

## Wednesday May 6, 2015 Bible Study – “Gates of the City”

Scripture References: [Revelation 21:12-27](#)

Reading: [Revelation 21:9-10](#)

Review of *Bride / Wife* from last Sunday:

- *NYMPHE* – (νύμφη) *BRIDE* (young, newly married)
- *GUNE* – (γυνή) *WIFE* (adult female; fully mature at any age)
- There must be a successful spiritual journey taken, from “*BRIDE*” to “*WIFE*”.

For a reminder of the Jewish wedding ceremonies in the days of the early church, read [John 3:29](#); after arrival of the party to the home of the groom, a time came where the groom and bride retired to a bridal chamber, where the friend of the groom waited outside. And then came the time where the friend of the bridegroom rejoiced at the “*voice*” of appreciation of the groom within the chamber for his new virgin bride.

Review *Notes on REVELATION 21:9* from last Sunday:

[Rev.21:9b](#) – “*Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb*” – Not Church, but a CITY. This is the eternity of the Divine Architect, “*the holy Jerusalem, descending, coming down out of Heaven from God.*” ([Rev.21:10](#))

1. This city is not located on earth; and while it is called the New Jerusalem, it has nothing to do with the Jerusalem of the present (The Jerusalem located in Palestine).
2. Neither does his city have anything to do with the Millennial Jerusalem, which is located on the earth.
3. This city is a satellite city, suspended above the earth. It is not *on* the earth at all.
4. The Millennial Jerusalem will have *natural* light, while the Eternal State Jerusalem will have *supernatural* light. Jesus Christ, the Shekinah glory, is the light of the Jerusalem of the eternal state.
5. The Millennial Jerusalem has no walls ([Zech. 2:4, 5](#)) where our Lord rules, but there are very high walls in the Jerusalem of the eternal state, according to [Rev. 21:12](#).
6. Probably the greatest description of the Millennial Jerusalem is found in [Ezek. 40-48](#), and there is a very beautiful Millennial Temple, but in the city of the eternal state, there is no temple ([Rev. 21:3, 22](#)).

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7. Animal sacrifices are offered in the Millennial Jerusalem, but there are no animal sacrifices in the eternal state.
8. Living water comes from the temple in the Millennial Jerusalem, according to [Ezek. 47:1](#), but water of life comes from the throne in the eternal Jerusalem.
9. In the Millennial Jerusalem, we have unsaved people living in the city ([Zech. 12:6; 14:11](#)), but in the Eternal Jerusalem, the capital of the eternal state, the satellite city, only believers are living there ([Rev. 21:24; 21:27; 22:14](#)).
10. There are trees for food and healing in the Millennial Jerusalem, but in the Eternal Jerusalem of the eternal state, we have the tree of life (The tree of Happiness).

Review of [Study Notes on Revelation 21:12ff](#):

Continuing our study of [Revelation 21:19-27](#):

[Rev. 21:19](#) – Foundations:

Chalcedony – derived from Chalcedon, an ancient name for a city in modern Turkey. The gem is a sky-blue agate stone with translucent, colored stripes.

[Rev. 21:20](#) – Foundation (continued) – Sardonyx – a variety of chalcedony with parallel layers of red and white.

Sardius – Common stone from the quartz family. Its color ranges from orange-red to brownish-red to a blood-red ([Rev. 4:3](#)).

Chrysolite – Transparent gold or yellowish tone.

Beryl – A variety of gems, green emerald to golden yellow beryl.

Topaz – A softer stone, yellow or green color.

Chrysoprasus – An apple-green variety of quartz.

Jacinth – usually red or reddish-brown. The one John saw was blue or shining violet in color.

Amethyst – clear quartz – ranging from faint purple to intense purple.

[Rev. 21:21](#) – “*one pearl*” Each gate a single, 15 hundred mile high pearl.

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[Rev. 22, 23](#) – “no temple” – one in Heaven *BUT NOT HERE* ([Rev. 3:12; 7:15; 11:19; 15:5](#)); *THE PRESENCE OF GOD FILLS THE ENTIRE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH* (vs. 23).

[Rev. 24](#) – “nations” – literally “*the peoples*”; these are the redeemed from every walk of life – no divisions, no barriers, no exclusions.

[Rev. 25-27](#) – “*gates not shut*” – no night – only those who have the name in the *BOOK of LIFE*.