

Revelation 21:9-21

Jerusalem the Golden, the Church Triumphant

1. Note some common themes as we go through the description.
2. What basic number predominates throughout the description? Why?
3. v. 9 - These seven angels with the bowls and plagues were introduced in Revelation 15
4. v. 10 - As Moses viewed the promise land from Mt. Nebo (Dt. 34) so John viewed heaven from a high mountain
5. v. 11 - What does the glory of God mentioned here recall from the Old Testament (Exodus 40:34,35)? What does the jasper bring to mind from Revelation (Rev. 4:3)
6. v. 12, 13 - What assurance do the great, high walls picture for us? What do the names on the gates tell us about who enters (Revelation 7:4-8; Galatians 3:7)? What might the angel guarding the gates bring to mind? (Genesis 3:24; Revelation 22:2)
7. v. 14 - In what sense are the Apostles the foundation of the Church (Ephesians 2:20; Matthew 16:16)?
8. v. 15 - In Revelation 11 John was not to measure the city or the outer court but only the temple sanctuary. Why is the whole city measured now?
9. v. 16 - What's remarkable about the city's shape? What may that bring to mind? (Exodus 26; Ephesians 2:21, 1 Peter 2:15)
10. v. 17-21 - Evaluate: Why are gold and gems used to describe heaven? Aren't such riches a source of much coveting and sin?
11. Evaluate: It would be beneficial when talking to a young child to describe heaven as a toy land or a candy land.
12. What were some repeated themes you noted?