



The
Revelation
of **Jesus Christ**

28. The New Jerusalem



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***The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him
to show to His servants
the things which must soon take place.***

(Revelation 1:1)

Do you see yourself
as His servant?

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| Part 1 | | |
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| Section 1 | Section 2 | Section 3 |
| Chapters 1 to 3 | Chapters 4 to 7 | Chapters 8 to 11 |
| Prologue, the vision of Christ among the lampstands, the letters to the seven churches. | The vision of God's throne, the scroll in His right hand, the Lion and the Lamb. The seven seals are opened. | The prayers of the saints, the seven trumpets are sounded, the great angel, the little book, the two witnesses. |

| Part 2 | | | |
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| Section 4 | Section 5 | Section 6 | Section 7 |
| Chapters 12 to 14 | Chapters 15 to 16 | Chapters 17 to 19 | Chapters 20 to 22 |
| The woman gives birth to a child, the dragon cast out, the two beasts, the Lamb on Mt Zion, three angels, two harvests. | The song of victors over the beast. Seven bowls of the wrath of God are poured out on the earth. | The woman riding on the beast, the destruction of Babylon, Christ on a white horse, the damnation of two beasts. | Satan is bound, the saints reign with Christ for a thousand years, the final judgement, a new creation, the new Jerusalem. |

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Part 2 – The new creation – 21:1 to 22:5

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- Chapter 19
 - Christ returns to judge and to reign
 - The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire
- Chapter 20
 - Satan is bound for 1,000 years
 - Christ reigns with risen saints for 1,000 years
 - Satan is released, defeated and cast into the lake of fire
 - “Heaven and earth fled away”
 - The dead stand before God and are judged

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Chapter 21:9 to 22:5

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And I 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 the throne saying,

*“Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man.**
He will dwell with them, and they will be His people,
and God Himself will be with them as their God.”*

(Revelation 21:2-3)

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Chapter 21:1-8

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and **death shall be no more**,
neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain anymore, for
the former things have passed away.”

And He who was seated on the throne said,

“Behold, I am making all things new.”

(Revelation 21:4-5)

The new creation

Then came one of the seven angels...
and spoke to me, saying,

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

(Revelation 21:9)

The **incarnate Son**,
sacrificed for our sin

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

Isaiah 42:8

And he carried me away **in the Spirit**
to a great, high mountain,
and showed me **the holy city, Jerusalem,**
coming down out of heaven from God,
having the glory of God,
its radiance like a most rare jewel,
like a jasper, clear as crystal.

(Revelation 21:10-11)

A precious stone, various colors.
An opaque precious stone.

But what is **Jerusalem** to you?

The city of the great King

(Psalm 48:2)

For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place:

*“This is My resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.”*

(Psalm 132:13-14)

If I forget you, **O Jerusalem**,
Let my right hand forget its skill!
Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
If I do not remember you,
If I do not set **Jerusalem** above **my highest joy!**

(Psalm 137:5-6)

**Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of God!**

(Psalm 87:3)

“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

- *Simon Peter*
- *Andrew*
- *James*
- *John*
- *Philip*
- *Bartholomew*
- *Thomas*
- *Matthew*
- *James*
- *Thaddaeus*
- *Simon*
- *Matthias*

It had a great, high wall, with **twelve gates**, and at the gates **twelve angels**, and on the gates the names of the **twelve tribes** of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the **twelve names** of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

(Revelation 21:12-14)

- *Reuben*
- *Simeon*
- *Levi*
- *Judah*
- *Dan*
- *Naphtali*
- *Gad*
- *Asher*
- *Issachar*
- *Zebulun*
- *Joseph*
- *Benjamin*

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

And the one who spoke with me
had **a measuring rod of gold...**

The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width.

And he measured the city with his rod, **12,000 stadia.**
Its **length** and **width** and **height** are equal.

1 Kings 6:20

About 2,200 km !

He also measured its wall, **144 cubits...**

About 65m

The wall was built of jasper,
while the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

(Revelation 21:15-18)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel.

The first was **jasper**, the second **sapphire**, the third **agate**, the fourth **emerald**, the fifth **onyx**, the sixth **carnelian**, the seventh **chrysolite**, the eighth **beryl**, the ninth **topaz**, the tenth **chrysoprase**, the eleventh **jacinth**, the twelfth **amethyst**.

And the **twelve gates** were **twelve pearls**, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was **pure gold**, like transparent glass.

Street (*plateia*) =
a major (broad) street

(Revelation 21:19-21)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

And I saw **no temple** in the city,
for its temple is **the Lord God the Almighty** and **the Lamb**.

And the city has **no need of sun or moon** to shine on it,
for **the glory of God** gives it light, and its lamp is **the Lamb**.

(Revelation 21:22-23)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

Or
Gentiles

By its light will the nations walk,
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,
and its gates will never be shut by day—there will be no night there.

They will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.

