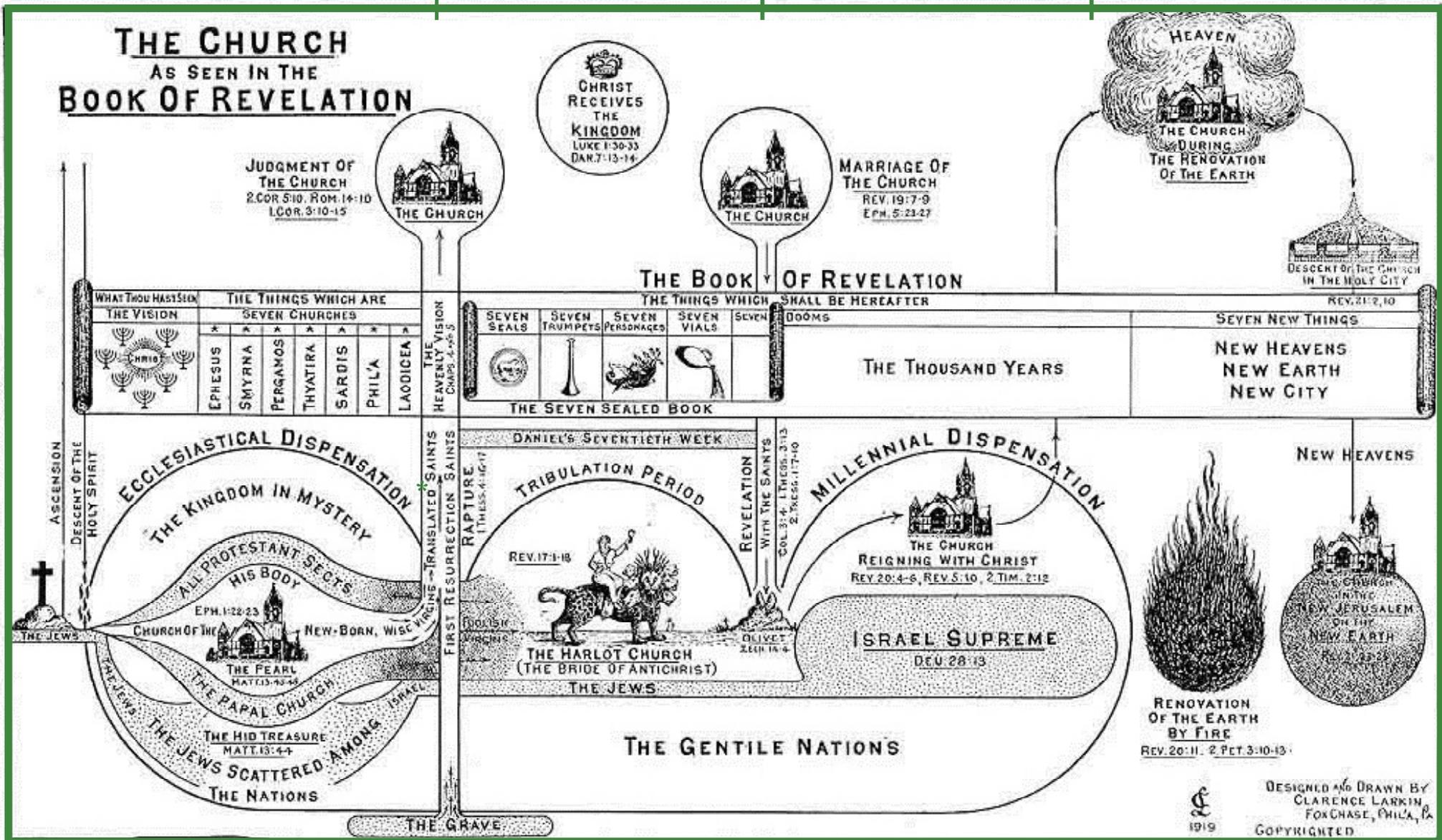


# Will we live eternally with God in heaven, or will God live eternally with us on earth?

This chart is from Clarence Larkin's 1919 book, *Dispensational Truth*, which has many like it that are related to this question, 88 of which are available at [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) > top tab **Study** > Bible reference: **Maps/Images** > scroll down to **Clarence Larkin's Dispensational Truth** > click an image > click again for the full image. (The Scriptures below are on pp. 2 - 3 in the 4 left to right sections below, then top to bottom order.)



\*Translated means supernaturally moved; here, caught up, meaning the "rapture" from Latin Vulgate's *rapturo*.

[All verses are in KJV.]

**2Co 5:10** - 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.

**Rom 14:10** - 10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**1Cor 3:10-14** - 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

**Eph 1:22-23** - 22 And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

**Mat 13:44** - 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in

a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

**Rev 1:11, 19-20** - 11 *Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. ... 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. [through Rev 3]*

**Luk 1:30-32** - 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

**Dan 7:13-14** - 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near

before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.

**1Th 4:16-17** - 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**Rev 17:1-14, 16-18** - 1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5

And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These

shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful. ... 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

**Zec 4:14** - 14 Then said he, These [are] the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

**Col 3:4** - 4 When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

**1Th 3:13** - 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

**2Th 1:7-10** - 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting

destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed ) in that day.

**Rev 19:7-9** - 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

**Eph 5:23-27** - 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**Rev 20:4-6** - 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I

saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

**Rev 5:10** - 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

**2Tim 2:12** - 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:

**Deu 28:13** - 13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do [them]:

**Rev 20:11** - 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

**2Pet 3:10-12** - 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the

night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**Rev 21:2, 10** - 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

**Rev 21:22-26** - 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 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. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ✎

## The Eternal Destination of the Righteous

When we speak of *heaven* after we die, we mean God's dwelling place ("the third heaven," **2Cor 12:2**); however, God's dwelling place will not always be above the earth. Where God in the person of the Lord Jesus is, there will be His faithful people. So whether "heaven" is in the heaven where Jesus is now or on the earth during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ or on the new earth under the new heaven to come for eternity, what we care about is to be with our God and Savior in glorified bodies where no sin and its resulting trouble is.

