

*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* (Revelation 21:10).

The Bride is pictured as the city of the New Jerusalem because a city is composed of people.

10. Describe that city as mentioned in Revelation 21:11-14. \_\_\_\_\_

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The angel measured the city with a golden reed. The shape is foursquare (tetragonal), a perfect cube; 1,500 miles square. Because it extends 1,500 miles upward, it could literally hold every person that has ever been born, plus additional billions as well.

11. Name the precious stones and metals in God's Holy City mentioned in Revelation 21:18-21?

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12. From Revelation 21:23, Who is the light of that city? \_\_\_\_\_

## FORTY EIGHTH STUDY

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### ETERNITY (Revelation Chapters 21 and 22)

More than any dispensation and age, the believer is awaiting the fulfillment of Revelation Chapters 21 and 22. The eternal state of both the saved and the lost is described in Revelation 21:1-8; and verses 9 through 27 present a breathtaking description of the New Jerusalem. *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away*; (21:1). These are renovated, and loosed from the curse by fire (II Peter 3:10-13).

1. What is eliminated in this new world?

(Revelation 21:1) \_\_\_\_\_

This could be because the sea in Isaiah 57:20 is connected with the wicked; or it could be vegetation in the ocean is no longer necessary.

2. How does John describe *the Holy City, New Jerusalem*, in Revelation 21:2? \_\_\_\_\_

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Two Jerusalem's are mentioned in Scripture (see Galatians 4:25,26; Hebrews 12:22)

(\*Note: John, on the isle of Patmos, saw many great visions of future events. To me this vision of Revelation 21:1,2 and that of the "Lamb Slain" opening the seals from Revelation 5:1-6:1, are my favorites. The worship described is awesome, and the scenes are hard to even imagine.)

A holy city will come down from God out of heaven; and the tabernacle of God will be with men

(Revelation 21:3). So we now find God's tabernacle and throne, with a change of address: - moved from heaven to earth; and in the New Jerusalem .

3. What will be eliminated forever in this land of eternal life? (Revelation 21:4) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who *shall wipe away all tears from our eyes*? Revelation 21:4) \_\_\_\_\_

No wonder the Redeemed are able to victoriously shout, *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?* (I Corinthians 15:55). Death, the last enemy, will have been destroyed (see I Corinthians 15:26).

5. What does God make new in Revelation 21:5?

As Christ from the cross cried, *...It is finished*, now God announces from His throne, *...It is done* (Revelation 21:6). His will has been accomplished in Jesus Christ!

6. What does God call Himself in Revelation 21:6?

7. What does Jesus call Himself in Revelation 1:11?

Both, God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord are the beginning and the ending of all things.

God knew the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9,10). In Christ, all creation began without sin (see Colossians 1:15-19). Now, in Christ, it has ended without sin.

In a sense, the creation of the new heavens and

new earth will be a return to the conditions found in the Garden of Eden. In that glorious time of innocence, Adam and Eve lived in perfect, peaceful harmony with God and His creation. Yet from the moment of Adam's and Eve's rebellion against God, all of creation has lived under the curse of sin. Adam's descendants were deprived of immortality and intimate communion with God; and the earth was forced to travail under the dominion of Satan. With the curse, peace was shattered, and in came violence and murder and all of sin's calamity.

The Apostle Paul prophesied the final redemption of all creation when Christ creates the new heavens and the new earth (Romans 8:21). Although, all those who accept Christ as Savior now, are redeemed from the curse of sin and death, the whole of creation will not be delivered from the curse, until we enter eternity (II Peter 3:6-13).

To the *overcomer*, there will be *the fountain of the water of life* to drink, *freely*, and *He will inherit all things*; and God said, *I will be his God, and he shall be My son* (Revelation 21:6,7).

Those who stood before the Great White Throne did not make it. No more chances are possible.

8. In your own words, what is an overcomer? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What was it the angel wanted to show John in Revelation 21:9? \_\_\_\_\_