

What is the New Jerusalem?

The New Jerusalem, which is also called the Tabernacle of God, the Holy City, the City of God, is literally heaven on coming down from God to the new heaven “prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” after “the first heaven and earth” pass away.(Revelation 21:10) It is the place where God will dwell with His people, live in face-to-face presence with God in eternity forever. “*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God”*”(Revelation 21:1-3) As much as they are looking for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, Christians all over the world are also waiting for the day when these visions of the Apostle John would become realities. With a new heaven and a new earth replacing the present polluted, unclean ones all things upon the earth will then become new. We will certainly be overwhelmed by the awe-inspiring beauty of all the new things which God would bring forth in that day. By the Grace of the Lord, we shall see the Holy City, the New Jerusalem exactly as they were seen by the Apostle in his visions. The New Jerusalem is the fulfillment of all God’s promises where “the river of the Water of Life flows”, “access to the tree of life” “where righteousness dwells”, “the bride of the Lamb habitation”. The New Jerusalem is God’s goodness made manifest by the glory of God

In Revelation chapter 21 and 22 the revealed history of man is at its end. All of the ages have come and gone. Christ has gathered His church in the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:15–17) The Great Tribulation has passed (Revelation 6–18). The battle of Armageddon has been fought and won by our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:17–21). Satan has been bound for the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth.(Revelation 20:1–3) A new, glorious temple has been established in Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40–48). The Great White Throne Judgment has taken place, and mankind has been judged.(Revelation 20:11–15) The final rebellion against God has been defeated, and Satan has received his punishment, along with false prophet and wicked people an eternity in the lake of fire.(Rev.20:7–10) God will make all things new. And after the New Heaven and New Earth are created, God will set the Holy City, the New Jerusalem.

Who are the residents of the New Jerusalem? God the Father as the light and Christ as the lamp are on the throne, and the flow of living water is the Holy Spirit. Angels are at the gates. And the city will be occupied with the Bride of Christ. The new heaven and new earth are call the “eternal state” “where righteousness dwells”(2 Peter 3:13) After the re-creation, God reveals the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is the righteous counter to the evil Babylon (Rev.17) destroyed by God’s judgment (Rev.18) The wicked had their city, and God has His. To which city do you belong? Babylon the Great or the New Jerusalem? If you believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died and rose again and have asked God to save you by His grace, response of a new heart that gives willing obedience to His laws is the essence of being a True Christian, then you are a citizen of the Heavenly Jerusalem.(Heb 12:22) “*God raised up with Christ and seated with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*”(Eph.2:6,19) You have “*an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade*”(1Peter 1:4) If you have not yet trusted Christ as your Savior, then we urge you to receive Him: *Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*(Rev.22:17)

To have an understanding of the Holy City, New Jerusalem, we need to look at the Garden of Eden and the City of David called Jerusalem. The Scripture declares that God created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. Read Genesis 1:1-2:6. It also states that all of God's creations were “good”, which means that they were “pleasant” to Him. *For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: “I am the Lord, and there is no other.*(Isa.45:18) There was a place called Eden which God had formed. However, the whole earth was not Eden. Eden was God's “paradise” and God's “pleasure”. And eastward in Eden God planted a Garden. Genesis 2:8-16 records: *The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.* Remember that the Garden of Eden was planted in the east of Eden. It was a garden of delight. It was the Land of Canaan. The “goodly mountain” was Canaan (Exo.3:8; Deut.3:25; 4:22). It was the “pleasant land” of milk and honey, and the “glory of all lands”(Psm.106:24; Ezek.20:6,15; Isa.8:8;62:4; Hos.9:3) The Bible tells us that God had chosen only one place on this earth to put His Name, that was Jerusalem in the Land of Canaan.(2Chr.6:6; Neh.1:9)

Jerusalem was the place where God revealed His Presence and made Himself known to Israel, His chosen people the natural seeds of Abraham. When God wanted to reconfirm His Covenant with Abraham, He commanded Abraham to take his son, Isaac, to *“the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of”* (Gen.22:2b) We should realize what kind of city Abraham was looking for when God called him out of Ur of Chaldees, Babylon to the Land of Canaan. Abraham *“looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God”* (Heb.11:10) In Isaiah 51:1-3 where God says, *“Look unto Abraham,”* and this is going to tie Abraham and Eden together with God. It says *“the garden of the LORD.”* It belonged to Him. Psalmists have declared the city, Jerusalem on Mount Zion is God's habitation forever: *“For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it”* (Psm132:13-14) and *“Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King”* It was the *“perfection of beauty”* (Psm.48:1-2) Near Bethel, (house of God) Abraham built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Were Jacob's dream of a stairway to heaven has seen. (Genesis 12:8) Land of Canaan was the very place where the Garden of Eden was located where Man had his beginning in an environment with the beauty of God's creations. God's relationship with Man began here. God had chosen this place where He would deal with His chosen people and dwell with them forever. Satan has caused much trouble in this place since the origin of Man. (Eze.28:13) Today, many conflicts are still prevalent in this land. God has allowed His adversary to somewhat 'hinder' His Divine Plan for a season that the Gospel might be preached to the Gentiles. But eventually all things will be fulfilled according to His Eternal Plan.

