

(Revelation) the New Jerusalem Our Eternal Home

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The New Jerusalem is a complete new planet prepared by God for His own to be our eternal home, filled with the glory of God and lit by the Lamb.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the dimensions of a new city mentioned in the Bible. He explains that the city is 1,500 miles in length, but clarifies that it is actually 1,500 miles short. The preacher emphasizes the importance of having one's name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, regardless of one's religious affiliation. He also highlights the consolations and illuminations of the heavenly home, including the absence of death, sickness, and crying, as well as the glory of God and the Lamb. The sermon concludes with a discussion of the architectural aspects of the city, such as the twelve gates and the pure gold material.

Transcript

Sixty-seven, please. Nine, six, seven. When my life work is ended and I cross the swelling tide, when the bright and glorious morning I shall see, I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side, and His smile will be the first to welcome me.

Nine, six, seven, please. And we're at this great twenty-first chapter. We have the nation, twenty-one, and last Tuesday evening we looked very carefully at the first four verses, and we found that we were looking at the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, and we thought coming down from God out of heaven.

We were looking at this new planet, because this is to be a complete new planet. It's the place that the Lord has gone to prepare for His own. And when God upsets this present solar system of ours, then this new planet will come down from God out of heaven.

It's to be our eternal home. One of the old Puritans said this, It is something completely out of this world. And he was dead right.

Something completely out of this world. And it's this new, eternal home of ours that we're looking at this evening. We looked last evening before we left.

We looked at the constellations of our home. Let me read them to you again. Verse four, that's where we stopped last week.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and I said there will be no disappointment in heaven. You'll never have to sit down and cry because of something like that. And it also says, And there shall be no more death, for there is no disappointment in that home.

There will be no judgment in that home. No more death. And then it goes on further and says, Neither sorrow nor crying.

There'll be no disappointment, no judgment and no lament. No lamentation will ever be heard in the sky. And it goes further and it says, Never shall there be any more pain.

No torment. These are the constellations of our home. We're going to a home that Jesus hath prepared.

And I can tell you there'll be no disappointment there. There'll be no hospitals. No graves on the hillside of glory.

For there they shall nevermore die. It's the land that is fairer than day. As if we're going to look up this evening.

We're going to take the whole evening in looking at every conceivable part of our eternal home. I want you to notice this in the chapter this evening. That from verse 5 to the end of verse 8, it's the parenthetical portion.

And I'm leaving the parenthetical portion out for next week. It's a very special bit because it says, And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. In verse 6 it says, And he said unto me, the one that's on the throne, He said, It is done.

I am Alpha and Omega. You know who used the title before, do you? Because if you go through the beginning of the book, if you go through the beginning, you'll do it properly next week. But just to get your attention fixed on it, verse 9 of chapter 1, Revelation 1, verse 9, John says, I, John, who also am your brother and companion in tribulation.

Verse 10 he says, I, John, was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet saying, I am Alpha and Omega. Is that the same saying? And it says, verse 12, And I turned to see the voice that spake with me, and being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man. Is he the Alpha and Omega? Oh yes, this is one of the double titles of Christ.

Of course you believers know that he's the Alpha and Omega of everything that concerns you for your eternal good. He's the beginning and the ending of. It's very interesting when you come to Revelation 21, go back there again, verse 6, And he said unto me, It is done, I am Alpha and Omega.

I will give unto him that is the first of the function of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God. He should underline it for the Russellites because they can't read How many parts of this book could you go through to prove that he's God? I did it the other week, The Child is

God, Unto us a child is born.

His name shall be called wonderful, Almighty God. And then we went right through the book after that. But we'll do it properly next Tuesday in the class because there's more things attached to Alpha and Omega than you might think just now.

But we're leaving out the parenthetical portion this evening because we want to go on with our eternal home. And we have looked at this planet coming down from God out of heaven and we have seen the consolations of our home. This is the home for the bride of Christ, you know, and if you're a believer tonight you're in the body and you belong to the part of the bride.

Now, you know, he's gone to prepare this home for her, the church, the bride, and John had the great privilege of telling her all the things that were prepared. And I have the great privilege of standing beside him this evening and sort of emphasizing them for you. You know, when a man is getting married and he's got a home and already, you know, he just loves to bring her in and let her see all the things that's prepared for her.

