

The Book of Revelation Course.

Session 12. New Jerusalem: The Restoration of all things. (Rev. 21-22)

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The purpose of these notes, for each session, is to complement what Mike has already written. Many of the sentences written in my notes, are what Mike has actually said on the audio file.

I. Introduction

A-F. (00:00-14:28) The angel is showing John the dynamic quality of life in the New Jerusalem. He is giving John insight so that he may understand how the New Jerusalem, when it descends to earth, will bring a new supernatural dimension to life as we know it. Acts 3:20-21. While we will live in the New Jerusalem, we will work on the Millennial earth. Our coming and going will be like the dynamic that angels have with us now except it will be more frequent because the veil will have been lifted between the two realms. The main theme is that of government. Jesus' government will replace Satan's government. We, the true Bride, will assist in this replacement process. It is the preparation phase for the Father's coming after the 1000 years. Rev. 21:3. Those who follow the Harlot Babylon religion will be killed at Jesus' return and finally cast into the lake of fire at the second resurrection. The last three and a half years before Jesus returns, Satan and his demons will be literally cast onto the surface of the earth. It will be a time of 'hell on earth' conditions. Jude V:6 tells us there are specific terrible demons held back just for this day. They are the ones from below who will be released to join those cast down from above. The anti-christ now comes to full power in these last three and a half years and is given the throne of Satan. Rev.12:9, Rev.12:3. On Jesus' return, he will reverse what is here now back to the Garden of Eden conditions. Jesus will cast Satan into prison for the 1000 years and call the New Jerusalem down to earth. At this time Heaven is literally on the earth.

II. The Centrepiece of God's purpose: Bring Heaven and Earth together.

A-B. (14:29-17:56) Eph. 1:9-10 states very clearly God's eternal purpose which is to gather all things together in Christ Jesus. This is his 'hidden' plan or 'mystery' as revealed to the apostle Paul, which is to join the two realms together. Jesus will rule with the natural processes not suspended but enhanced by the Spirit's supernatural dimension.

III. Jesus Throne of Glory: 2 Dimensions of one throne (Earthly and Heavenly)

A-G. (17:57-25:58) Jesus throne is called the 'Throne of His glory'. What a marvellous statement! Mt. 25:31-32, and Jer. 3:17. Jesus throne is in the earthly Millennial Jerusalem and the heavenly New Jerusalem. It is one throne with 2 expressions of it. His throne will also be connected to the holy of holies in the Millennial Jerusalem. The whole city will be dynamically connected to the 'throne of His glory'. His throne is not a chair, but one vast governmental complex with the most 'northerly' end being in the New Jerusalem and the most 'southerly' end being in the Millennial Jerusalem.

The two realms are dynamically connected by a 'corridor of glory' (this term is not biblical but the idea is) It may be visualised like a huge whirlwind or tornado of the manifestation of his glory. It is awesome and scary. It is not clearly revealed as such, but is to be understood by implication.

H (25:58-40:23) There are 4 reasons why the New (heavenly) Jerusalem is close to the earth but not yet on the earth. a) The Millennial (earthly) Jerusalem is only 10 square miles, while the New Jerusalem is 1380 square miles. So it would cover the entire middle-east and more. b) the kings of the earth go in and out of it, so it has to be close enough to the earth. Rev. 21:24-26 c) the leaves of the tree of life in the New Jerusalem are for the healing and renewing of the nations on the earth. Rev. 22:2 d) angels guard the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem so sinners cannot have access. There are 4 sides and 3 gates on each side of the city; hence the gates are 500 miles apart. The New Jerusalem is 1380 miles high so most of it is in outer space. Rev. 21:12, 21:27, 22:14-15.

IV. The Corridor of Glory: Dynamic convergence.

A-B. (40:24-44:52) There are at least 12 characteristics in the Millennial Jerusalem and 12 in the New Jerusalem that overlap. One is supernatural and the other earthly. Each characteristic has two expressions of glory. When they overlap and come together they create a dynamic convergence of each other's glory. They have in each Jerusalem: 1) a Mountain City. 2) a Jerusalem with 12 gates 3) a

House of God 4) a Holy of holies (temple and house of prayer) 5). a Garden of Eden. 6). a River of Life. 7) a Tree of life. 8) a Highway. 9) a Whirlwind. 10) a Cloud of Glory. 11) the Smoke of Glory 12) Shining fire. There are two expressions of each characteristic that merge together to create one reality.

C-D-E. (44:52-46:18) The New Jerusalem descending to earth creates a tidal wave of glory that spreads out over the natural earth. The veil is removed and creates an open heaven over the earth. Hab.2:14. Refer to Jacob's ladder in Gen.28:12-16. In Gen.2-3 God had face to face fellowship with Adam, as there was no veil between the two realms. This situation will be restored.

V. The New Jerusalem descends to earth two times.

A-B-C. (46:17-50:18) The New Jerusalem descends in 2 stages. Firstly, when Jesus returns to the earth at his second coming for the 1000 year period. Secondly, after his 1000 year reign when the earth is cleansed by fire to become the new earth. The cleansing is necessary because Satan is released after the 1000 reign to defile the earth once again before his final demise. We need to read and study MB notes carefully as the 2 descents are not in chronological order. In Rev. 21:9-22:5 the events referred to do not occur until after the events described in Rev. 21:1-8.

VI. Description of the City as the Holy of Holies: External view (Rev. 21:9-21)

A-E. (50:19-50:51) John sees the city first from the outside and he sees it as the Holy of Holies, then later he gets to go on the inside and it looks like the Garden of Eden. The city's design is described as a cube, or a pyramid, being 1500 miles square and 1500 miles high. Its foundations are adorned by 8 precious stones. The city is filled with the Shekinah glory as in the temple, yet with the brightness of ancient jasper, as clear as crystal. The city's construction consists of 4 walls of jasper with 12 gates, each a pearl. The streets of the city are pure gold, like transparent glass. Refer Rev. 21:12-21

VII. Description of the City as the Garden of Eden: Internal view. (Rev. 21:22-22:5)

A-D. (50:52-59:00) John now gives us the internal view of the city as being the ultimate Garden of Eden. David in Ps. 48 describes the new Jerusalem. The psalm is very revealing of the Holy City of God, Mount Zion. John describes the source of light, the river of life, the tree of life which all point to Eden. Rev. 21:23-24, 22:1-5. This describes the saints in the New Jerusalem who rule with Jesus forever.

VIII. The City of the Great King: Millennial Jerusalem and the New Jerusalem

MB does not cover this last section. Mt. 5:34-35 says it is the City of the Great King. Isa. 2:2-3 talks about the mountain of the Lord shall be exalted above the hills. Ps. 48:1-10 is mentioned again saying God is in her palaces, the kings assembled, they passed by, they marvelled, were troubled and hastened away. Ps.50:1-3 says out of Zion beauty is perfected. Isa. 62:7 says He makes Jerusalem the praise of the earth.

Do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's Throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the City of the great King. (Mt. 5:34-35)

In the latter days the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills...3 Many shall say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the House of the God of Jacob...from Jerusalem. (Isa. 2:2-3)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. 3 God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. 4 For behold, the kings (Millennial kings) assembled, they passed by together. 5 They saw it (New Jerusalem connected to the Millennial Jerusalem), and so they marveled; they were troubled, they hastened away. 6 Fear took hold of them there, and pain, as of a woman in birth pangs, 7 as when You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. 8 As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. 9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, in the midst of Your temple. 10 According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. (Ps. 48:1-10)

The Mighty One...has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. (Ps. 50:1-3) Give Him no rest till...He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:7)