Let us study the types and shadows of the “garden” as mentioned in Genesis 2:9. with the interruption of the *“two trees”* — the *“Tree of Life”*, and the *“Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil”* And Jerusalem was the place where the Lord God had put His Name and where He had planted His Tree of Life – His divine – by which His chosen people a holy people (Deu 7:6) might have access to the Life of His Shekinah Glory. It was also in this same place that the Adversary of God, Satan had continually been fighting against God and His Truth by getting His people to break His Divine Word the same way he deceived Eve into partaking of that forbidden tree. And as Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden, the children of Israel were also cast out of the Land of Canaan when they disobey God.

The Garden produced and supported an abundance of life, by well watered by a river which came from Eden. It was God's paradise. God planted the beautiful Garden and gave it to Adam. And the Lord God would come down to the midst of the Garden in the cool of the day, at evening time to fellowship and communicate with the Man and his Wife. (Gen3:8) And was the Shekinah Glory of God came shining upon Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Hence Spiritual Life – was here in this Garden. Though Adam and his Wife were natural living beings, created in the image and likeness of God, they were planted by God as spiritual trees in the Garden. And although their lives were without sin, they constantly had to drink of the Spiritual Water of Life and eat of the “meat” of the Tree of Life which only the Shekinah Glory of God could supply. As Natural trees need natural water, so do spiritual trees need 'spiritual water'. Hence, these two 'spiritual trees' were overshadowed by Christ, the Spiritual Rock, the very Fountain of the Water of Life, and the very Tree of Life, which was right there in the midst of the Garden of Eden. The children of Israel *all drank the same spiritual drink of the spiritual rock which followed them, which was Christ.* (1Cor10:4)

Adam was God's first earthly son. His dwelling place was the Garden of Eden. The earth was his 'domain'. He was charged to populate the earth, to subdue it and to exercise dominion over all the fish of the sea, over all the birds of the air and over every living thing that moved on the earth. He was the king and the lord over all the creatures. And God performed an operation on Adam's side and made a woman and brought her unto him (Gen.2:22b) and she became his wife. It wasn't very long that Satan, the intruder, got into the Garden and caused the Serpent to seduce the Woman into partaking of the “Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil”. The Woman was deceived and she sinned against the God. (1 Tim.2:13-14) Death for her was certain. She pursued Adam with her nagging, until He yielded to her. (Gen.3:17) And because of his action, Adam was imputed the death penalty which was passed down to all his descendants, because of that first sin. Adam was a pattern of Christ who was to come the second Man, the last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. (1Cor15:44-49) Jesus chose to give His life so that we might live. His death on tree-cross brought Life to us. Jesus identified with her fallen state that He might live with her as Husband and Wife eternally.

When Adam and Eve sinned, God banished them from the Garden, Since that day, it has been guarded by God's ministering angels (cherubim) with a flaming sword to protect the way to the Tree of Life. (Gen3:22-24) The way out the Garden was from the east — the 'eastern gate'. God made a promise to Adam and Eve, and through one of their descendants (Seth) would come the One who would bruise the head of the serpent, the Promised Seed, Jesus Christ. Almost 4,000 years later Jesus bruised the serpent's head on Calvary. Jesus, pointing to the cross where He has nailed the law of sin and death, triumphantly leading to heaven those who acknowledge His Kingship. Christ and His power that brings victory over spiritual evil. *“Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord”*

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.(Hebrews 11:8-10) The call of Abraham is the beginning of God's revelation to a chosen people concerning the building of His Holy City. Abraham was the first to be shown this Holy City of God. He saw it afar off and passed on the revelation to his descendants, Isaac and Jacob. On the other hand, there are many records showing how Satan, through his seeds of the Serpent, built many cities on earth. In the days after the Flood, he inspired Cush and his son, Nimrod, to build a city and a religious tower to keep the people from migrating. The city is in the Land of Shinar.(Gen.10: 8-10; 11:1-4) It was called Babel, or Babylon. Nimrod was Satan's headstone in his religious building deceived a people and got them to build an empire. He deceived them into believing that Heaven could be reached by the tower of Babel. Whatever God does, Satan imitates. By so doing he seeks to confuse mankind and trap them in the false hope of salvation. Note that Satan's religion was in the city of Babylon and God's religion was in the city of Jerusalem-the city of Peace. "Mystery, Babylon the Great" refers to great anti-christ city-city of confusion, which would be destroyed by the beast with ten horns.(Rev13:1-3;17:16-18)

Abraham was called of God to receive a two-fold inheritance: one, the promised Land of Canaan, and two, the promised City of God. To receive such an inheritance for himself and his descendants was not an easy thing to do. Though they sojourned in the land which was theirs by the promise of God, it was only after years of trials and testing that they gained possession of the inheritance. Abraham was tested and refined. They were faithful men with a vision. They were not just looking to inherit the promised land, which they did sojourn in, but they were strangers who were looking for "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God". They did not see it in their lifetime. They *"all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: whereby God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city"*(Heb.11:13-16)

Now we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, looking forward to the time when we're in the glory and at rest with the Lord *"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come"* (Heb.13:14), yet a holy nation of faithful people on a journey to a promise land.(1Pet.2:9) *Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit"*(Eph.2:19-22) Jesus as the Cornerstone upon which His church would be built upon, a unified body of believers. Believers, then, are the living stones, Jesus promised to build.(Mat 16:18) *Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious.* (1Pet.2:6;Isa.28:16,8;4) As the Master Builder, God places His living stones just where He wants us to be. Jesus lay down the Head Stone as the Foundation Corner Stone in Zion, 2,000 years ago. The first church began after Jesus returned to heaven. Disciples remained in Jerusalem and on the day of Pentecost, God started the church. The Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered, from there the truth about Jesus spread and God caused the church to grow.