It's a very thrilling evening, you know. Now, that's what we're going to do this evening. And, you know, when the woman goes into the new house, you can be very sure of this, if she wants to know about the lights, what sort of lights we're going to have.

This is the thing with a woman, let me tell you. Now, let's start at verse 9 now. We're leaving off the plan and spectacle and we're starting at verse 9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues and talked with me.

Well, because it's said that the angel was one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, don't be trying to take this away back into the tribulation period. Because all that this is doing is letting you see that the angel that had the seven vials and the seven last plagues, well, he's eternal, he's on into the eternal day. But John recognizes him as one of the angels that had the seven plagues.

But all that's over, as you'll see in a moment. It would be something else in his hand now, but we'll get it in a moment. And the angel spoke to John and said, Come hither, I will surely be the bride, the lamb's wife.

Take no mistakes about it, that the morning supper of the lamb is over and the bride is the wife now. Some people say you can't describe the city like this. I will surely be the bride, the lamb's wife.

My dear friend, I can take you through the Scriptures tonight and I can show you cities connected with people. You know about Saul of Tarsus, the little city you know, miserable little place. But the only historic note that I know about it is that Saul of Tarsus, that's where he came from.

Because I know that old Monty tonight, and he's a great old gentleman, and we thank God for him. He loves to be called Montgomery of Alameda. And well might he do so, because it was there he took the stand and directed affairs and changed Hitler's course.

Everybody knows about Wellington and Waterloo. And Nelson and Trafalgar. And if I would like to be connected with any town, I would like it to be Logan.

Oh, I know I was born in Utah, and I was born again there too. But this is my home. This is where God blessed me for twenty years.

And I'm known all over the world as Willie Mullen from Logan, and may it always be so. Ah, there's no trouble. It's all about connecting the bride with the city.

But you see, just in a moment, verse 10, And he, the angel, carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. You wouldn't like to tell me that's where the bride came from, would you? Oh, that's where the bride went to. And then we start with the illuminations of our home.

You know, this city is illumined with the glory of God, having the glory of God. And her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. If you look away down your chapter, to see if time, do you see verse 23? He's talking about the city now, all right.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon. The whole solar system is upset, you know, to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it. And the Lamb is the light thereof.

You want to know about the lights in our new home? The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's Lamb. My, what light it will be! There'll be no nightmare, the glory of God doesn't fetch at all. Oh, no, I think this is really thrilling, you know.

I used to live in the den with a lot of boys, with the played cards, and that was by candlelight. And I know a trick or two about that. And then when I was being brought up in a big family of 17 of us, it was lamplight.

You know about it? I used to wash the globe with the lamp every day for my mother, and dry it properly and polish it with paper. And on another occasion I had to boil the burner, she said, clean it out properly, and every day I trimmed the wick. And I know a thing or two about that, you know.

And I know about candlelight, and I know about lamplight, and we thought we were millionaires when we got gaslight. My, when we had the first mantel and put it on and the place was really lit up, we thought we were among the Joneses. And I know about candlelight and lamplight and gaslight and electric light.

And I know a thing or two about moonlight, too. I'll tell you something about that. I don't start men, I don't start men.

Parable, isn't it? You know the fellow who went to meet the girl and it was moonlight, don't you? You know what the moonlight does for you, don't you? They don't last too long because you get caught on here. And you know she was standing at the corner of the street, you see, and he was all moved by this moonlight. And here she was, her new red dress on, and lovely red hat.

But she hadn't her teeth in. He says, I hardly knew you with your new red hat and your teeth out. And then after a moment they found he was talking to the post pillow box.

That's what moonlight does for you. You know Mr. Irvine was here this evening and he and I were in Greece together one time and we went out in the middle of the night. It was a lovely night and you could, the perfume was everywhere.

It was really beautiful. And you know we went away down into the park. I don't know what we were doing there at this time of the night, but we were walking along and two lovely Greek girls you've never seen the

like of this before.

They came past us two and looked round and smiled. He says to me, isn't it very Roman fix. He got it all mixed up but it doesn't matter.

Well I can tell you that in this new home of ours we're not going to have candlelight or lamplight or gaslight or electric light or moonlight or sunlight. All that's out is the glory of God. Oh what a home it will be lit up with the glory of the Lord.

The love shall be the glory. And then you note there are great fortifications here because the wee woman needs to know that she's safe. And it says about the city, verse 11, having the glory of God and her light was like unto a stone most precious even like a dust of stone clear as crystal and had a wall great and high.

