

NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

1. PLACEMENT OF NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH IN PROPHETIC TIMELINE

1. Rapture of the Church
2. Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:9)
3. Antichrist and false prophet cast into lake of fire (Rev 19:19-20)
4. Satan bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit (Rev 20:1-2)
5. Millennium Reign of Jesus Starts
6. Satan released from prison to prepare nations for final war and its judgment (Gog and Magog) (Rev 20:3,7-9))
7. Satan cast into lake of fire (Rev 20:10)
8. Present Heaven and earth destroyed (2 Peter 3:10-13; Rev 20:11; Rev 21:1)
9. Great White Throne judgment for unbelievers (second death) for no place for them to dwell (Rev 20:11-15; Rev 21:8))
10. New Heaven and New Earth

2. INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATION OF REVELATION

A. THINGS THAT ARE, AND THINGS YET FUTURE

Rev 1:1 The Rev of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John

Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

BLESSING ASSOCIATED WITH STUDYING REVELATION

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

3. STATUS OF HEAVEN NOW

A. PRIOR TO NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

i. There is a Temple in Heaven now

Rev 11:19 KJV And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev 14:15,17 KJV And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. ... 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 15:5-6,8 KJV And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. ... 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Rev 16:1 KJV And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

■ For Contrast

Rev 21:22 KJV And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

ii. Reasoning For Why The Temple is Dispensed With, In Revelation 21?

Job 1 & 2 Satan comes before God in heaven

Eze 28 Rebellion in Heaven—Satan and angels thrown out of heaven
(There is sin and is corrupted)

iii. **Pattern Given to Moses Based on Original in Heaven**

Moses is told that he is to follow the “pattern” given to him by God.

Ex 25:8-9 And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them According to all that I shew thee, [after] the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make [it].

Heb 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

One Scriptures That Negate This Viewpoint

Heb 9:23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

- Possibly, Temple is still there because belongs to the old order, until New Heaven comes

B. **PRESENT HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE DISPENSED WITH**

i. **Heaven and earth dissolved with fire**

2 Peter 3:10-13 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [11] Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, [12] Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? [13] Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

ii. **God’s intention for earth and heaven to perish—not unique to Revelation**

Psalm 102:25-27 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens [are] the work of thy hands. [26] They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: [27] But thou [art] the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Heb 1:10-12 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: [11] They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; [12] And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

4. NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH INTRODUCTION

A. **LIKE ABRAHAM, WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH**

Heb 11:10 KJV For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Heb 13:14 KJV For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

B. **THE FORMER HEAVEN AND EARTH NOT REMEMBERED**

Isa 65:17-19 KJV For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. [18] But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. [19] And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Isa 66:22 KJV For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me,

saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Rev 21:4 KJV And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

- The Isaiah Scripture only place that the old heaven and earth will not be remembered and not come into mind - Not mentioned in Revelation

i. **No Temple — People are Temple/Tabernacle (means to “dwell among us”)**

1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Corinthians 6:16 KJV And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Rev 21:22 KJV And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

ii. **This How It Has Always Been (Examples)**

- JESUS TABERNACLED WITH ADAM
- JESUS MET ABRAHAM
- PURPOSE FOR THE TABERNACLE
- JESUS DESIRES TO DWELL AMONG US

Ex 25:8-9 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. [9]
According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

God is greater than temple — no more separation

Matt 12:6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

5. NEW JERUSALEM ARCHITECTURE

A. CITY DIMENSIONS

Rev 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

- Dr. McGey: Standard Interpretation is a cube, others say pyramid
- Foursquare = Length, breadth and height are equal = 12,000 Furlongs Each—
 - One Furlong = 8 furlongs (1/8 of mile)

$$\frac{12,000}{8} = 1,500 \text{ Miles Long}$$

$$\text{Length} \times \text{Breadth} = 2,250,000 \text{ (2m, 250 thousand) Sq miles}$$

- For scale, New York 5 miles in length, 2½ wide. United States 2,500 miles across, 1,200 North to South
- 1,500 (Length, breadth and height are equal)

B. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 1,500 MILES, IF FLAT AND NOT A CUBE

- City lowered down from heaven
- Remember length, height and breadth equal. 1,500 hundred high

Rev 21:2,10 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ... [10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem,

descending out of heaven from God.