Canaan, the Promised Land, was a goodly land filled with milk and honey. From the time the promise was given to Abraham, it took some years to raise a nation of people large enough to move in, conquer the land and occupy it. However, though the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob (Israel) did possess the land. So, who were the true Israelites? It is not just literal descent from Abraham, but faith in God. *"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."*(Gal 3:7) *"For they are not all Israel which are of Israel; neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children... but the children of promise are counted for the seed."* (Rom 9:6-8) The children of promise are those who put their faith in God, all the saints all the redeemed people. *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise"* (Gal 3:29) Whether they are Jewish or Gentile, God regards only those who have renewed hearts as true Israelites.(Joh1:47) *"For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly, nor is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, and not in the letter' whose praise is not from men but from God."* (Romans 2:28,29), *"For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."* (Phi 3:3) Only those who were born of the promised seed were truly the children of the promise for they were the ones who were called as a holy nation of people, who are pilgrims journeying through this world which is not their home. *"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn.*(Heb12:18-23

After some 430 years of sojourning (slavery in Egypt) the children of Israel were delivered. God's Presence was in their midst in a Pillar of Cloud by day and in a Pillar of Fire by night as they left Egypt. After their deliverance from the bondage of the Egyptians, the children of Israel could have directly entered Canaan, but because of their lack of faith and their evil report, they were sentenced to wander in the wilderness for some 40 years (Deut.2:14) Only two men were faithful believers of the Promised Word of God. During that period, God commanded Moses to build a tabernacle for Him to show His Presence among the people.(Ex.25-8,27) *And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.* The Tabernacle, as it was called, was only a temporary building. It was in the shape of a rectangle. It had two parts: the Holy Place and Most Holy Place with a surrounding court.(Ex.26:33-34;Heb.9:2-7) The Ark of the Covenant was in the Most Holy Place. The Mercy Seat, a lid of solid gold, was the top of the Ark. Upon it were two cherubim of gold which faced each other. It was here between the cherubim that the Shekinah Glory of God(or the Tree of Life) was enthroned, and from where God communicated with His prophet, Moses. The Levites and priests were assigned the responsibility of guarding and transporting the holy things of the Tabernacle which was moved from one location to another as the children of Israel, being led by the Pillar of Fire, journeyed on. (Num.3-4;10:33-36) *By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light,*(Exodus 13:20-22) God spoke to Moses out of the pillar of cloud, assuring him that His Presence would be with the Israelites. When Moses asked to see God’s glory, God hid Moses in the cleft of a rock, covered him with His hand, and passed by. Then He removed His hand, and Moses saw only His back. This would seem to indicate that God’s glory is too awesome and powerful to be seen completely by man. The Tabernacle foreshadow the Logos of God coming to dwell in a tabernacle of Christ who dwells in the Church (Tree of Life), the household of God. And out of this tabernacle of the house of God the Word of the Lord is ministered to people. Jesus Christ is the dwelling place of God’s glory. *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”* (Col 2:9) When the Lord Jesus was on this earth, He was the tabernacle of God and His body was the temple of God, which was destroyed on the cross but raised up by the God in His resurrection in an enlarged way. In Christ we see the visible manifestation of God Himself.(Joh.14:9;1:14) and we are the living temple of God.(1Cor.3:16;Eph.2:19)

After almost 40 years in the wilderness, the Tabernacle was moved across Jordan into Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Now, the Shekinah Presence of the Lord had returned to the “Garden of Eden” and He would live with His chosen ones there in that “Garden” as long as they would obey the Word. In the days of King David, when he had captured Zion from the Jebusites, he brought the Ark of the Covenant there, leaving the tabernacle in Gibeon (1 Kg.3:4; 2 Sam.5-6) And Mount Zion, which was also called the City of David, was situated “in the midst of the Garden” — Canaan. *“But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel”*(2 Chr.6:6) King David is a type of the Lord Jesus, in his role as King over Israel who was the very Ark of God dwelling among His people in Jerusalem in His days. And in the millennium, King Jesus would also sit in His Throne in Jerusalem and reign over Israel and the earth.(Rev22:16) Hence, the Tree of Life, which was in the midst of the Garden of Eden in the days of Adam had returned to its original place to manifest its Presence.