Can you get the hold of that? Because round about this city, make no mistakes about it, there's a wall great and high. But I want you to notice not only the fortifications of the city and you'll find when you look at what they're made of that you're quite safe up there. You'll please take note just now that there are gates into the city.

Had a wall great and high and had twelve gates. And at the gates twelve angels. There were angels at the gates.

And at the gates twelve angels and names written there on. Names not written on the angels, remember, on the gates. Which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

Oh that's really thrilling you know that when you look at this city and see its high walls and its twelve gates and we're going to find that there are three gates on every side north, east, south and west of this city. They're the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. You see, we're going to have associations with Israel for all eternity.

That's most interesting you know when you think about that. Let's look away down the chapter again. Do you see verse twenty-four? Verse twenty-three again.

And the city had no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God did lighten it and the lamb is the light thereof and the nations get the word nations properly now of them which are saved and make no mistake about that shall walk in the light of it and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. That's very interesting. See verse twenty-six? And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Do you see this? All the earth of ours is going to go on for all eternity. Isn't it so? And God's going to have an earthly people and God is going to have a heavenly people in the new planets. Of it will be associations you know.

I think we're going to see that gravity is going to be done away with. You know when we get into this eternal day what changes are going to take place there'll be a change in the solar system and if they take the sun away they'll have to make a change because it's holding everything together just now. And if they're going to drop the new planet down God will have to be very careful about it.

And we were finding out last week that there has to be a change in our secular system because when we go to live in our eternal home we'll be a body of flesh and bones but no blood. Yeah. The undermining force now is blood.

Shed my blood and I die. But when Christ rose from the dead he had a body, he had flesh and bones he said handle me and see now a spirit hath not flesh and bones as you see me have, his blood was shed and the undermining force of that body flesh and bones was spirit. Could there be a change in the secular system? Could there be a change in the digestive system? God's going to do away with meat.

He'll destroy both belly and meat, he says. All the changes are nearly too big for us because we're looking at something that's completely out of this world. But I want you to get the hold of this that we're going to have associations with the people on the earth, you know.

And I think the names on the twelve gates of the twelve tribes is just to let them know we're welcome in there because they're saved from the earth. Associations. Now I want you to get the hold of this.

We're back at Revelation 21 and we'll read it as we go, then we'll get it properly. Verse 13. On the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, on the west three gates.

Remember these were gateways into the city. Now we're coming from the illuminations of our home and the fortifications to the foundations. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I hope you've got that quite clear in your mind too. Because this city is on the foundations where the apostles' names are. You see, that's why I'm sure that it's for the bride.

You see, the Church of Jesus Christ, the bride, she was built on the foundation of the apostles. Make no mistakes about that. I know that Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone.

I know all about it. But the Scripture says that she was built upon the foundation of the apostles. That's why I know that the city belongs to the bride.

This is her home. And I'm absolutely sure that she'll have associations with Israel. Which makes a difference between the bride and Israel.

Yes, I'm very sure about that. I haven't any doubts at all in my mind. But I think we'll get it a little bit clearer as we get along.

You see, we have looked up these consolations and then these illuminations and then these fortifications and now at the foundations. Now we come to the tight bit of this chapter. And we're at verse 15.

And he replied with me how the golden reeds have measured the city. Now that's not a vial full of plagues. That tells you now that although he was one of the angels that had the seven vials it's all past.

He's got the golden reed in his hand. He's on another job now. God keeps the angels measure the city.

And the group thereof and the world thereof. And I want you to get the hold of that because we read far too quick at times. He's measuring three things.

He's measuring the city first of all. And then he's measuring the gates. And then he's measuring the wall.

Because the city and the wall and the gates are all different. Now it says in verse 16 and the city lies full square. Now that's only the city now.

And the city is full square. And the length is as large as the breadth. As he measured the city with the reed 12,000 folongs.

Let's get this dimension in now. Because we're up in dimensions. 12,000 folongs.

The length and the breadth and the height of its arito. I want you to get that into your mind, you know. A lot of mathematicians around me tonight and have got to go very carefully.

12,000 folongs. 8 folongs in the mind. And if you divide 12,000 by 8 8 goes into 12 once 4 over.

And into the 40 it goes 5 times. So that to bring it into a figure that we can see it is 1,500 miles full square. But let's take that slowly.

