

21:12; see Ezekiel 48:31-34). East, north, south, and west: each side of the wall had 3 gates. The wall of the city has 12 foundations, and in them the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb (Revelation 21:12-14; ref. see Galatians 2:9).

The angel that talked with John (this word, angel, is sometimes used for men. Revelation 22:9 declares this man as a Prophet. This writer believes this to be the Prophet Daniel.) had a golden reed to measure the city, gates, and wall thereof. The city measured 1500 miles square the thickness of the wall, 72 yards (Revelation 21:15-17). The building of the wall was of Jasper: and the city was pure gold which looked like clear glass. And the foundations 12 layers of the wall of that city were garnished (decorated; put in perfect order) with all manner of precious stones.

1. Who is the Bride, the Lamb's wife from Revelation 21:9? (P. 43, this book) _____
2. The foundations of the wall of New Jerusalem is laid in all manner of precious stones. Name the precious stone stated in Revelation 21:19,20 according to their individual Foundation.
 - (1) First foundation - _____
 - (2) Second Foundation - _____
 - (3) Third foundation - _____
 - (4) Fourth foundation - _____
 - (5) Fifth foundation - _____
 - (6) Sixth foundation - _____
 - (7) Seventh foundation - _____
 - (8) Eighth foundation - _____
 - (9) Ninth foundation - _____
 - (10) Tenth foundation - _____
 - (11) Eleventh foundation - _____
 - (12) Twelfth foundation - _____

SIXTEENTH STUDY

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH

Nevertheless we, according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look (wait) for such things, be diligent (careful) that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless (II Peter 3:13,14KJV).

The apostle Paul relates an experience of being caught away into the "third heaven" (which he also identified as "paradise" [2 Corinthians 12:2,4]). His idea of three heavens included (1) the atmospheric heavens surrounding the earth (Dan. 7:13; Hos. 2:18); (2) the starry heavens (Gen. 1:14-18); and the third heaven, where the throne of God is and which is the present home of all believers who have died and gone to heaven (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23). Just where it is in relation to God's creation the Bible does not reveal. ¹

THE OLD REPLACED BY THE NEW (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Revelation 21:1)

Some Bible scholars believe the earth as we know it now will be renovated by fire and not completely destroyed as others teach. This writer leans in that direction also, because there are scriptural references that refer to their opinion being possible. See Genesis 49:26; Habakkuk 3:6 (KJV), where *everlasting hills* are mentioned and the *earth* is referred to as being *established forever* in Psalms 78:69; 104:5; 125:1,2; and *abideth forever* (Ecclesiastes 1:4).

When *the day of the Lord will come...the earth...and the works that are therein shall be burned up...be dissolved, and the elements shall be melt with fervent heat* (II Peter 3:10,12; see Psalm 50:3).

1. Bible Doctrines a Pentecostal Perspective by William W. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton, p.255.

John, in his vision on the island of Patmos, gives details about the new earth that show it will indeed be different from the present earth. There will be no more sea (Rev. 21:1). Oceans cover the major part of the present earth, and microorganisms (primarily diatoms) in the sea are necessary to replace oxygen and keep the balance of our present atmosphere. Consequently, without seas, the whole environment of the new earth will be different. It seems evident, however, that our new bodies, like Christ's glorified body, will be perfectly suited for both earth and heaven, no longer being dependent on oxygen or a pressurized atmosphere. 1

1. What will happen to the earth and it's elements when the day of the Lord comes according to II Peter 3:10,12 and this book p. 41? _____

1. Bible Doctrines a Pentecostal Perspective by William W. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton, p. 258.

SEVENTEENTH STUDY

THE NEW JERUSALEM (Revelation 21:9-27)

The New Jerusalem was seen by Abraham in a vision (Hebrews 11:10,16); It's reality is experienced by believers (Galatians 4:26-31; Consummation of New Jerusalem awaits Eternity (Hebrews 13:14).

John the revelator heard a voice (*the angel which came to him [one of the seven which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues]* talking to him, *saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife;* Revelation 21:9) saw in a vision as the Holy Spirit carried him away to a great and high mountain and showed him the holy Jerusalem (The New Jerusalem), which will come down from God out of heaven (Revelation 21:10) and be located on the earth. Some say it will hang over the new earth. There is an earthly Jerusalem now; but there is also a heavenly.

The bride, the Lamb's wife. Revelation 21:9. (the Lamb's wife is the Church. The Church: the people in the city [the city is made up of people]) will take this ride from God out of heaven inside the New Jerusalem [which is already in heaven; and this writer believes, houses God's throne].

THE NEW JERUSALEM DESCRIBED (Revelation 21:11-27)

The New Jerusalem will light up with the glory of God: *and her light was like unto* (looked like) *a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal* (Revelation 21:11).

The New Jerusalem will descend to earth (new earth) and become the Capital of the universe and be among men for eternity. When we see it, we will then begin to understand the glory of God.

The New Jerusalem will have a wall great and high with 12 gates, with 12 angels at the gates, and on the gates names written which are the 12 tribes of the children of Israel (Revelation