King David proposed a more permanent temple building to replace the Tabernacle of Moses. But the temple was built only under the reign of his son Solomon. The Temple, which housed the Ark was built by Solomon just north of the City of David on Mount Moriah (2 Chronicles 3:1) and upon the site where Abraham have offered Isaac as a sacrifice unto the Lord.(Genesis 22:1-2) It was a very beautiful and magnificent temple to behold, for very large amounts of gold and silver were used in its construction. It took the people seven and a half years to complete the building (1 Kings 6:1,38) When the Ark was brought in and the Temple (Solomon’s Temple) dedicated, the Glory of the Lord filled the LORD’s house insomuch that the priests could not perform their service.(Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

However, the Temple did not stand forever because of the apostasy of Israel. They lived a life of spiritual and moral decadence. Prophet Ezekiel saw all these in the visions God showed to him.(Ezekiel 4-24) He was even shown the termination of Israel's kingly rule.(Ezek.21:25-27) In those days God sent the Babylonians into Jerusalem to make its people captives and to slaughter the king (Zedekiah) and his sons. The first temple, built by King Solomon, had been destroyed in 587 BC(2 Kings 25:8–10) But the Shekinah Glory of God left the Temple and *“went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city”*(Ezek.11:22-23). However, the Shekinah Glory, which left the Ark in the Temple and went eastward towards Mount Olives, settled upon another Ark. This Ark was not made with hands, and It ascended into Heaven with a Glorified Body. Ark being replaced by faith in God under the New Covenant.(Jer.31:31-34) It was there near the Miphkad altar was on the southern peak of the Mount of Olives that sin was judged & defeated and thus the means of forgiveness and reconciliation made available unto all who believe. Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.(Rev 11:19) The Shekinah Glory of the Lord will again return and stand upon Mount Olives.(Zec.14)

A second temple called Zerubbabel's Temple was built in 516 B.C. after Israel's return from captivity. It was erected upon the same foundational stone as Solomon's. It was a modest temple. However, in the days of the Roman rule, Herod, who was appointed king of Judea by the Roman Senate, contributed much to its extension and architectural appearance. That's why it was commonly known as Herod's Temple. Although the Temple was beautifully built, the true Glory of God was *not* in the Temple because the Ark of the Covenant was *not* in the Most Holy Place. And as there was *no* Ark, the Shekinah Glory of God was *not* there in the Temple. In the days of Malachi, a prophecy for Israel was pronounced, saying: *"Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, "Says the Lord of hosts"*(Mal.3:1) Haggai prophesied that the second temple would one day have a magnificence to outshine the glory of the first.(Haggai 2:3-9) Haggai's word was fulfilled 500 years later when Jesus Christ arrived(Luk 2:22,46;19:45), the Messiah Himself walked the courts of the temple that Zerubbabel built. The Shekinah Glory came in the flesh of the Man, "dwelt among us" as "the Bread of Life" who taught in the Temple in Jerusalem, very few people recognized the Presence of the Glory of the Lord in their midst.(John 1:14)

Jesus Christ was the Messenger and the Ark of the Second Covenant. He was also the rightful King to the Throne of David. His triumphal entry, from Mount Olives into Jerusalem, where His followers hailed Him as the King before He entered into the temple to cleanse it in the final week of His earthly life and ministry(Mk.11:1-11) foreshadowed the fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel 21:27. The Mount of Olives in the east (where Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven) the Glory of the Lord shall enter into the Millennial Temple through the eastern gate and sit on His Throne. And the True Ark of the Covenant shall no longer depart from His Throne. Due to Israel Rejected and crucified the Messiah Whom God had sent unto them, Jerusalem was again trodden down by the Gentiles in 70AD when Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. They see this as the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy that *"not one stone would be left upon another"* (Mat 24:2) Israel was dispersed and became a people without a country until on the 14 May 1948.

God showed Prophet Ezekiel visions concerning Israel's future worship during the Millennial Reign of Christ. In the visions,(Ezekiel 40:2) Ezekiel was taken to a "very high mountain" in the land of Israel, this was the situation of Jerusalem, on north was Mount Zion. Ezekiel begins measurements of the temple. In 43:10, *"describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. That they will have ashamed rejected their Messiah. God will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon Him (Jesus) whom their ancestors have pierced-crucified in the Garden on Tree-of Life. They will mourn for Him and seek the Lord.(Rom11:25) then they will look on Me whom they pierced.(Zec12:10)* The crucifixion site, Golgotha, as being a hill just outside Jerusalem city wall. Abraham intended to sacrifice Isaac on same spot in the Mount of the LORD where true Messiah sacrificed.Gen.22:14 Jesus, Son of God did for mankind in his sacrifice for sin, shed blood of the lamb to have the light of life and salvation

