

Revelation 21:1-14. Quantum Physics Indeed.

And, when I saw the new heaven & earth, I noticed there was no sea. The new Jerusalem was coming out of heaven, prepared as one would prepare a bride for her husband. A voice emanated from heaven's throne saying:

*Now the Lord God dwells with us; He will tabernacle [pitch a tent]<sup>29</sup> with us. We will be His people, and God will be with us, and He our God.<sup>30</sup> Every tear will be wiped away by Him—no more death, no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain—the old quantum is gone.*

He who was sitting on throne declared: *I am making everything new!* And then He said to me: *Write this down—these words are true and can be trusted.*

It is completed—I am [ἐγὼ εἰμι] the A and the Z, the beginning and the end. To the one who is thirsty, I provide free access to the spring of the water of life. The one who overcomes will inherit all this, and be my child. But? The unbelieving cowards who murder, are sexually immoral [πόρνοις], sorcerers, liars and idolaters? Their place is in the lake of burning sulfur, the second death.

Q Why does the new earth and heaven have no sea?

Q Just what are we inheriting?

Then one of the 7 angels who had those 7 bowls full of 7 plagues said: *Come—I will show you the bride—the wife of the LAMB.* And then he carried me away in spirit to a mountain where I could see Jerusalem, Holy, bright with God's glory, so brilliant it was like a precious jewel—clear as crystal. Its great wall had 12 gates, with an

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup>But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

<sup>9</sup>One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the LAMB." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup>The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the LAMB.

<sup>29</sup>See John 1:14, when referring to the Christ when on earth as Yeshua, John reports *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth* (NIV), or *The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (HCSB)

<sup>30</sup>God said in Ezekiel 37:27: *I will put my dwelling place [tabernacle] among you, and I will not abhor you. <sup>12</sup>I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.* And the Lord God said in Leviticus 25:11-12—*"I will put my dwelling place [tabernacle] among you, and I will not abhor you. <sup>12</sup>I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.* Paul used this same idea when talking to the church at Corinth (see 2 Corinthians 6:16).

angel at each gate; 3 gates were on each of the four walls. Each gate was inscribed [ἐπιγεγραμμένα] with one of the twelve tribes. Its 12 foundations had the names of the twelve apostles of the LAMB.

Q What does Jerusalem represent in this revealing revelation about the end times? Bride or residence?

Q Is Paul named on one of the 12 foundations? Matthias? Barnabus? Judas?

Revelation 21:15-27. *More Architectural Details*. Now this angel had a golden pen to measure the city's gates and walls. Laid out as a square, 1.96 million square miles in area, and 1,400 miles high; with 200 feet high walls. It was big.<sup>31</sup> This wall, by the way, was made of jasper, a city of pure gold, yet pure as glass.

Now the foundations were decorated with amazingly beautiful jewels, a different one for each of the 12 foundations. Each of the 12 gates was a 200 feet high pearl. The city's street [πλατεῖα, *singular*] was made of pure gold, transparent as glass.

There was no temple to be found for the LAMB, the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is [ἐστίν'; singular, not plural] is Jerusalem's temple. The city needs no sun, moon, or lamb for God's glory enlightens [ἐφώτισεν] it. All peoples will be guided by this light; their kings will bring their glory into it. Never will its gates be shut—there is no night there. All the glory of people everywhere will be brought into it. Nothing impure enters, nor deceit nor shameful acts either. Only those whose names are written in the LAMB's book of life will enter.

Q Why are there no gates?

Q Just what does it take to have your name written in the LAMB's "book of life?"

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The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. <sup>16</sup>The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia [1400 miles] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. <sup>17</sup>He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits [200 feet high] by man's measurement, which the angel was using. <sup>18</sup>The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and the LAMB are [actually "is;" ἐστίν' singular, not plural] its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the LAMB is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the LAMB's book of life.

<sup>31</sup>Assuming .5 acres per "house lot" and each "house" needs 20 feet of height in this 1400 feet high area, there is room for **175,616,000,000** people in the new holy city of Jerusalem. Dimensions: 1,960,000 square mile areas for the 1,400 mile height. Each square mile = 640 acres, and each person will get 1/2 acre lot, thus 1,280 lots per square mile. And 1,960,000 square miles times 1,280 lots means 2,508,800,000 "lots" per level. Assuming 70 levels (1400feet/20feet), there will be room for 175,616,000,000 people in the "New Jerusalem." So if viewed as a "multi-level," 175 billion will live there; if only one level, 2.5 billion will live in the New Jerusalem. But, what if more than one person "per lot?"