- How do you put a wall around a cube? If flat city, make sense with wall around it
- New Jerusalem above the new earth hovering at height of 1,500 Miles
- Reason why streets are transparent — **21:11,21,23** the glory of God is lighting up the new earth through the transparent glass (crystal)

Rev 21:11,21,23 Having the glory of God: and her light [was] like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; [21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. [23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof.

i. **Moon Distance Comparison**

- Earth 225,000 (¼ million miles) from moon
- Minus 223,500 miles to bring to 1,500 miles — moon only reflects the sun. How bright that would be
- New Jerusalem only 1,500 miles across, remember

C. **INHABITANTS IN THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH DISTINCTIONS**

Rev 19:7,9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ... 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, **Come hither, I will shew thee** the bride, the Lamb's wife.

- Everything that comes after verse 9, is said to be that which is prepared for the Bride only—
 - Not Old Testament saints
 - Not saints saved during the time of Jacob's Trouble
 - Not people saved in Mill. reign of Lord Jesus
- New earth for them
- Gates are never shut, no night, dwellers of the New Earth can come and go as they please into the New Heaven

Rev 21:25-26 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. [26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

- **Rev 21:8,27, Rev 22:15** - There will no unbelievers to enter in, for they in the lake of fire
- **22:5** NO darkness and NO sleep - awake for 24 hours a day — live forever

Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they **shall reign** for ever and ever.

D. **REAL ESTATE**

i. **City Capacity**

- How many acres does the New Heaven have?
- 1 mile = about 632—640 acres. (See City Dimensions Heading - **2,250,000 sq miles**)

$$632 \times 2,250,000 \text{ sq miles} = 1,422,000,000 \text{ acres (1bn, 422m)}$$

ii. **How many acres per person?**

John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

1 Cor 2:9 “. . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

- From Death and Resurrection estimate 7 - 8 bn have lived on earth
- 1/10 Saved, about 7 hundred million
- Each person would have 2.3 acres

E. GATES, WALLS AND STREETS

i. Overview

- 21:11,23 Glory of God and the Lord Jesus are light of the city
- City is pure gold transparent like glass
- 21:13,16 City has a 1,500 mile foundation wall with 4 cardinal compass directions. Verse 12 says “a wall great high”
- 21:12 There are 12 gates with names of 12 tribes of Israel. 3 gates located at each cardinal direction
- 21:14,19-21 The wall foundations are 12. They have the names of the apostles and walls made from various precious stones
- 21:21 Gates were twelve pearls, but several gate was SINGLE one pearl — were not kosher for Israel — not bound old testament law and ordinances
- Foundation walls and gates built upon layers (layer built upon layer) — 12 names of apostles on the foundation walls and they were made of up precious stones (18-21)

ii. 21:17-21 Wall Foundation Dimensions

a. 21:17 VARIATIONS IN WHAT A “CUBIT MEASURE OF MAN” IS

Rev 21:17-21 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

- Wall 144 cubits = Various schools of thought as to what a is cubit, ranging between 17.49 (1.4 ft) — 24 inches (2 ft)
- The Interpreter’s Bible say 17.49 (1.4 ft)
- Ezekiel’s Scale 20.405 (1.7 ft)
- Wall Height Equation
- Equivalent to 30 Storey Building

$$144 \times 2 \text{ ft} = 288 \text{ ft high}$$

- If the gates are perhaps half the size, then 15 storey building

b. 21:18-20 THE 12 WALL FOUNDATIONS’ COMPOSITION

[18] And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. [19] And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; [20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

- 1. Jasper — clear - clean bright and pure
- 2. Sapphire — Blue Ex 24:10 — foundation of God sapphire stone under his feet. Like looking up to heaven on a clear day

Ex 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness

- 3. Chalcedony — Light green
- 4. Emerald — Deeper and richer green — green refers to growth — plants and trees
- 5. Sardonyx — red stone with layers of white woven into it (sins be as scarlet shall be white as snow (Isaiah 1:18))
- 6. Sardius — fiery red: associated with the Lord and cleaning power
- 7. Chrysolite — Golden yellow like a topaz
- 8. Beryl — Blue/Sea green
- 9. Topaz — Orange
- 10. Chrysoprasus — mixture of gold, maybe a little of green mixed in
- 11. Jacinth — violent colour: end of rainbow
- 12. Amerthyst — Purple/Blue: maybe with a little of red