The Temple which Ezekiel saw in his visions would be the Third and Final Temple that Israel will ever have. It would be more beautiful and more magnificent than the other temples before it. However when will the construction of this Temple begin? According to Bible prophecies, except for the outer court, this Temple and its Altar would have already been built by the time the last week of Daniel's Seventy Weeks.(Dan.9:24-27) *Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.(Rev. 11:1-2)* Hence, the construction of the Temple would have to begin before that period of time. But the present 'Dome of the Rock', which stands in the way, will have to be removed somehow without the force of men. Prophetically, the battle which was prophesied by Prophet Ezekiel in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, must come to pass. He prophesied that God would bring about *"a great shaking in the land of Israel...and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground"*(Ezek.38:19b,20b) There would be an earthquake in the land of Israel of such magnitude that will bring down from the Temple Mount, and restore the Jews' right to that holy place. They will offer prayers of sanctification and thanksgiving and burnt offerings unto Lord. Then the nation of Israel will make their daily sacrifices and offerings again. However, the Antichrist will take the Temple in the middle of his seven-year covenant with many nations. And he will cause the sacrifices to cease and he will sit in the Temple and proclaim himself to be a god.(Dan.9:27;2Thes.2:3-9) But God destroy all the nations that will come against Jerusalem by the brightness of the Coming of Christ. The Lord Jesus shall return from heaven with His saints to fight for Israel in the Day of the Lord and the dragon, serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, god of this age *who leads the whole world astray* and has *deceived the inhabitants of the earth* by performing signs and lying wonders through his subtle power will be bound for 1000 years in prison and cast him into the lake of fire forever.(Rev.12:9;13:14;16:14-16)

The Temple which Ezekiel saw in his visions would be constructed differently from the Tabernacle of Moses, the First Temple of Solomon and the Second Temple of Zerubbabel's. Ezekiel's Temple (as it is called) has three gates in the outer court, each positionally centered in the north, east and south. The inner court has three gateways relative to the gates of the outer courts. (Read chapters 40-42.) Each of these gates has seven steps, and each of the gateways has eight steps. The one last entrance into the Temple has ten steps. These different levels of steps and heights toward the Temple proper point to the worshippers seeking for spiritual perfection, deliverance and the laws of God. Hence, Ezekiel's Temple looks like a Pyramidal building with a Towering Temple, the place of God's Shekinah Glory, where the Prince of Israel, Lord Jesus Christ (Y'shua HaMashiach), shall sit and receive worship as He rules over Israel and the nations of the world. Jesus says in Mathew 23:38,39 *See! Your house (temple) is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'* The desolation of the Temple is connected with the departure of Jesus, the glory of the Lord, and that the restoration of the Temple is connected with His second coming. When the Lord's Christ shall come with His saints at the end of great tribulation, all riding on white horses to Jerusalem to fight in the Battle of Armageddon (Rev.16:16; Zech.14:1-2) and to set up His Kingdom, the Glory of Israel shall come from the "way of the east" into the House (Ezek.43:2,4), and the Lord shall say, *"this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name"* (Ezek.43:7) *"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."* *For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.* (Isa.2:2-5) The Prince shall teach them to walk in the Light of the Glory of Lord! The saints shall rule with Him together over the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matt.19:28)

When the people of the land shall come before the Lord at the appointed feasts, there will be no high priest anointed from the seeds of Aaron to lead them. But the Prince of Israel and the King (of kings of all nations of the earth) shall lead the people in the worship God for He will be the High Priest, and the priesthood of Israel will be given unto the sons of Zadok, the descendants of Aaron the high priest, whose duties are to teach the people of Israel to keep the ordinances and laws of the House and judge them accordingly. And, as a consecrated priesthood who are separated and set apart for holy use, they must put on linen garments when they enter the gates of the inner court and temple to minister. (Read Ezekiel 43-46) The "elected lady" the Church of Christ who are separated and set apart as "a spiritual house", "a holy priesthood", "a chosen generation", "a royal priesthood" "a holy nation" of people who will serve the Lord. Truly, the path of the redeemed is illuminated by the Light of the Shekinah Glory of the Lord. Lord *Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.* (Heb.6:20) As High Priest He entered the Holy Place to obtain eternal redemption by offering His own blood as our sacrifice. (Heb9:11,12,28) God promised to appoint another priest, a permanent priest which implies someone who is perfect in himself and perfect in his work. (Psa110:4) In Zechariah 6:11-15 says that we shall help the Lord Jesus build this temple as King of kings and High priest.

Jerusalem comprises the Temple and the City, where the Temple is the Palace or Habitation of the Messiah (Isa.2:2; Ezek.43:7) in connection with the City, when He, as the Glory of God. *"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King"* (Psm.48:2) There are three gates on each side of the city wall. Each gate carries a name of the twelve tribes of Israel. Oracles of God are given. (Acts 7:37-38)

And in the "Millennial Temple" scene, a river flowed eastward. Ezekiel saw waters issued forth towards the east from under the threshold, from the south side of the altar and on the banks of the river were very many trees. Like the river in the beginning, this river was also full of life, for it not only came from a mountain source (fresh spring) but it also came from where the Tree of Life (the Shekinah Glory of the Lord) was presented. (Read Ezekiel 47:1-12) Spiritually, from the Throne of the Temple, the Lord's Christ would issue forth His Word of Life like waters flowing all over the earth, and *"the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"* (Isa.11:9; Hab.2:14). The King of kings and the Lord of lords shall rule the earth with a rod of iron. (Rev.12:5; cf. Mic.4:1-4, Isa.2:2-4) In (Ezk.40-48) describing the millennial temple, its regulations for worship, and the tribal allotments. The temple will provide a throne for God among His people, the residency of His glory from which He will rule over His people. This earth will have a temple during the 1000 year millennium after the return of the Lord Jesus. He shall have His throne in the temple in Jerusalem and rule over the whole earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jerusalem, the "beloved city," will once again be the camp of the saints during the millennial age. (Revelation 20:9)

