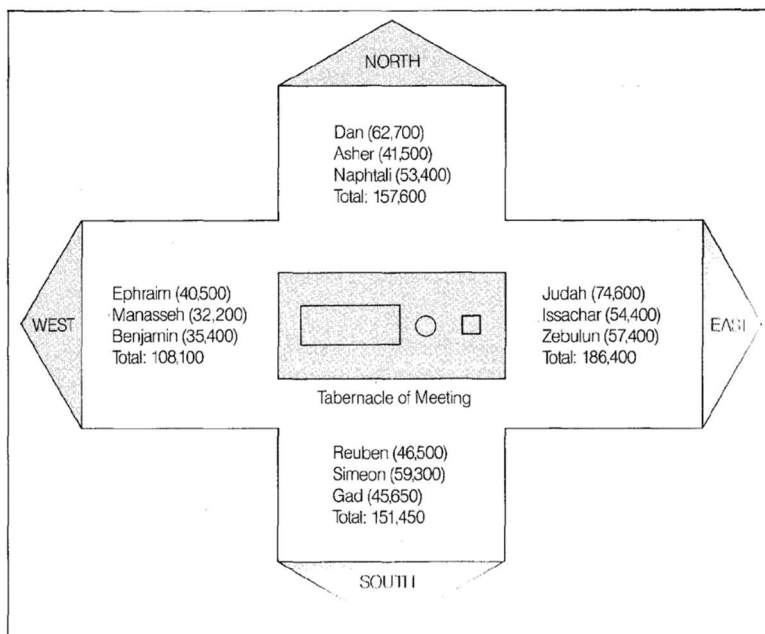


Diagram of the Tabernacle in the Desert

The foundations whose names? What is the significance of this?

12 disciples are the foundations Eph 2:20. Notice: the foundations are adorned with precious jewels just as the breast plates of the priest were adorned. The foundations are the different colors of the rainbow: diamond, blue, opaque, green, white with layers of red, fiery red, golden yellow, Sea Green, Greenish yellow, Gold Green, Violet, purple and ruby. The city from a distance could look much like a prism. A large diamond inset with the colors of the rainbow. The gates will be open as people come to worship.

Revelation 21:15-21 *The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia[c] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits[d] thick. The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated*

with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

How long is a stadia? Or a cubit? Notice the foundations are decorated with precious stones, do you remember what else was decorated with precious stones? Have you ever heard of a pearl quite that big? Why the pearl?

12,000 stadia is between 1300 – 1500 miles (there is some uncertainty as to the exact length of a stadia.)

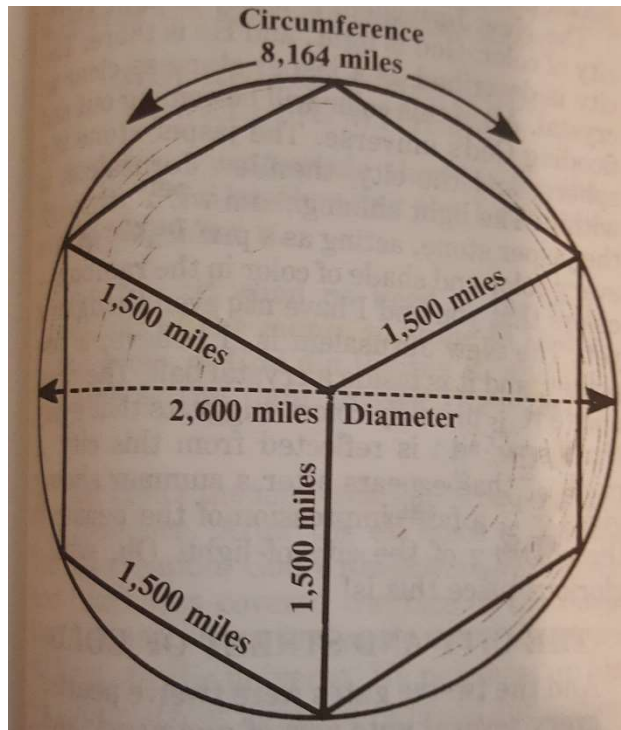
Revelation 21:22-27 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Just as the people are the church, the Lord and the Lamb will be the temple. There is no need for a physical temple.

Notice: God's desire is finally achieved fully – Fellowship with man free will love without sin. No church or temple is needed. Nations are the redeemed after the rapture and visit through the open gates. The church is the bride residing in the city. The Old Testament promises Israel will live in the land. Hence the gates with their name for they are frequent worshippers.

Heaven Images of Structure and Magnitude based on Scripture (Possible interpretation)

In relation to the US, what would 1500 sq. miles look like?



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