

Revelation 21-22:5

A. New Creation (21:1-8)

1. Completely New Creation—the “old” has passed away.
2. New Jerusalem—Hloy City—coming down from heaven.
3. Bride: *covenant language*—Christ—Church (community of faith).
4. Personal—God will live with his people”—Emmanuel—“*God with us.*”
5. New Jerusalem—NO more pain, suffering...no more tears or death.
6. Everything is a new creation!
7. “Beginning and Finishing” verse 6 —Alpha and Omega—what God starts (promises); God brings to completion (covenant).
8. “River of Life” (v. 6) God is offering us a refreshing drink.
9. Called to “OVERCOME”—to stand strong—to withstand the wiles of the devil—stay away from involvement in the vice list printed in v. 8. Those who persevere will inherit eternal life—“I will be his God and he will be my son” (verse 7).

B. Material and Dimensions (21:9-21)

1. Construction Materials—Jewels—precious, rare; huge quantities—meant to get our attention; c.f. Chapter 4—“Throne of God” images—very similar.
2. Architectural designs of ancient cities: gates—rollercoaster lines”; walls; water source; location key for protection;
3. New Jerusalem—Cube dimensions—1500 miles cubed: *width x length x height*.
4. 12 Gates (symbolic of 12 disciples and 12 tribes).
5. Gates: 3 on each side—welcoming all of those believers from the *North, South, East and West*.

C. God’s Presence and Glory in the New Paradise (21:22-22:5)

1. River of Life flowing from the throne of God—***River of Eternal Life***.
2. Throne of God and Lamb are present within the city and his servants will serve him!
3. No more night—God is the light—shining forth into the New Jerusalem!
 - Following Christ’s example or the world’s values.
 - Absolutely, Positively, 100% NO COMPOMISE in the book of Revelation.
 - True wealth comes through a relationship with God through Christ Jesus.
 - True wealth is the imperishable, unfading gift of eternal life kept in heaven for those who believe in Christ Jesus—those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.