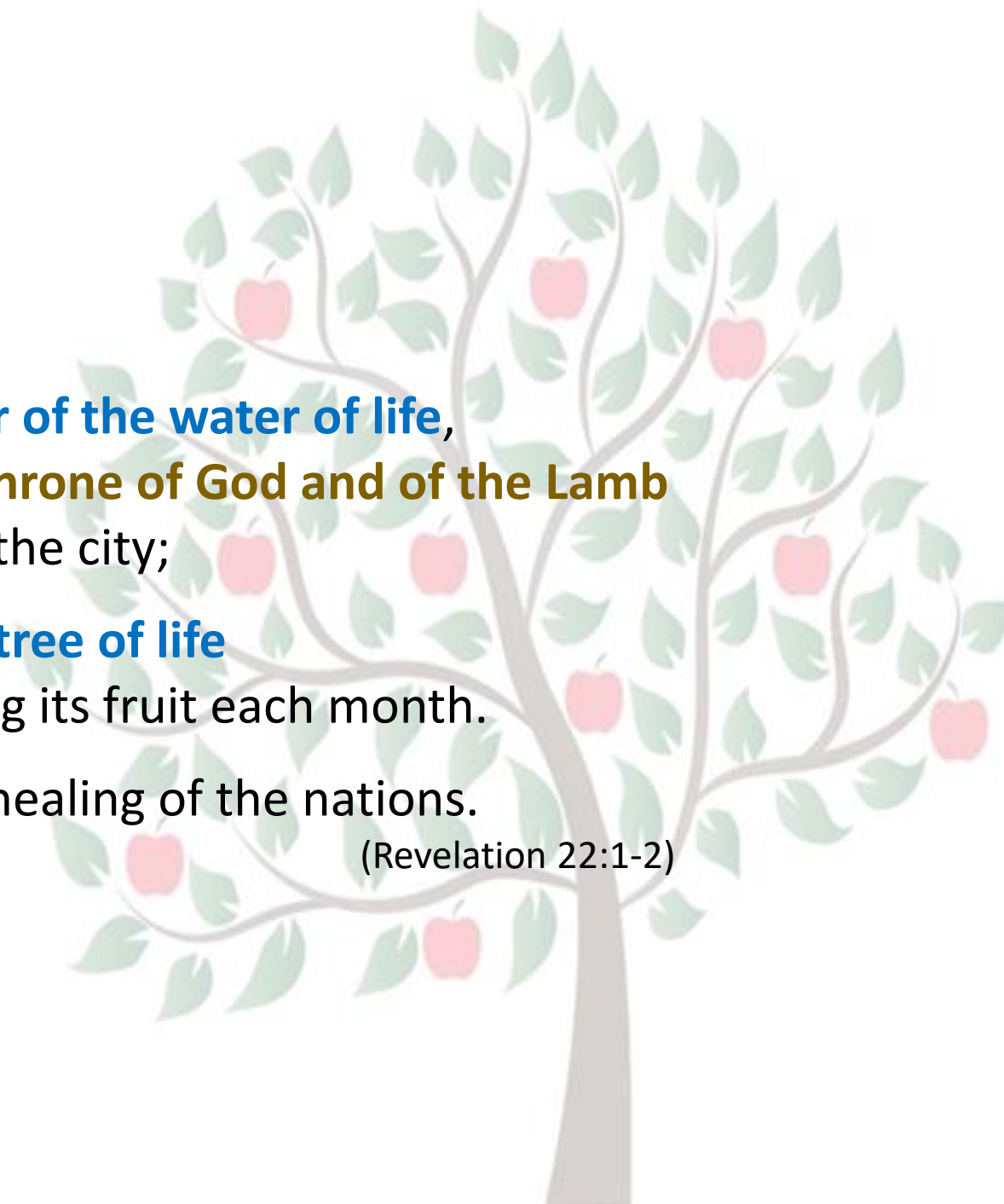
**But nothing unclean will ever enter it,
nor anyone who does what is detestable or false,
but only those who are written in **the Lamb's book of life.****

(Revelation 21:24-27)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**,
bright as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb**
through the middle of the street of the city;
also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life**
with its **twelve** kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.
The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

(Revelation 22:1-2)



**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

No longer will there be anything **accursed**,
but **the throne of God and of the Lamb**
will be in it, and **His servants will serve Him.**

**They will see His face,
and His name will be on their foreheads.**

And night will be no more.
They will need no light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will be their light,

and they will reign forever and ever.

(Revelation 22:3-5)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

So, what did John see?

- ✓ Not redeemed people, but a massive city, coming down from heaven
- ✓ Not any city, but **Jerusalem**, the city of the great King
- ✓ Its gates bear the names of the ancient people of God
- ✓ The foundations of the wall bear the names of the twelve apostles
- ✓ It is the dwelling place of Almighty God and of the Lamb
- ✓ The Lamb is its light, and His light illuminates the world
- ✓ It is the centre and the glory of the new earth
- ✓ From the Throne of God therein, **Life** flows out to the whole earth

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,
the wife of the Lamb.”**

So, what did John see?

John saw a great mystery.

He saw what God’s people are to God,
and he saw the dawning of the eternal ages,
the glory of the **redemption** accomplished by the Lamb.

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(Psalm 87:3)



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(Revelation 21:3)

