

Revival Christian Fellowship

The Vindication of Christ
Revelation 21:9-22:5 - "The Celestial City"
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Main Point: The Christian's Eternal Destination, the Celestial City.

Introduction

- How does Hebrews 12:22-23 provide a fitting introduction to this passage of scripture?

Understanding

1. The Description of the City.

a. It's Appearance - Read Revelation 21:9-10.

- i. From where does this holy city descend?
- ii. What is the bride, the Lamb's wife?

b. It's Brilliance - Read Revelation 21:11.

- i. What was John's first impression of the New Jerusalem in verse 11?
What does this reveal about heaven?

c. It's Construction - Read Revelation 21:12 - 14.

- i. Describe the wall which surrounds the holy city.
- ii. Who are the twelve tribes of Israel whose names are written upon the twelve gates?

d. It's Measurements - Read Revelation 21:15-17.

- i. Why do you think that the angel gave John the city measurements?

e. It's Materials - Read Revelation 21:18-21.

- i. What are each of the following constructed of?

1. The Walls
2. The City Foundation
3. The Gates
4. The Streets

- ii. What is the overall mental picture these verses give you?

f. Relationship of the city to God - Read Revelation 21:22-23.

- i. Why was there no temple in the city?

- ii. How will New Jerusalem not be lighted? How will it be lighted? Explain.

g. Relationship of Nations - Read Revelation 21:24-27.

- i. Who will benefit from this light?
- ii. When will the gates be shut? Explain.
- iii. What is required to be a citizen of this new Jerusalem?

2. The Delights of the City.

a. River of life flowing from the throne of God - Read Revelation 22:1

- i. What is the river of the water of life?

b. The Tree of Life - Read Revelation 22:2.

- i. Look back at Genesis 2:9,15-17. Why do you think Revelation ends with a return to a garden scene with the Tree of Life on display?

c. No more curse - Read Revelation 22:3a.

- i. What does the removal of the curse mean?

d. God's Throne - Read Revelation 22:3b.

- i. Who is on the throne?

e. The Bliss - Read Revelation 22:3c - 4.

- i. How will our service in heaven be different from our service on earth?

- ii. In what ways would having God's name permanently affixed be reassuring, appropriate, and a delight?

f. No night - Read Revelation 22:5a.

- i. What is the significance of there being no darkness in the New Jerusalem?

g. Saints will reign - Read Revelation 22:5b.

- i. What do these verses reveal about our purpose in eternity? What do they reveal about our relationship with God?

Application

- How does Psalm 23:6 summarize this passage of scripture?