At the end of the Church Age at **the rapture** the Lord's faithful people, called the Bride of Christ, whether having died or still living, will meet Jesus in the air (the dead resurrected, the living raptured—snatched up) just before the seven-year Tribulation period on earth (Daniel's prophesied 70th week). They will be taken in glorified bodies to heaven for the judgment for rewards, the Coronation of the King,

### The Rapture

Yeshua our Messiah/the Lord Jesus Christ promised in His Word to come to catch up—*rapture*—His beloved Bride, the lovingly obedient, baptized, born again believers, in an instant for the Judgment for rewards, the Coronation of the King, the Wedding and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb—all in heaven—*before* His Second Coming spectacularly to earth to set up His 1,000 year Kingdom.

- 1Th 4:16-17 - For the Lord himself shall descend... and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be **caught up** [*Med. L.: raptura*] together with them... to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

### The Mark of the Beast

During the Tribulation period the tyrannical New World Order will require everyone to accept either death by beheading or its religious and economic system by both (1.) worshiping the image of the beast and (2.) taking the mark of the beast, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (gematria/isopsephia of 666, Rev 13:11-18) in the hand or forehead. ***All who take the mark, name or number of the beast will spend eternity in the lake of fire; all who reject the beast will enter the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ in His Kingdom of peace and righteousness.***

the Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (Jesus Christ is that Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world by His sacrifice.) The Old Testament saints in the former Paradise part of Hades who were transferred to heaven at the ascension of Jesus (Psa 68:18, Eph 4:8) will be there to celebrate the Marriage and Marriage Supper of the Lamb as well.

After the rapture of the faithful Church a seven year period called the Tribulation will occur. (An Old Testament mystery [secret] now called the Church Age interrupted Daniel's prophesied 70 weeks of years [70x7, 490 years] when Messiah was cut off by crucifixion after only 69 weeks, or 483 years.) During these last seven years of this prophecy of Dan 9:24-27 the Lord's faithful people on earth who are beheaded for not taking **the mark of the beast** are not yet with the Lord, but wait "under the altar" (Rev 6:9). The Old Testament saints and the Church Age faithful born again believers are in heaven until the end of these seven years when they will return with the Lord Jesus Christ to earth as He defeats His enemies and sets up His kingdom.

After the seven-year Tribulation period the 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth will begin. The various groups of people faithful to the Lord from Adam to the last saved person during the Tribulation will live on earth in a theocracy under King Jesus Christ with the Tribulation survivors. As Jesus said, in John 14:2a, In my Father's house are many mansions.

At the end of the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ as King Satan will be briefly released (Rev 20:2-7) which will cause the final war. After Satan's defeat the judgment for unbelievers called the Great White Throne Judgment will occur. All the disobedient angels and disobedient people will be removed to the lake of fire. The earth we know now will be burned up (2Pet 3:10-12).

A new heaven and new earth without the sea and with the shining city, the New Jerusalem, that descends from heaven will be the eternal "heaven on earth," so to speak. Only and all of the faithful from all ages will live face-to-face with God in a *perfect* world. There will be no more death, curse, tears, sorrow, crying or pain for the former things will have passed away. The faithful will inherit everything. They will eat the hidden manna like the angels' food, the grain of heaven, that the children of Israel ate in the wilderness that came down from the doors of heaven. The saints will know everything just as God knows everything now. People will not marry, but will be as the angels of God in heaven are now and in glorious bodies like the Lord Jesus'. He wears a long, white robe. His hair is as white as snow, His eyes are like a flame, His feet are like fine bronze fired in a furnace, His face shines like the sun.

Here are Bible descriptions of the eternal home for those who love (are faithful to) God's Word:

- **Isa 65:17-19, 25** - For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock [*any animal of the ox family*]: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

- **Rev 21:1-27, 22:1-5** - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

- At this time the cosmos and everything about living in it will again reflect the almighty, all-good God

about whom skeptics ask, “If God is all powerful and all good, why does He allow trouble and death?” (He doesn’t; that is why He hasn’t lived with mankind all these millennia. He gave Adam and Eve—and so all of the people who came from them—dominion, so He had to legally win it back by becoming a man Himself and paying for mankind’s sin. After that He needed to assess the faithfulness of His believers through their lives to determine their future positions and rewards in His perfect Kingdom in a way that all would agree were justly deserved.)

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

- ***He that overcometh***— Only those who live faithful to the commandments of the One who faithfully gave up everything and paid the ultimate price to redeem them will be able to enjoy the new earth with Jesus as King of Kings.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

- Remember, God’s Word is precise, and the Judgment will be just, so what we do in our hearts (who we really are) matters for eternity. Do not lose a perfectly wonderful eternity by ignoring sin’s deceitfulness. For example, movies and television shows full of all these things named in this verse, if set up before our eyes, are idols “worthshipped” more than the holy God. Fear Him, love Him, and live for Him.

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, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light [was] like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, 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.

- The sides of the New Jerusalem are 1,500 miles. The distance from San Antonio in south central Texas to Atlanta, Georgia, is about 1,500 miles.

17 - And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred [and] forty [and] four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

- **Cubit**, a measurement equal to the distance from the elbow to the end of the middle finger.

18 And the building of the wall of it was [of] jasper: and the city [was] pure gold, like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation [was] jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 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. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomin-ation, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1-5 - And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. 