

“And the city lieth
FOURSQUARE, ...
and he measured the
city with the reed,”

Revelation 21:16



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Summary of Events

- **Rapture of the Church – happens at the end of the Church age**
- **Seven-Year Great Tribulation**
 - **Rise of the Antichrist, False Prophet**
 - **Covenant with Israel**
 - **Marriage Supper of the Lamb (in heaven with the raptured saints)**
 - **God's Wrath Poured out on the Earth**
 - **Return of Jesus to the Earth (the Second Coming of Jesus on a white horse)**
- **Battle of Armageddon (the war to end all wars)**
- **Beast and False Prophet thrown into lake of fire**
- **Satan bound for 1,000 years**
- **Millennial Kingdom (Jesus ruling the earth)**
- **Satan will be released from the Abyss (after the millennial period)**
- **Final Rebellion – Satan loses thrown into the Lake of Fire**
- **Great White Throne Judgment**
- **New Heaven and a New Earth**

- **21 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.** [could mean no more chaos] **2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem [City of Peace], coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** [beautiful city] **3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men** [God and His people now dwell together], **and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.** **4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."**

- The old heaven and earth will pass away, and a new earth will be made. Isaiah describes a lot about this new earth in chapter sixty-five. He begins, *"¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. (Isaiah 65:17 NKJV)*
- This is also cited by the Apostle Peter, *"¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.** (2 Peter 3:1-13 NKJV)*

- ***⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."***

- This sort of sounds to me like an echo of 2 Corinthians 5:17 telling us that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature. Old things have passed

- ***⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. [Jesus IS OUR LIVING WATER – with Him we'll never thirst again] ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."***
[That's where the unbelievers will all end up]

- ***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 [we're still talking about the Church] ." 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, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the 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.***

- ***Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations*** [pillars holding up the walls like buttresses], ***and on them were the names of the twelve apostles*** [Query whether it will include Paul?] ***of the Lamb.*** ¹⁵ ***And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.*** [the city will be measured out] 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.*** [That's approx 1500 milesx1500 milesx1500 miles] ¹⁷ ***Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.*** ¹⁸ ***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 chrysoprased, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.*** ²¹ ***The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.*** [indescribable]

- ***22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.***[no physical temple needed] ***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.***[heaven will be lit by God Himself] ***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. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 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.***

• **22 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. 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 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.** [Jesus said, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12] **And they shall reign forever and ever.**

- ***6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book*** [Don't keep it secret. It is for now. What was happening in the letters to the seven churches was happening then. This is a book about encouragement. God would bless them if they repentant.],

- ***for the time is at hand. ¹¹ He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.*** [This means that the evil people during the tribulation are going to be evil so don't worry about it. It has to happen before the end comes. People will be holy because God will give them the strength to be holy. They will be righteous because God will give them the strength and ability to be righteous. It is US DEPENDING ON GOD. He tells us that NOTHING WILL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND.]¹² ***"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."***
¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

- ***¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*** [Dogs were considered people that had rejected God and turned their backs on Him. We're talking about all those that have rejected Jesus, both Jew and Gentile.] ***¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."*** ***¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*** [Nobody is excluded. Salvation is available and offered to everyone.]

- ***¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.***
God's word is sufficient. There are no new revelations. There is inspiration. There is illumination. But, there is no new revelation that is to be added to the Word of God] ***²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.***