

"He gets us" 30 second & 60 second Super Bowl commercials w/ all kinds of reactions & controversy. Democrat AOC calls it *Fascist*, another says I'm glad I'm an *Atheist*, other unbelievers have some pretty derogatory comments. Of course majority like it & glad to see something positive in advertising.

I don't understand those who *don't get Him*--**life** is a vapor, grass that withers, morning mist, early dew that disappears, smoke that vanishes...then comes the next life where they face Him.....**2Cor 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

There is life after this life....Our life is brief but the next life is never-ending, eternal & only two roads....way, truth, life-*Jesus* (light, life & love) **or** eternal separation (death, darkness, damnation)

NIV Dan 12:2 *Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.*

For believers God has given a glorious future...New heaven & New earth

1Cor 2: 9 *but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."*

1 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2* *And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.*

The evolutionist looses out on what we read. Telling us that this life happened by the *'Fortuitous occurrences of accidental circumstances'* Life is a giant accident according to evolutionary theory. But Scientist say Statistically it is impossible to repeat itself. Probability *'hurricane blowing thru a junk yard assembling Boeing-747'* then it's possible.

In the beginning God created.....so again He will create a *new heaven & a new earth*. When? After 1000 year reign & rebellion put down of those who lived in perfect environment for all that time then chose to follow Satan, released from the Abyss giving earth dwellers a choice-1000 yrs unfer Jesus or newly released Satan. Multitudes follow

Proving it's not environment—some of greatest saints come out of worst conditions, while others who enjoy a charmed life, ideal conditions are most wicked people on planet.

In New Heaven & New Earth there are no trace elements of defilement, sin, temptation or pollution. No sea $\frac{3}{4}$ now—separation, terror or sea of humanity-unbelievers---too bad for surfers, water sports people but we will be surfing the heavens in our glorified bodies as hit the lip of *Milky Way*, cut back on constellation *Sagittarius* get up to warp speed--get tunneled riding thru *Andromeda*. We trust God to have something better in all respects than anything we've got here on earth.

Today Jerusalem a subject of contention and controversy—God draws attention to it in last days Zech 12:2,3 ***Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes staggering to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. 3 It will come about on that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will injure themselves severely. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.***

Ps 132:13,14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it as His dwelling place. 14 "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

But this is not Jerusalem of our day or millennium, it is New and as a Beautiful Bride out of heaven—it is how God sees us—*Satellite city* – Only as beautiful as whats inside---Las Vagas, Tokyo can wow you but sin cities, which ruin lives, pollutes innocence.

Revelation 21

3 And I heard a **loud** voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the **tabernacle** of God is among men, and He shall **dwell** among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, 4 and He shall **wipe** away every **tear** from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

21 x’s ‘loud’ -great voice--telling us the thing revealed is important.

Tabernacle in wilderness--place God dwelt w/ Israel—now His presence is w/ saints in New heaven & New Jerusalem--meaning His presence in fellowship & blessing in a new way. He is the total and absolute focal point--no distractions--Gods original plan in creation of man.

Now God & His people dwell in the New Jerusalem—Beauty inside & out...When Jesus crucified the veil of separation torn—**open door to God**.

No tears in heaven over loss or failures on earth--former things not remembered, **emphasis is comfort**. All things that hurt the heart, worry the mind, grieve the spirit are gone.

5 And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “**Write**, for these words are faithful and true.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done. I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **beginning** and the **end**. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

God Himself speaks, contrast to **loud voice** & says all things new—**Kainos**-new in character & time (**recently made**) a radically new creation. John is beside himself & has to be reminded to **write**. **Alpha/Omega** first & last **beginning and end** – God’s work completed thru out the whole of human history. One phase of man’s temporal existence is finished & things of eternity are beginning. A/O is title of Jesus 1:8; 22:13 Jesus is God

Three promises given – **first** ‘**spring of water of life**’ – reference to character of the blessings of life more abundant (**best day on earth not compare**)

Fulfills **Is 55:1** *Ho, every one that thirsts, come ye to the waters, & he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk w/o money & w/o price. KJV* **Jn 4:13,14** *Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life."*

Jn 7:37...*drink out of innermost gush living waters;* **Ps 42:1,2** *as the deer pants...*
Only requirement is that you thirst

7 *"He who **overcomes** shall inherit these things, and I will be **his God** and he will be **My son**.* **8** *"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

Second promise saints are **Overcomers** (theme throughout) & inherit all things...nothing left out, no limit, not select blessing or promises but total.

Third that we are Gods & God is ours---The unsaved have no part w/ God.
1Jn 5:4 *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.* Contrast w/ unbelievers whose character is...