Because remember this new city is not just 1,500 miles long. Nor is it 1,500 square miles. Miles square is different from square miles all the time.

So it's not 1,500 miles long now. Not that. And it's not 1,500 square miles.

Neither is it 1,500 miles square. It's 1,500 miles true. You didn't think I knew that, did you? There you are.

I'm coming on. Let's get the hold of that now. And to get the hold of that I've done something for you today.

Say that's the truth. It's all the same. A fella said to me once, you're a square.

I said, that's right. No matter what way you threw me I'll turn up on the right side. So it's the truth.

Now let's get this very careful because it's very important. It's 1,500 miles. 1,500 miles.

1,500 miles. We have got it in our own scripture. It says the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Isn't that tremendous? Let's get it that it's 1,500 miles 1,500 miles cubed. Now I want you to get something more here that's very important. Very few things.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper. And the city was pure gold like onto clear glass. That's why I treated this as sort of golden colour.

I'm not sure that this is correct altogether. But this whole city 1,500 miles it's pure gold. But it's the kind of gold we've never seen before.

We've never seen gold as clear as glass. We're talking about something that's out of this world altogether. Don't you make any mistakes about that.

There's a lot of detection in the meetings at night and I think there's a man called Dubonnet who's one of the great architect writers. He wrote a book on the shape of things to come. And although he's got a great mind and is a very important person in your world he doesn't know the shape of things to come.

Where are the shape of things to come now? So we've got the cube. This is where we're going to live in this great planet that God's put the net down and it's fifteen hundred, fifteen hundred, fifteen hundred. And

it's pure gold.

A kind of gold we've never seen before clear as crystal. What a wonderful thing it's going to be filled with the glory of God. But the subject gets deeper, you know.

Let's have a look at this. Verse twenty-one. And the twelve gates were twelve perils.

Every separate gate was of one peril. We'll get this in a moment when we come to the decorations but let's just keep that to the side. And the street of the city was pure gold as it were transparent glass.

Now sometimes we sing on the golden streets of heaven. Well that's just not correct but I sing it and it never bothers me. There are no streets.

There's just a street. Now that gives me quite a bit of bother because this one street for all saints has got to be a big street. And I took this very tube here one day up to Mr. McCormick who's in the meeting tonight who owns a big business in this town and is recognized as one of the great architects in our land.

He has many letters to his name. I just put it on the desk and said no this is what I want you to do. Wanted to find for me the acreage that we live on on earth.

You know our planet and we live on the outside of the planet and two thirds of our planet is water. Of course you know that. One third is earth you know.

And when you take the acreage of earth you get a certain figure and it doesn't matter to us just now. Now when you begin to think about this we're not going to live on the outside of this. We're going to live on the inside of this aren't you? It's the difference between the planet we're on now and the one we were born to.

There's gates into this and the glory of God will light it up inside. We're going in. And if only one speaks.

Because we're beginning to learn about fly over bridges aren't we? And if ever you go to California and see the great highway there you know there's not only one over but one over and one over and one over my you would need to know where you're going. You get on the wrong highway you might be a long way out of your way. And I believe Mr. McCormick and I was working this out.

Supposing the street begins down here under fifteen hundred miles and suppose it comes back over and turns over even at a mile high then you have the street running over and over and over and over for fifteen hundred miles. But I would think a mile between the two bridges is a long way isn't it? Supposing we halved it. Supposing we even quartered it.

Well he's better at figures than I am and I've got to sit and wait and he worked and I thank him for it and came to the conclusion that taking the inside of this as we're looking at it now this is fifteen times bigger than our earth. So there'll be room for me don't worry yourself. Plenty of room.

Fifteen times bigger. Yes we're beginning to get the hold of it. Now let's get the hold of this also.

We're back at bridge sixteen. And the city lies four square and the length is as large as the breadth and he measured the city with the reed twelve thousand furlongs the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal and he measured the wall thereof. Hundred and forty and four cubits according to the measure of a man that is of the angel.

He's talking about the angel that was measuring the building of the wall as it was of Jasper. You see we're only looking up the city when we look at the cube. But you know there's a wall all round the city.

It's Jasper. And I have a feeling you see that it was something like this and when it was right round it makes the city into a globe. But this is just the fortification.