The Age of Regeneration will move towards an Eden condition by bringing about a change all over the earth. In Rom 8:20, Creation will be liberated from bondage along with mankind into Glorious Freedom. The 1000-year reign of Jesus on earth is described briefly in Isaiah 11:1-10 and 65:18- 25 *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD.* The Millennial reign, God will redeem the earth and restore all things to the character of the original creation. God will remove all traces of sins and mankind will be taught the Ways of God by the Rod of Christ. There will be total peace on earth because the Prince of Peace will be there – peace between humans and peace between all of God's living creatures. The whole world will be "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD" Jerusalem will be the holy city, The Lord Jesus, the Holy One will be there.

There will be two distinct groups occupying the Earth during the millennial kingdom—those with glorified bodies, and those with earthly bodies who lived through the tribulation and on into the millennial kingdom. Those with glorified bodies consist of the Church, receiving glorified bodies at the rapture. Satan and his demons will be bound during this thousand years. The ordinary natural life and living conditions on the earth will continue in this period. But all nations will come under the rule of Christ and there will be peace and safety throughout the whole earth. While the Lord's Christ will rule from Jerusalem over His people, Israel, and over all the nations of the earth, His Redeemed and Glorified People(His Bride) will rule with Him in their various places of authority all over the earth. During this period, the natural people who are the subjects of the kingdom shall give birth to children to replenish the earth. There will be no death from aging but disciplinary action will be taken against rebellious. Poisonous creatures will be rendered harmless and wild animals will eat grass. *"And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD shall be the only one [worshiped], and His name the only one"(Zech.14:16-18,9)* The term "tabernacles"(succot) has its meaning as part of a restoration promise of God to return to earth and tabernacle with God's people.(Amos 9:11) The celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles is the future setting for the true worship. With annual celebration which all nations will gather in Jerusalem to testify that the LORD, acknowledging God's provision and His secure protection and His sovereignty as King of Kings who reigns over all! This celebration filled with joy in sincere worship of King Messiah, the Lord of Hosts. *"Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God"(Jeremiah 31:6)*

We have seen that God had chosen one locality upon this earth where His Presence was manifested since beginning of Man. That place was Israel. It was also called Canaan, and the Garden of Eden. However, on the Land of Israel God had chosen only One Place to put His Name, and that place was the City of Jerusalem where a House was built for His habitation on Mount Zion. Now, all these natural earthly things and places reflect the reality of Spiritual things and places. *"the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: 'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD,(Acts 7:48-49; Heb.8:1-2,5-6)* If God had chosen to put His Name in a Temple in Jerusalem, how much more would He put His Holy Name in the House of God, the Church, Who will stand in the midst of the Heavenly Jerusalem, which is the Spiritual (Heavenly) Body of His Redeemed. About two thousand years ago, The word became Flesh and took the same Name *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*(Matt.1:21-23) God had put His Redemptive Name, the Son of God was the Tabernacle of God. He was the fulfillment of 'humble' Tabernacle of Moses when He came to serve, and was the 'lordly' Temple of Solomon when He was glorified.(Heb.8:2,5; 9:11,24) We are also His 'New Testament Tabernacle'. *"For you are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them;(2 Cor.6:16b)* He came in the form of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and indwelt the believers. He is the Head over His Church (Body) for God.(Eph.1:22; 4:15) There is One Body but many members. He is the Temple (Sanctuary) and we are the Tabernacle (Building) And the Shekinah Glory returned on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem, more dwelling places(houses) were built as the Spirit breathed life. They were all lively stones being built up as spiritual temple, and set up in the Heavenly Holy City. God is building a City. Millennial Temple in Jerusalem foreshadows God in Christ in the redeemed New Jerusalem *we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, and Holy City, the New Jerusalem(2Peter 3:13)*

“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.”— Revelation 21:1 After the natural people of the earth have been regenerated by the Word, the Millennial Age of Regeneration will end with a final testing of the inhabitants (Rev.20:7-8), followed by the Great White Throne Judgment, after which a new heaven and a new earth will replace the present ones.(2 Peter 3:5-7)

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ... saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God”(Revelation 21:2-10) The Lord Jesus said, *“I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be. And where I am going you know the way....I am the way....no one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:2-6). What did the Lord mean when He said that He was going to prepare a place for the disciples, so that where He was, they also could be? The Lord was about to go to prepare a place in God the Father through His death and resurrection. He is the way to God the Father; and His desire is that we would be in the Father.(17:21) God has prepared a holy city for the Bride of Christ. This City is the city of New Jerusalem, the Holy Palace of God. This Palace is prepared for God's saints who is having His Father's name written on their foreheads. Our Lord is the saints' Bridegroom. As the Lamb's wife, the city displays the glory of the Lamb; and she is His bride, the one in whom He finds His delight, and upon whom His affections are bestowed. All the glory, beauty in which she is now adorned has come from Him. The dazzling beauty display God's nature and the moral attributes that were perfectly manifested in Christ while on earth. God desires to have a group of people, transformed into the image of Christ, built up together with Christ.(Rev14:1)

