

Becoming the New Jerusalem

Monday 1/8

Rev. 21:9-11, 12-21

9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

12 It had a great and high wall and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel:

13 On the east three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he who spoke with me had a golden reed as a measure that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall.

16 And the city lies square, and its length is as great as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed to a length of twelve thousand stadia; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, a hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 1*

Tuesday 1/9

Rev. 4:3

3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

Rev. 21:11*See Monday***John 3:6**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 14:20, 23

20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

Heb. 2:11

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom. 8:29-30

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

30 And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 2*

Wednesday 1/10

Rev. 21:2

2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 19:7

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Rev. 21:3-7, 23-27

3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death will be no more, nor will there be sorrow or crying or pain anymore; for the former things have passed away.

5 And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true.

6 And He said to me, They have come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely.

7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be God to him, and he will be a son to Me.

23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24 And the nations will walk by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

25 And its gates shall by no means be shut by day, for there will be no night there.

26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 And anything common and he who makes an abomination and a lie shall by no means enter into it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 3*

Thursday 1/11

S.S. 6:13, 4

13 Return, return, O Shulammitte; Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte, As upon the dance of two camps?

4 You are as beautiful, my love, as Tirzah, As lovely as Jerusalem, As terrible as an army with banners.

S.S. 1:2

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.

S.S. 8:14

14 Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a young hart Upon the mountains of spices.

2 Cor. 11:2-3

2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God;

for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

Eph 4:13, 15-16

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 4*

Friday 1/12

Rev. 21:22

22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev. 3:12

12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

1 Kings 7:15-22

15 And he formed the two bronze pillars; eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar, and a line of twelve cubits encompassed each pillar.

16 And he made two capitals of molten bronze to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the second capital was five cubits.

17 There were nets of checker work with wreaths of chain work for the capitals that were at the top of the pillars, seven for the one capital, and seven for the second capital.

18 So he made the pillars; and there were two rows around the one network, to cover the capitals that were at the top of the pomegranates. And he did the same for the second capital.

19 And the capitals that were at the top of the pillars in the portico were of lily work, four cubits high.

20 So then the capitals that were on the two pillars

were above and close to the bulge that was beside the network. And there were two hundred pomegranates, in rows around both capitals.

21 And he erected the pillars at the portico of the temple. When he erected the right pillar, he called its name Jachin; and when he erected the left pillar, he called its name Boaz.

22 And at the top of the pillars was lily work. And the work on the pillars was completed.

Gal. 2:9

9 And perceiving the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and to Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we should go to the Gentiles, and they, to the circumcision.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 5*

Saturday 1/13

Rev. 3:12

See Friday

Rom. 12:2

See Tuesday

Rev. 3:7-11

7 And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the Holy One, the true One, the One who has the key of David, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:

8 I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, those who call themselves Jews and are not, but lie-behold, I will cause them to come and fall prostrate before your feet and to know that I have loved you.

10 Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth.

11 I come quickly; hold fast what you have that no one take your crown.

Rev. 14:1-5

1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice out of heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harp-

singers playing on their harps.

3 And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been purchased from the earth.

4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth no lie was found; they are without blemish.

Further Reading: *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 12, Day 6*

Lord's Day 1/14

Rev. 22:1-7, 10, 14, 21

1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

3 And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.

5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, These words are faithful and true; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show to His slaves the things which must quickly take place.

7 And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this scroll.

10 And he said to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this scroll, for the time is near.

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hymn, #976

Further Reading:

The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 258

Churchwide Truth Pursuit

The All-inclusive Christ, chs. 5-6