

# Beginning

## Part 2

### Seeing Jesus in Revelation (and Hearing His Voice)



#### Questions and Scripture

1. What did you find most interesting about the New Jerusalem? Why?
2. How does this passage help you understand Jesus and eternity better?

**Revelation 21:9 – 22:5 (CSB):** *Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” He then carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, arrayed with God’s glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel’s sons were inscribed on the gates. There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. The city wall had twelve foundations, and the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were on the foundations.*

*The one who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 stadia. Its length, width, and height are equal. Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used. The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold clear as glass. The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of jewel: the first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates are twelve pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.*

*I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there. They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.*

*Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

(Revelation 21:9 – 22:5, CSB)

**Revelation 21:25 (CSB):** *Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there.*

(Revelation 21:25, CSB)

**Isaiah 65:17 (NLT):** *"Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore."* (Isaiah 65:17, NLT)

**Revelation 21:1 (CSB):** *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth ...* (Revelation 21:1, CSB)

**Isaiah 65:17-25 (NLT):** *"Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation! And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more.*

*"No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! ... In those days people will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards ... My people will live as long as trees, and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains. They will not work in vain, and their children will not be doomed to misfortune ...*

*"I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers! The wolf and the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat hay like a cow ... In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain. I, the LORD, have spoken!"* (Isaiah 65:17-25, NLT)

## Assignment

Next Sabbath we will continue our series on the book of Revelation titled **Finding Jesus in Revelation (and Hearing His Voice)** with a message titled *Beginning, Part 3*.

We will focus on **Revelation 22:6-21**, especially the last recorded words of Jesus, to see where He wants us to stay focused.

- This week spend some time with **Revelation 22:6-21**. Read it through several times, maybe even in a couple different translations.
- What do you find comforting in this passage?
- Is there anything about this passage that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- What message is Jesus giving us through His own words in this passage?
- What message is being conveyed through John's words in this passage?
- What promise does Jesus make here? Why is this important?
- What is the most important message you see in this passage?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?