

The Heaven New Jerusalem

“Seeking the City about to come”

- The imperatives of Colossians 3:1-2.
- We have approached near to the City (Heb.12:22; cf. 4:16; 7:25).
- Many names: Mount, Zion, Heavenly, City of the living God (Heb. 12:22), New (Rev. 3:12; 21:2).
- This City is not heaven; it comes down out of heaven (Rev. 21:10).
- The New Jerusalem had different inhabitants and functions in various dispensations.

I. The New Jerusalem at the present time.

1. Construction began when Christ ascended (Jn. 14:2-3).
2. According to the divinely devised allegory in Gal. 4:22-31, at the present time the New Jerusalem is above the earth.
3. At the present time Old Testament saints in Paradise are longing for that city because it a sign for Israel (Heb. 11:16; Rom. 11:26; Mt. 24:30).
4. Currently no inhabitants.

II. The New Jerusalem at the end of the Tribulation.

1. At the end of the Tribulation period total darkness will prevail on earth (Joel 2:10; 3:15; Mt. 24:29).
2. Christ Himself will come out of the New Jerusalem/Zion as the Redeemer of Israel. In Old Testament prophecies the New Jerusalem is referred to as “Zion” when it is coupled with the earthly Jerusalem (Is. 2:3; 4:3; Joel 2:32). The New Jerusalem is also called Mt. Zion (Heb. 12:22; Rom. 11:26).
3. The sequence of events at the end of the Tribulation:
 - i. The New Jerusalem remains in the third Heaven until very near the end of the Tribulation when the heavens are in total darkness.
 - ii. The City then appears as a sign of Christ’s coming.
 - iii. Christ comes out of the City from the east and sets His feet on Mount Olives (Mt. 24:27; Zech. 14:4).

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