

"BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW"

Studies in the Revelation

Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 1:6

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH:

Then I saw a (1) new heaven and a (2) new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1

THEN, THE NEW Jerusalem:

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming (where) down out of heaven from God, made ready as (what) a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:2

My (Jesus) Father's House:

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In (what) My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

John 14:1-3

Revealed in the book of Hebrews:

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for (what) the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the (what) city of the living God, the (what) heavenly Jerusalem, and to (1) myriads of angels, to the (2) general assembly and (3) church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to (4) God, the Judge of all, and to (5) the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to (6) Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPITAL OF HEAVEN:

The General Appearance of the New Jerusalem:

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you (what) the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

And he carried me away in the Spirit to (what) a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming (where) down out of heaven from God, having (what) the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

Revelation 21:9-11

The Glory of God:

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, (why) for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Revelation 21:23

A Look at the City from the Outside:

The Old Covenant of God:

It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

The New Covenant of God:

And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:12-14

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on (what) the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into (what) a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into (what) a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

The Measuring of the New Jerusalem (see Ezek. 40:3, Rev. 11:1):

The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the (1) city, and its (2) gates and its (3) wall. The city is laid out as a square (or cube), and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

The Foundation Stones of the City Wall:

The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone.

The first foundation stone was jasper; - close to a diamond
the second, sapphire; - brilliant blue stone
the third, chalcedony; - sky blue stone with colored stripes
the fourth, emerald; - bright green stone
the fifth, sardonyx; - red and white striped stone
the sixth, sardius; - common quartz found in various shades of red
the seventh, chrysolite; - transparent gold or yellow-hued stone
the eighth, beryl; - various colors, including shades of green, yellow, blue
the ninth, topaz; - yellow-green stone
the tenth, chrysoptase; - gold-tinted green stone
the eleventh, jacinth; - blue or violet colored stone
the twelfth, amethyst. - purple stone

The Twelve Gates and the Twelve Pearls:

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl.
Revelation 21:15-21a

A Look at the City from Within:

The City Streets:

And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

What was not in the city:

No need for a temple, no need for light, and no unclean person:

I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it...

Who would be in the city:

The Redeemed:

...but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.
Revelation 21:21b-27

Who would not be in the city:

The Wicked and the Lost:

But for the (1) cowardly and (2) unbelieving and (3) abominable and (4) murderers and (5) immoral persons and (6) sorcerers and (7) idolaters and (8) all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.
Revelation 21:8

What would be in the city:

The River and Tree of Life:

Then he showed me a (what) river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street (or, path). On either side of the river was (what) the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
Revelation 22:1-2

Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to (who) the one who thirsts from the (what) spring of the water of life without cost.

Revelation 21:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for (what) righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
Matthew 5:6

And the character of the New Jerusalem:

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will (what) serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, (why) because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign (how long) forever and ever.

Revelation 22:1-5

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will

- (1) wipe away every tear from their eyes; and
- (2) there will no longer be any death;
- (3) there will no longer be any mourning, or
- (4) crying, or
- (5) pain the first things have passed away."

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Revelation 21:3-6

No More No Less
By MercyMe

I'm not trying to hide anything
I wear it on my sleeve
I wear it on my sleeve

I'm not trying to be something I'm not
This is all I've got
This is all I've got

I'm not trying to re-invent the wheel
Just trying to be real
Trying to be real

I'm not trying to say "follow me"
I'm not the one who leads
I'm not the one who leads

Chorus

Let me introduce myself to you
This is who I am
No more, no less
I am just a man who understands
Because of You I'm blessed
No more, no less

I'm not trying to prove anything
It's all about the change
It's all about the change

I hope you stare just long enough to see
The heart that's beating here inside of me

Beyond all of the things you may think you know
I'm just a kid trying to make it home, that's it
No more, no less

Lord, I want to go home
Nothing more, nothing less