

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. The New Jerusalem remains in the third Heaven until very near the end of the Tribulation when the heavens are in total darkness.
2. The City then appears as a sign of Christ’s coming.
3. The Redeemer—Christ comes out of the City from the east and sets His feet on Mount Olives.

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III. The City

1. The general description of the City as it replaces the sun (Rev. 21:9-22 to 22:5).
 - 1) Having the Glory of God (Rev. 21:11; Ps. 104:1-2; 1 Tim. 6:16).
 - 2) An enormous luminary of concentrated light (Rev. 21:11).
 - 3) A reflective surface—“a light show.”
2. The shape.
 - 1) Foursquare—footprint (Rev. 21:16).
 - 2) Length, width, and height all equal (Rev. 21:16); 12,000 stadion \approx 580-610 ft.; $12,000 \times 600 = 7,200,000$ ft. \div 5280 = 1364 miles per side.
3. Throne at the top: river, street (Rev. 22:1; Is. 14:13-14).
4. The walls (Rev. 21:12-15, 17, 21).
 - 1) Great and lofty.
 - 2) 144 cubits: \approx 200 to 280 ft.
 - 3) 12 gates shaped like pearls.
 - 4) Named after the 12 tribes of Israel.
5. Reasons for earth dwellers to come to the New Jerusalem.
 - 1) Tribute
 - 2) Tree of Life
 - 3) Leaves of healing
 - 4) River of life.