

## ~NEW JERUSALEM (289)

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- An expression that occurs two times, and only in the highly symbolic book of Revelation.
- The one that conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will by no means go out from it anymore, and I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the **New Jerusalem** which descends out of heaven from my God, and that new name of mine. (**Revelation 3:12**)
- I saw also the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)
- Near the end of that series of visions, and after seeing Babylon the Great destroyed, the apostle John says; I saw also the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
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- In the light of other scriptures, the identity of **New Jerusalem** is made certain. She is **as a bride**. Farther along, John writes;
- And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the **bride**, the Lambs wife. (**Revelation 21:9**)
- So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the **holy city Jerusalem** coming down out of heaven from God. (**Revelation 21:10**)
- And having the glory of God. Its radiance was like a most

precious stone, as a jasper stone shining crystal-clear.  
([Revelation 21:11](#))

- **New Jerusalem** is the bride of whom? The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who shed his blood sacrificially for mankind.
- The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said; See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! ([John 1:29](#))
- And I saw standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a lamb as though it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which eyes mean the seven spirits of God that have been sent forth into the whole earth. ([Revelation 5:6](#))
- Saying with a loud voice; The Lamb that was slaughtered is worthy to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. ([Revelation 5:12](#))
- So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ([Revelation 7:14](#))
- And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. ([Revelation 12:11](#))
- The wall of the city also had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ([Revelation 21:14](#))
- What is her identity? She is composed of the members of the glorified Christian congregation. The congregation on earth was likened to a **chaste virgin** to be presented to the Christ.
- For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#))
- Again, the apostle Paul likens the Christian congregation to a wife, with Christ as her Husband and Head.

- Because a husband is head of his wife as the Christ also is head of the congregation, he being a savior of this body. (**Ephesians 5:23**)
- In fact, as the congregation is in subjection to the Christ, so let wives also be to their husbands in everything. (**Ephesians 5:24**)
- Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it. (**Ephesians 5:25**)
- This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. (**Ephesians 5:32**)
- Furthermore, Christ himself addresses the congregation at;
- The one that conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will by no means go out from it anymore, and I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the **New Jerusalem** which descends out of heaven from my God, and that new name of mine. (**Revelation 3:12**)
- Promising the faithful conqueror that he would have written upon him, the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the **New Jerusalem** which descends out of heaven from my God, and that new name of mine.
- A wife takes her husband's name. Therefore those seen standing with the Lamb upon Mount Zion, numbering 144,000, having the Lamb's name and that of his Father written in their foreheads, are evidently the same group, the bride.
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)

### · Why Could New Jerusalem Not Be A City In The Middle East

- **New Jerusalem** is of heavenly origin, not earthly origin, for it comes down to earth **out of heaven from God**.
- So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city **Jerusalem**

**coming down out of heaven from God. (Revelation 21:10)**

- So this city is not one erected by men and consisting of literal streets and buildings constructed in the Middle East on the site of the ancient city of **Jerusalem**, which was destroyed in **70 C.E.**
- The members of the bride class when on earth are told that their **citizenship exists in the heavens** and that their hope is to receive an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is **reserved** in the heavens for you, says the apostle Peter.
- As for us, **our citizenship exists in the heavens**, from which place also we are eagerly waiting for a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 3:20**)
- To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you. (**1 Peter 1:4**)
- In **537 B.C.E.**, Yehowah created, **new** heavens and a new earth when the Jewish remnant was restored to Jerusalem from Babylonian exile.
- For here I am creating **new heavens** and a **new earth**, and the former things will not be called to mind, neither will they come up into the heart. (**Isaiah 65:17**)
- Evidently the governorship of Zerubbabel, a descendant of David, aided by High Priest Joshua, at the city of Jerusalem, constituted the **new heavens** then.
- In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yehowah occurred by means of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, saying; (**Haggai 1:1**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to rouse up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and the spirit of all the remaining ones of the people, and they began to enter in and to do the work in the house of Yehowah of armies their God. (**Haggai 1:14**)

- The **New Jerusalem**, together with Christ on his throne in this symbolic city, constitutes the new heavens that rule over the new earth, which is human society on earth.

**See Also HEAVEN (New heavens and new earth)**

- That the **New Jerusalem** is indeed a heavenly city is further supported by the vision of her that John beheld. Only a symbolic city could have the dimensions and splendor of **New Jerusalem**.
- Its base was foursquare, about 555 kilometers (345 miles) on each side, or about 2,220 kilometers (1,379 miles) completely around, that is, 12,000 furlongs. Being a cube, the city was also as high as it was long and wide. No man-made city could ever reach that far into **outer space**.
- Round about was a wall 144 cubits (64 meters)(210 feet) high. The wall, itself constructed of jasper, in turn rested on 12 foundation stones, precious stones of great beauty jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, hyacinth, and amethyst.
- On these 12 foundation stones were engraved the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb. The city proper within these beautiful walls was no less glorious, for it was described as, pure gold like clear glass, having a broad way of pure gold, as transparent glass.
- It had a great and lofty wall and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names were inscribed which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (**Revelation 21:12**)
- On the east were three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. (**Revelation 21:13**)
- The wall of the city also had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:14**)
- Now the one who was speaking with me was holding as a measure a golden reed, that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall. (**Revelation 21:15**)
- And the city lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its

breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs, its length and breadth and height are equal. **(Revelation 21:16)**

- Also, he measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to a man's measure, at the same time an angels. **(Revelation 21:17)**
- Now the structure of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold like clear glass. **(Revelation 21:18)**
- The foundations of the city's wall were adorned with every sort of precious stone, the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald. **(Revelation 21:19)**
- The fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh hyacinth, the twelfth amethyst. **(Revelation 21:20)**
- Also, the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each one of the gates was made of one pearl. And the broad way of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass. **(Revelation 21:21)**

## **.. A Pure, Beneficial Rule**

- Entrance into the **New Jerusalem** through its magnificent walls was by means of 12 gates, three on a side, each made of a huge pearl. Although these gates were never closed, anything not sacred and anyone that carries on a disgusting thing and a lie will in no way enter into it, only those written in the Lambs scroll of life will.
- A holy and sacred city indeed, yet there was no visible temple of worship, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is.
- And there was no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up, and its lamp was the Lamb. Its rulership over the nations will be beneficial to them, for the nations will walk by means of its light.
- And I did not see a temple in it, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is. **(Revelation 21:22)**
- And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine

upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up, and its lamp was the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:23**)

- And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (**Revelation 21:24**)
- And its gates will not be closed at all by day, for night will not exist there. (**Revelation 21:25**)
- And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (**Revelation 21:26**)
- But anything not sacred and anyone that carries on a disgusting thing and a lie will in no way enter into it, only those written in the Lambs scroll of life will. (**Revelation 21:27**)