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Revelation 21:9-27

9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 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, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 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— 13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. 16 The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia.^d Its length and width and height are equal. 17 He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. 18 The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 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, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. 21 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.

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 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. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 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.

I. The Angelic Guide (9-10)

II. The Appearance of the City (11-21)

III. The Conditions in the City (22-27)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•Pastor Scott began the sermon by going back to the beginning. Genesis 1-11 tells of the repeated failures of man before God makes a covenant promise to Abraham in chapter 12. Recall or flip back to Genesis 11:1-9. As this is the origin story of the city of Babylon, how does this passage demonstrate the nature of man? How does it demonstrate the nature of God? Is his mercy or wrath on display?

•Do you consider the Bible one unfolding story of redemption? Why should we read the Scriptures in this way? How does this reality about the Bible affect the way we approach each narrative, law, psalm, poem, prophecy, and epistle?

•Revelation 21:22-26 refers to the light of God and of the Lamb. Consider the following verses that describe the light in God's presence: Exodus 27:20-21, Isaiah 60:19-20, 2 Samuel 22:29-31, Psalm 36:9, Ezekiel 43:1-3, John 12:35-26. How do these passages enrich our understanding of the light and lamp in the New Jerusalem?

• When we consider John's description of the New Jerusalem, how are we meant to respond? How can our hearts be affected by the indescribable? How might our future in the New Jerusalem strengthen us as we live in our world today?

•What effect does the light have when it touches glass? What might the spiritual effect be when we see the light of the glory of God and the lamp of the Lamb? How is this light reflected, even dimly, in our times today? What are ways we can reflect the light of the glory of God and the lamp of the Lamb as we live in His light this week?

