

The Heaven New Jerusalem *“Seeking the City about to come”*

- The imperatives of Colossians 3:1-2.
- We are to be intensely seeking the City to come (Heb. 13:14)
- This City is not heaven; it comes down out of heaven (Rev. 21:10).

I. 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).

II. Misunderstandings: mixing the earthly New Jerusalem (Heb. 11:10) with the Heavenly New Jerusalem; the Heavenly New Jerusalem is never said to touch earth; the Heavenly New Jerusalem is not the Bride, it is where the Bride dwells during the Millennium (Heb. 12:23).

III. The Description of the City

1. An enormous luminary replacing the sun (Rev. 21:11, 24).
2. Foursquare (Rev. 21:16).
3. The length, width, and height all equal (Rev. 21:16).
4. The throne at top (Rev. 22:1 *cf.* Is. 14:13-14).
5. The walls (Rev. 21:12, 14, 17, 21).
6. The gates (Rev. 21:13, 21).