Now it's Jasper. It's like crystal. Now if you can imagine for a moment this crystal Jasper out covering the wall the fortification if you can imagine what this transparent gold is like if you can imagine the glory of God in the inside you're beginning to get a bit of an idea about the home you're going to.

It's some home built by our Lord. I go to prepare a place for you. That's where we're going to.

Now let's get this bit in carefully. St Peter's 18 that's where we are now. And the building of the wall of it was of Jasper and the city was pure gold like onto pure glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manual precious stones. The first foundation was Jasper the second Sapphire. And it goes on right down here.

And look at these precious stones. And then goes on to 21. The twelve gates were twelve perils.

And every several gate was just one peril. If we could see these three gates from either side these perily gates that we talk about. And then see this Jasper fortification.

And then all the other precious stones put in. And then this pure gold clear as crystal. And then the whole thing lights up with the glory of God.

Now this is a job for some of you architects. I'm only fiddling around with the hand of the carpenter of the thing. What a home it is.

I've got that out of it. This is my home. I'm going home a place prepared.

That's why I left the wee bit out because there's a lot of folks that's not going there. The fearful and the unbelievers and the whoremonger and the torturer and all the others are going to the lake of fire. Stop for a moment of it.

What are you waiting for now? You must be nearer heaven and home in this lake than you ever were before or you must be nearer hell. Take your time. Here's this God's book.

There's nobody could put these things together only God. You wouldn't like to try to start to write out something like this. You'd make a mess of it.

Friend, I'm sure when I say these things this is God's words. You can only go to heaven through Christ you know. We'll learn that in a moment.

But we've looked at the consolations of our home, no death, no sickness, no crying there. And the illumination of the glory of God and the glory of the Lamb. And the fortifications these high walls made of just rock.

And the foundations with the names of the twelve apostles. And the dimensions of the home and its golden streets. Now the attraction of this home.

You know it's this 23rd verse and the city had no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God had lightened it and the Lamb is the light thereof. You know friends, old Sir Robert Anderson was right. Sir Robert Anderson was the man who founded Scotland Yard for Britain.

So he was no mean janitor. He could speak ten different languages absolutely distinct and clear at a moment's And Sir Robert Anderson had a little track on this home and went into it. But he rightly placed the Lamb in the centre of the great attraction.

And he could see the Lamb of the Crucified One. He could see the Cross when he looked at the Lamb. And he said this.

He said if I go away back out of time before the hills the Lord has stood or air proceeds to strain if I go away to eternity before the hills the Lord has strain if I go away to eternity before the hills the has stood or air proceeds strain if I go away eternity hills the or air proceeds to if I go away to before the hills the Lord has stood or air proceeds to the the on his knees, you know, with somebody on his back, it's really wonderful. And we used to romp and fun and enjoy ourselves, and it went on for the early hours of the morning. You would have thought you were in heaven, for there was no night there, none at all.

But in the real sense, there'd be no night there. The solar system is gone, the seasons are gone, the storms are gone, the showers have gone, the land is alright. There's no night there.

No night. Watch what it says then. It says, verse 26, And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations.

Get it now! Endure it! Oh, I believe you know that this gravity is going to have to go. And they'll be able to come from us right into the new Jerusalem. And they'll bring the glory and honor of the nations into us.

Yes, because our Lord will be Lord both of heaven and earth. Now, here's the verse that John stopped this scene at this moment with. Verse 27, And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh alive.

He's the only hope that they get in. They which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And make this clear now.

We're not talking about the book of life. We're talking about the Lamb's book of life. You don't forget your name in the Lamb's book of life.

You have to have a connection with the Lamb. Oh, I can remember the day, you know, when I said, Oh, Lamb of God, I can't. Friend, get your name on the Lamb's book of life tonight.

Because if your name's not on the Lamb's book of life, it doesn't make a matter who you are. You can be a Baptist. You can be a Brethren.

You can be a Methodist. You can be a Presbyterian. You're good as hell.

You'll need to have a connection with the Lamb. By next week we're going back to those verses we left out. And then the next week we're following on with this great and wonderful chapter at the end of the book.

I think we'll sing Amazing Grace tonight. Eight hundred and ninety-four, and there are only four verses there, but we'd better go on to the other one. Talking about this home of ours, it says, When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we'll have no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Eight hundred and ninety-four. Dear Lord, part us in thy fear, and with thy blessing, take us to our homes in safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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