Cowardly **phobos** – phobia a general fear, cringing, coward refusing to take stand...denies Lord for safety. **Abominable** **Lit** polluted, spotted, contaminated, poisoned by evils of world. **Soccerers** 4x's Distribution & taking of drugs. **Idolaters**-you become like the god or thing you serve **Ps 115:4-8** Characteristics of unsaved, **1Cor 6:9-11** last mention of Lake of fire

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 shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."* **10** *And he carried me away in the Spirit to 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 brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.*

City is not the bride or wife but those in it who inhabit it. Saints who dwell there are likened to *beautiful bride*—that's us. Eternal state is in view. Possibly this eternal city existing during millennial where saints have access to come & go. But now in full view & full glory—seen as very costly, radiating brilliant light- clear as crystal—precious stones are the building materials.

City/bride intimately related to Christ it--our residence forever—*Angel* gives guided tour of New Jerusalem—*In my Father's house are many....*—Bride, new Jerusalem a heavenly community of saints & in center is God the Father, Lord Jesus Christ, w/ unbroken fellowship of worship & glory.

12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Gives architectural layout – our home of future—having physical & spiritual characteristics. *Great high wall* speaks of exclusivity & protection—all that is vile, unclean, wicked is excluded—Members only may enter. *12 gates*-guarded by sentry's are *12 angels*; names *12 tribes*—12 a prominent number – 12 foundations; 12 apostles, 12 pearls :21 12 fruits 22:2—This is a *number of government*--perfect & righteous government of God reigning in city. Walled & gated community unsaved not allowed.

Angels serve as honor guards—w/ gates on each side of city implies ability to go out & come in all directions

15 And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. 16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles its length and width and height are equal. 17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.

New Jerusalem dimensions a cube—2 1/4 million sq mi on each tier extending upward 1500 mi can accommodate 53 billion people. *Measuring rod*-a reed 10 feet long a common unit of measure among Jews. Capacity of 3 billion cubic miles—approximate size of moon.

Wall measures 216 (72X3) feet high again--protection, exclusivity, safety. Designated perimeter we'd expect of a home--not open space w/o dimensions or parameters but our eternal home w/ God.

18 And the material of the wall was jasper; & the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Jasper-diamond appearance—we see a spectrum of colors a radical change in the human eye to look upon. Pure gold--**value system** different in heaven is different than what men die for here on earth--asphalt in heaven. Gemologist--stones perfectly placed for beauty and glory—

Constant mention of transparency—city designed to transmit glory of God thru **Kaleidoscope** of colors

19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone 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.

Foundations are seen as layer upon layer of precious and beautiful stones—these are our new home building materials. Top layer of *Jasper*-clear diamond like. 2nd *Sapphire* w/ bluish brilliant hue. 3rd *Chalcedony*-light bluish/green striped w/colors. 4th *Emerald*-deep green. 5th *Sardonyx*-reddish brown w/ white bands; 6th *Sardius*-deep red; 7th *Chrysolite*- golden yellow; 8th *Beryl*-sea green; 9th *Topaz*-yellowish green; 10th *Chrysoprase*-

golden green; 11th *Jacinth*-violet; 12th *Amethyst*-purple—all colors w/ the light of God illuminating giving a wide spectrum of colors

What there is not---no temple, no sacrifices, no sun, no moon, no darkness.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple. 23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gates assurance that any abominations are shut out. 12 gates each huge pearl leading to pure gold streets transparent as glass, Different from millennium temple—*Lord God & Lamb are temple*-New Jerusalem like giant Holy of holies in the eternal state where we are in a constant & eternal state of fellowship & bliss in the presence of God.

‘God dwells in light unapproachable by man’ Now that light illumines our eternal state. Jesus said *I am the light of the world*’ Now we are in the lights presence.—We are told to *walk in the light even as He is in the light*’ Jesus said *in me there is no darkness at all*. New Jerusalem designed to transmit only God’s light w/ color & brilliance...total transparency ***Is 60:19 “No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, & your God for your glory***

24 And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. 25 And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; 26 and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; 27 and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

All nations, people groups walk in light of the Lord. Those of high rank and those of low will acknowledge the glory of the Lord. Glory kings & those of high rank had on earth and belongs to God they give to Him.

Gates never shut because no night, no threat, no darkness, physically or moral. In our glorified state, our bodies will not wear out nor age, no sickness, no diminishing of energy but we are active all the time.

Final reminder – evil men or demonic forces will never enter our eternal abode w/ Lord—Only the names of believers in Jesus Christ are written in the Lambs book of life. How can you? By believing & having faith in the work of Jesus Christ on cross—died for your sins, buried, raised on third day, ascended to heaven and will return in glory—repent of sin believe in Jesus and you shall be saved. ***Is 30:15 For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, “In repentance and rest you shall be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.” But you were not willing,***

Are you willing?