The New Jerusalem, will come down from God to the New Heaven. The Holy City, New Jerusalem, which is the (Bride) Wife of the Lamb of God. She is the Tabernacle of God, the Holy City of God. The Shekinah Glory of the Eternal One brings the whole of His Heavenly City upon the New Heaven and New Earth that He may dwell with His people. This Holy City, New Jerusalem started with a Sure Foundation Stone, Jesus Christ who was the Temple of Almighty God. Then, lively stones were collected and houses built around It. More houses were built to form the City which was called the Body of Christ. Jesus called it *“My Father's house”*. And God will tabernacle in It and live among the God's people and be *“their God”*. These people comprises those who will be redeemed out of the earth, because of their faithfulness and obedience to the Law of the Righteous One.(Rev.20:7-10;21:24;26;22:2) The Apostle John was carried away in the spirit to a great and high mountain to see that Heavenly Great City, the Holy Jerusalem, This is the heavenly position that the Glorified Wife of Christ shall sit with Christ, for the God and the Lamb will dwell in her.(Eph.1:3,19) through her the God will live among the natural people in the New Earth.

There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.— Revelation 21:4 Now that God dwells with the saints, there will be no more tears of sadness, nor wailing over the loss of beloved ones, nor crying in sorrow. Death and pain will not be found in the new scene that God will bring into being for His eternal day. All these were the dread results of sin. The former state of things is the state now existing, which will then have passed away.

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;”— Revelation 21:11 The glory of God is the glorious presence of God, the true Shekinah. The light of the city is described: *And her light or, brightness:* it is the light which she gives meaning and appearance of this stone, This signifies that there is no flaw, defilement, evil, nor spot of any kind in the Lamb's Wife. She is beautiful, precious, worthy and attractive in the eyes of her Lord, Master and God. The City of Jerusalem shines brilliantly. Therefore, only those who have been cleansed of all their darkness, weaknesses and sins can enter into this City.

Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.— Revelation 21:14 Here the City's wall was built on twelve foundations, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. This tells us that God's City is allowed only to those who have the same faith that the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ had. Christ Jesus is not just the Foundational Corner Stone, He is also the Head Stone. It is in this Rock that we as lively stones are built as a habitation of God. He is the One Who binds our lives together as a whole: *“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;(Eph.2:20-22)* As *“faith is the substance of things hoped for* (Hebrews 11:1) God has indeed given us the Holy City and the New Heaven and Earth, things that are even greater than what we had hoped for.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 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; 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. 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”(Rev 21:18-21) Truly, no word could ever describe the beautiful Holy City of God. Hence, beautiful and precious substances were used to describe the Holy City.(Heb.13:21) The foundations of the wall of the City were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. This Word tells us that we can be nourished of different aspects of faith from the Word of our Lord. We need to have the working of the Holy Spirit upon us to make us precious stones. And these precious stones show us the kinds of blessings that our Lord would give to His saints. Notice that the wall was Pure jasper stone is transparent and clear. Such a wall reflects the saints as having a covering of the Holy Spirit, and their lives are open books to be read of all men. Even the City was of pure gold, like unto clear glass showing us that through fiery trials she has been purged of every dross until she is as clear as glass.(1Cor.3:11-17;1Pet.1:7;2:5) And with the Glory of God, the Light shining in and through her would surely blend together as One Clear Light. And this was exactly the kind which the saints had walked upon in their lives and they will continue to walk upon it in the New Jerusalem. Precious stones are produced by a process of tremendous pressure, heat and other elements. The brightness and beauty of the twelve different foundation stones of various colors of red, blue, white, green, and golden yellow reflect the heavenly and holy characters of the saints who have been purchased by the precious blood of Christ, for their eternal praises and divine blessings. Each of the twelve stones exemplifies the beauty and splendor of the sacrificial life. Pearl implies 'the Truth' (Mat.13:46) A real truth-seeker would gladly abandon all his/her possessions to possess the Truth that gives him/her eternal life. They have undergone many sufferings. Under such conditions, they have become precious and priceless pearls in God's sight. In order to experience Christ as the street, the way, we must have God as light, the pure gold of the divine nature that is Christ, have the flow of the Holy Spirit, and then everything with us is clear, pure, and transparent.

“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.”– Revelation 21:22 The invisible God is likened to light that shines with glory. Apostle John saw no temple in the New Jerusalem, that the Lord God themselves the temple. Since the presence of God will be among His redeemed people. On the one hand, we, as God's redeemed people, are the tabernacle for God to dwell in. On the other hand, God is the temple for us to dwell in. Tabernacle reflected the Glory of God and in the Saints, thus fulfilling the True Tabernacle.

“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.”– Revelation 21:23 And the Holy City of Jerusalem has no need for the light of the first sun or moon, for Jesus Christ, the light of the world, would illuminate it. The lamb was its lamp. The nations will walk in its light. Light is the emblem of knowledge and holiness. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

“And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.” – Revelation 21:24-26 shall walk in the light of it, which is Christ; they shall enjoy it; shall have the light of life, and be partakers of the inheritance with the saints in light continually. There can be no night in it, nor any evil ones. The kings of the earth will bring their glory at the feet of their God.

