

## All Things Have Become New – Part II

Revelation 21:9-17

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### I. Introduction

- A. The citizens of the city (W.W.W.) – verses 1-8
- B. The character of the city (W.W.W.) – verses 9-22:5
- C. The city, like its creator, is hard to describe (see Chapter 1)

### II. The New Jerusalem

- A. John's Escort to the city – vs. 9-10
  - 1. One of the seven angels who poured out the last plagues
  - 2. This new city is called the bride of the lamb
  - 3. It is called a "Holy City" – how great will that be!
  - 4. It came down out of heaven from God (James 1:17)
- B. John's exposure to the City – vs. 11-17
  - 1. The city bears the glory of God compared to a very costly stone. Jasper, though often green quartz, is a name used for stones of various colors. The diamond was not known as a jewel in the first century. – v. 11
  - 2. The city has 12 gates, (each with an angel), inscribed with the name of one of the Sons of Israel. – v. 12
  - 3. There are three gates on each of the four sides of the city – v. 13
  - 4. On the city wall are 12 foundation stones inscribed with the names of the 12 Apostles – v. 14
  - 5. An angel measures the city with a rod (10 feet) – v. 15

- 6. Dimensions of the Holy City – vs. 16, 17
  - a. "Square" NASB (*tetragonos* = rectangle, square)
  - b. "Commentators differ as to whether the city is a cube or a pyramid. The description seems to favor the pyramid form."  
Walvoord
  - c. It is approximately 1400-1500 miles in each direction with a wall 200 feet thick or high.
  - d. "One person calculated the total base area of the city to be 1,750,329 sq. miles."
    - i. Not counting its height – D.J. page 224
  - e. "It has been calculated that even if only 25% of this space were used for dwellings, 20 billion people could be accommodated spaciouly." Ryrie