

Scripture

Revelation 21:9-23 (NLT)

The New Jerusalem

9 Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

10 So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

- 11 It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal.
- 12 The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates.
- 13 There were three gates on each side—east, north, south, and west.
- 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

- 15** The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
- 16** When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles.
- 17** Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel).

- 18** The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass.
- 19** The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,
- 20** the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

- 21** The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.
- 22** I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- 23** And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.