

All Things Have Become New – Part III

Revelation 21:18-22:5

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I. Introduction and Review

- A. Our Outline
 - 1. The citizens of the city – verse 1-8
 - 2. Verses 9-22:5: the character of the city – verse 9-22:5
- B. Last week
 - 1. John's escort to the city – vs. 9,10
 - 2. John's exposure to the city – vs. 21:11-22:5
- C. Today: John's Exposure to the City, continued – vs. – 21:18-22:5
 - 1. The materials of the city – vs. 18-21
 - 2. The masters of the city – vs. 22-27
 - 3. The middle of the city – vs. 22:1-5

II. The New Jerusalem – vs. 18-22:5

- A. The materials of the city – vs. 18-21
 - 1. The wall was jasper: "an opaque quartz of any of several colors." – v. 18
 - 2. The city was pure gold like pure glass
 - 3. The foundation stones of the wall – 19, 20
 - a. First, jasper = usually green quartz
 - b. Second, sapphire = blue, a deep purplish blue
 - c. Third, chalcedony (kal-sedone) = blue with stripes of other colors, with wax-like luster
 - d. Fourth, emerald = bright green
 - e. Fifth, sardonyx (sar-don-iks) = a black onyx having parallel layers of orange and red
 - f. Sixth, sardius (NIV: car ne lian) = red or honey colored
 - g. Seventh chrysolite = yellow
 - h. Eighth, beryl = great hardness, sea green
 - i. Ninth, topaz = transparent yellow-green
 - j. Tenth, chrysoprase (kris e-praz) = apple green
 - k. Eleventh, jacinth (jay-soth)= violet
 - l. Twelfth, amethyst = usually purple
 - 4. The twelve gates were each made of a single pearl. The street was pure gold. – v. 21 (Matthew 13:45, 46)
- B. The Master of the City – vs. 22-27
 - 1. There is no temple- v. 22
 - a. Temples are for worship; they point us to God

- b. Temples are a dwelling place of God
- c. See: II Chronicles 6:18; 7:1-3; John 1:14; 16:7; I Corinthians 6:19, 20
- d. God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple
- 2. There will be no need of any kind of illumination – vs. 23-24
 - a. No God-created or man-constructed light.
 - i. Isaiah 60:19, 20
 - b. Jesus, in His Incarnate form had His glory veiled.
 - c. The inhabitants of the city will walk by the light of the Lamb. Question: Why wait?
 - i. Psalm 119:105 – red – yellow – green
 - d. Remember, God is light! John 8:12; I John 1:5
- 3. There will be no closed gates – vs. 25-27
 - a. Perfect peace and protection from all that harms
 - b. The glory of the nations shall come in these open gates
 - c. One must have their name in the lamb's book of life to enter

Heaven's blessings are ours now

- C. The middle of the city – vs. 22:1-5
 - 1. The river – v. 1
 - a. It is crystal clear. This speaks of God's purity and the purity of the city
 - b. It speaks of fullness of life and continuous blessing
 - c. It comes from the throne of God and the Lamb
 - 2. The tree of life – v. 2
 - a. First seen in Genesis 2:9
 - b. Its location is tough to identify!
 - c. Its fruit is healing or "health giving"
 - d. We get our word "therapeutic" from this Greek word
 - e. Nations – people other than Jews and church?
 - 3. The Throne of God – vs. 3-5
 - a. The curse is lifted.
 - i. See Revelation 21:4; Genesis 2:17; 3:16-19
 - b. We will serve our Lord
 - c. We will see Him face to face. Exodus 33:20-23
 - d. There is no need for light