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"OUR NEW HOME"

THE DWELLING OF GOD AND THE ETERNAL STATE

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Revelation 3:12-13

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. :13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

Heaven has Been Given Many Different Names and Titles in the Bible

From that of "Paradise" and "The Kingdom" to a "Country" and "The Dwelling" or even "The City"

Here in Revelation 21, Heaven and the City of God is likened "a Bride"

Revelation 21:1-2

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. :2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**But Perhaps the Greatest of all the
Descriptions of Heaven for me, is that it is "the Father's House"**

This We Have No Doubt
that it is the place of desire and of hope for all those who believe in life eternal and presence of God!

Heaven is Our Destination

Dr. David Jeremiah Tells...

of a man he knows whose teenage son was diagnosed with cancer, the Oncologist had just told the father, your son has no chance of surviving, we've done all that we can do, all we can do is make him as comfortable as possible...

"Dad, I need to tell you something, I'm going to heaven, and Dad, there has not been a time in my life when you haven't reminded me about heaven... dad, I'm ready to see it!

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

OUR NEW HOME...

I.) *Our heavenly home will be like a bride*

v.9-11

a.) *Filled with anticipation*

v.9

Then one of the seven angels who **had** the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

seeing that a city is neither a wife or a bride; what is announced here is that the dwelling of the Saints and the Church is Personified as a Community or a Place.

Application:

"Anticipation" Should Mark the Christians Life

Matthew 25:13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Titus 2:13

looking (scanning) for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Our heavenly home will be like a bride

b.) Kept with purity

v.10

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Our heavenly home will be like a bride

c.) Illuminated with God

v.11

...having the glory of God.
Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

OUR NEW HOME...

II.) Our heavenly home will be secure

v.12-14

a.) Secured throughout all the ages

v.12-13

:12 Also she had a great and high wall with (12) twelve gates, and (12) twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the (12) twelve tribes of the children of Israel: **:13** three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Matthew 8:11

And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ***in the kingdom of heaven.***

This is an Awesome Scene

for all those who came before Jesus Christ, from Adam to John the Baptist,

these looked forward to what the Messiah would do for them.
by Faith They Looked Ahead Trusting in God's Promises to Come.
Israel Looked Ahead for the Coming Christ.

The Church and the Gentile World Looks Back at What God has Done
by Faith We Look Back Trusting in God's Faithfulness to Perform.

Your Great Security in Christ
your salvation is safe with Him - forever!!!

The significance of the gates

**There is no evil there, there is no crime there, there is no sin there,
so why the gates = to announce the entrance**

These Gates Will Never Be Shut - Never Shut,
Forever Open!

The City of God,
will be the center of eternity

"The Coming and Going of the Holy Angels and of All Believers"

Our heavenly home will be secure

b.) Secured by the Word of God

v.14

Now the wall of the city had (12) twelve foundations,
and on them were the names of the (12) twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Gates of the City had 12 Names of the Children of Israel
The Foundation of the City had 12 Names of the 12 Apostles

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, :23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, :24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things

Ephesians 2:19-20

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, :20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,

Romans 15:4

For **whatever things were written before** (The O.T.) were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

OUR NEW HOME...

III.) Our heavenly home will be grand

v.15-17

Our model home will be big enough

a.) Grand enough for all to enter in

And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. **:16** The city is laid out **as a square**; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. **:17** Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

grk: tetraǰgwnoβ tetragonos, tet-rag´-o-nos
"four-square"

Dr. Henry Morris States:

The foursquare Shape is as a cube, the city itself is 1,380 mi or 2,220 km on each side or face, including the great wall with measures 72 yds thick or (66 m) or 216 ft.

If calculating only 25 percent of space available just that 25% or ¼ of the city would comfortably provide enough space for 25 billion people

Hidden Here in the Measurements of the City;
is a passionate announcement

There is So Much Room Available

that it can easily be argued that God had prepared enough room for all of humanity to enter into heaven...

Heaven will not be fully occupied not because The Lord failed to invite enough people, but because many people refused his invitation

Matthew 22:1-5

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: :2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, :3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. :4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’” :5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

OUR NEW HOME...

IV.) Our heavenly home will be beautiful

v.18-21

In Exodus 39, The Lord told Moses

to make an Ephod or Breastplate that had 12 stones which represented each of the 12 tribes. When the High Priest was to appear before the Lord, he was to be wearing the ephod with the 12 stones which had the 12 names of the tribes.

Our God is a God of Detail

The Artwork of the City of God is Beautiful, no Doubt

But Do You Think That a Building or a City
is More Important Than Salvation?

Your Salvation - is God's Work!

And if He has given such detail to foundations and gates and walls,
then what about His loved toward us and to our blessings?

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*” :10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. :2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. :3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!” :4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

Psalm 27:4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Our heavenly home will be beautiful

a.) *The materials used speaks of His Love*

v.18-20

The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. **:19 The foundations** of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **:20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrys-o-prase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

The Materials are Precious by Nature

Our heavenly home will be beautiful

b.) *The effect of the city speaks of His Joy*

v.21

The (12) twelve gates were (12) twelve pearls: each individual gate (12) was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The Gates of Pearl;
each entrance is lined by a Pearly Gate

The Appearance is of Light and Glory
we are reflections of his glory

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **:15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

OUR NEW HOME...

V.) *Our heavenly home will be a house of worship* v.22

a.) *Worship in heaven will be direct*

But I saw no temple in it...

There Will Be No Need of a Temple
(Absolute Fellowship)

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Our heavenly home will be a house of worship

b.) *Worship in heaven will be complete* v.22

for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

There Will Be No Need of a Temple
(Complete Expression)

In This Time Zone, This Side of Eternity;

We Are The Temples of the Living God

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God
and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

OUR NEW HOME...

VI.) *Our heavenly home will be filled with light*

v.23-24

a.) *Jesus Christ is its light*

v.23

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

Back in The Old Testament Time;
God had Spoken to Moses, Saying...

Exodus 25:20-22

And the cherubim shall stretch out *their* wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim *shall be* toward the mercy seat. :21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. :22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat,

We're told that the Glory of the Lord Illuminated the Tabernacle and Later Solomon's Temple...

It Was "The Light" That Confirmed God's Presence to the People.

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

1 John 1:7,9

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin., :9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 1:7-9

This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. :8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. :9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Our heavenly home will be filled with light

b.) *Jesus Christ is its focus*

v.24

And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

OUR NEW HOME...

VII.) *Our heavenly home will have great access* v.25-27

The Feeling of Being *Welcomed*

a.) *Heaven's gates shall never be shut* v.25

Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there)

Our heavenly home will have great access

b.) *Heaven's glory shall never be diminished* v.26

:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

As we await this glorious time to come,
in a way, this is being done now by ever effort you make to obey the Lord.

Our heavenly home will have great access

c.) *Heaven's guests shall never be afraid* v.27

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written
in **the Lamb's Book of Life.**

Unbeknown To The Non-Believer
Is The Constant Danger Of Their Name Being Blotted Out Of
The Book Of Life

VERY WELL KNOWN TO THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER
IS THE CONSTANT JOY OF KNOWING THAT HIS NAME CANNOT BE
BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE

WHY IS THIS SO?

BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO PRESERVE YOUR NAME
IN THE BOOK OF LIFE,
AND THAT IS TO HAVE IT WRITTEN IN
THE LAMBS BOOK OF LIFE.

Can You Imagine, Someday Every Human Being
will Await a Call from Heaven

Dr. James Dobson Tells...
of a time when he was practicing at Children's Hospital at USC.
"Mama, I Hear the Bells"

End of Study
