

GOD'S VISIONS AND DREAMS CANNOT BE DEFEATED!

REVELATION 21

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Verse 1, The New Creation

Genesis to Revelation and Beyond: Continuing Revelation

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Chaos to Ex Nihilo

Garden to City

Family to All People

Visitation to Habitation

Conflict to Reconciliation (serpent and disappearance of sea)

Verse 2, What Happens to a Dream Deferred? ---The New Jerusalem

The Isaiah Vision: Isaiah 65: 17-25

New Testament Glimpses: Hebrews 12: 22-24 (25-29)

Jerusalem the Bride as distinct from harlot in Revelation 17: 1-6

Glowing beauty/Aging poorly

Prepared for fidelity/Commitment only to self gratification

Latter better/Best in the past

Verses 5-8, The Word of God

Write words that are trustworthy and true

Writing means accountability and commitment

Devil has never told anyone to write anything down

Liars fear writing and commitment

Church people who don't make pledges

God as Alpha and Omega

Beginning/Source---End/Goal

Augustine and much popular teaching

I will give...God is giver even in Book of Revelation

Conquering and inheriting as distinct from a "Give me spirit"

Verses 9-21, Description of the holy city

Vs. 9, Obedience in difficult things will allow you to share in the glory of God

High mountain (Ezekiel 40: 2, Matthew 4: 8-9)—elevation in the Spirit

Twelve gates: East, youth and beginning; North, difficult storms; South,

Reflection and teaching; West, in days of setting sun

Names of apostles in foundations—apostolic faith

Measurement of city

Length, breadth, height- cube, symbol of perfection

Each wall about 1500 miles long; 225,000 square feet; (Plenty good room)

The jeweled city

Splendor beyond words or imagination

Symbols of Zodiac (ram, amethyst; bull, hyacinth; twins, chrysope;

crab, topaz; lion, beryl; virgin, chrysolite; balance, carnelian; scorpion, sardonyx; archer, emerald; goat, chalcedony; water-carrier, sapphire; fish, jasper)

Reversing status quo, establishing a new order/reality and celebrating supremacy of truth of God

Gates of pearl—entrance through suffering, pain and struggle

Vss. 22-27, The Presence of God

No temple

No sun or moon

Nations understanding of nationhood

No national disputes

No judgment because of sin

Gates never shut, no need to fear

The privilege of beholding the face of God