“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life”– Revelation 21:27 The Book of Life is the names of the redeemed—those who will live with God forever in eternity. But in the New Jerusalem, no un-holiness can dwell in the presence of God. For one to become a citizen and be a part of that Holy City, He could *call*, *justify*, and *glorify* a people whom He had foreknown before the foundation of the world. To have one's name written in this book means that one is considered righteous before God and will inherit eternal life provided he or she remains faithful to the end. To have one's name blotted out of this book signifies a fate of eternal death.(Rev.3:5;20:15) We must be victories or overcomers. This means that those who reject Christ's salvation will not be included. Many people still remain ignorant of this truth, but you must know that anyone who realizes and believes that with the gospel has given him/her the keys to Heaven and to the remission of sin, will have name written in the Book of Life and will be clothed with white garments in the blessing of entering the Holy City. Those who refuse to worship the Beast and die in the Lord will reign with Christ forever in eternity. A warning stands as a guard defending God's truth. *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*(Rev.22:18-19; Mat.7:21-23)

The New Jerusalem, the water of Life flows -10-

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”— Revelation 22:1-2 The pure river of water of life that flows out from the Throne of God, clear as crystal, it is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The tree of life grows in the flow of the living water. This means that where the flowing of the living water is, there is the life supply. Everywhere It flows, it carries with It the Tree of Life “on either side of the river”. This river waters the tree of life in the midst of the paradise of God as well as gives everlasting waters of life to those who thirst so that they will never thirst again. It carries with It the Divine Law and Truth of God, the Tree of Life, which is full of spiritual strength. Those who are to live along the riverside of this water of life will drink this water, enjoy eternal life. Jesus is the source of living water, sustaining His people forever. The tree of life is Christ as life and the life supply to us. The two pictures of the Tree of Life in the midst of the paradise of God are: There are 12 manner of fruits which yield their fruits for each of the 12 months of a singular year. Each fruit has a specific season and purpose, has an actual effect in the life. These fruits are fruits of an everlasting Kingdom, they are fruits that come from the consummation of all things in Christ. That the leaves of the tree of life in the midst of the paradise of God are for the healing of the Nations. All the nations will be “healed” in their equal access to the tree of life. The “healing” is a reference to the perpetual blessing of the new heaven and earth which they shall enjoy there.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 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.”— Revelation 22:3-5 The New Jerusalem will be a place of unimagined blessing. As this Pure River of Water of Life, together with Its Tree of Life, continues to flow from the Throne of God and of the Lamb that is in the Holy City, New Jerusalem. The nations of people which are saved, shall benefit and shall continue to walk in the Light of the Life that they received, and shall pay homage of glory and honor to the Lord. To the saints living in the Kingdom of Heaven, God has given the blessing of eliminating curse forever. As foreshadowed by the sons of Aaron (Ex.28:1) who ministered to God in the Sanctuary of the Tabernacle or Temple, and to His chosen people without, so shall the Glorified Saints of God, minister and serve the Lord in the Holy City, New Jerusalem, and reign over the nations of the people in the New Heaven and New Earth. And having His Name and Light in us, we shall reign with Him for ever and ever while beholding His lovely Face. Bride of Christ, little flock of the Lord, it is the Father's good pleasure to give unto us the revelation of Jesus Christ, even as He has given us the Kingdom of God. Therefore, beloved, seeing the revelation of the beauty of this glorious Holy City, let us press towards it, walking faithfully in the Light that we have received. For truly the Holy Spirit has purified us by faith, and has translated us into the Church of the Firstborn (Heb.12:23), the hour is late, for the Spirit of prophecy has even declared: *“and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still”*(Rev.22:11)

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.— Revelation 22:14-15 The blessedness of the righteous, have admission into the city by the gate, which is of one pearl, and the continuous access to the tree of life, are the privileges of the faithful; *But Outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.* Nothing unrighteous, backsliders, sinful or unclean, idolatrous, false and deceitful, can enter the Holy City of God.

Finally, the mystery of the settings in the Garden of Eden in the days of Adam and Eve, the Tabernacle that Prophet Moses built according to the pattern shown to him on Mount Sinai, the Temple that Solomon built and the Temple that will be built in the Millennial Age of Regeneration – all of which revealed the Shekinah Glory and the Presence of God “in the midst” of it dwells the Almighty God forever! – is revealed in this Heavenly Holy City, New Jerusalem. What our Father Abraham saw in his days of this City, which was not built by hands, was then “afar off”. But today, as his seeds, we see it being completed right before our very eyes. The mystery has now been revealed. We have the revelation of it. Then, beloved, where are we at in the calendar of God's prophetic time? And now that this Truth is made known to the Elect, the hour is later than we think. The great news about this city is this: those who have placed their faith in the God of the Bible are promised that they will forever be in His presence. We can confidently believe what God said through King David: *“In your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore”*(Psalm 16:11) This is what we look forward to experiencing in the New Jerusalem! The promised reward of faithfulness here is: *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name”*— Revelation 3:12 *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen”*— Revelation 22:21 Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!