Summary

The Glorious Bride of the Lamb, the Church (11.15.2026) 46th

Revelation 21:9-21

I. Introduction

The New Jerusalem is a symbolic city that represents the glorious community in which God and His redeemed people will dwell together forever in the new heaven and new earth.

II. Main Points

1. The New Jerusalem Reveals the Glory and Beauty of the Church, the Bride of Christ (vv. 9-11)

The angel promises to show John the bride but instead shows him the city of Jerusalem.

This reveals that the New Jerusalem is not merely a physical structure but a city representing both God's redeemed people and the eternal life they will enjoy together.

The New Jerusalem is filled with the glory of God (v. 11).

2. The New Jerusalem Includes All the Redeemed Saints of Both the Old and New Testament Eras (vv. 12-14)

The city has a great and high wall - God's people are safe and secure.

There are twelve gates, three on each side—east, west, north, and south - Salvation is offered to people from every direction and nation.

Angels stand at the gates, and the city is surrounded by a wall - Heaven is characterized by holiness and separation from sin.

The names of the twelve tribes of Israel are written on the twelve gates - This represents God's redeemed people from the Old Testament era.

The names of the twelve apostles are written on the twelve foundations - This signifies that the Church is built upon the gospel and truth proclaimed by the apostles (Ephesians 2:20) and represents the redeemed saints of the New Testament era.

3. The Angel Measures the New Jerusalem (vv. 15-17)

The New Jerusalem belongs to God. God knows every one of His redeemed people.

God protects the New Jerusalem.

The New Jerusalem has been perfectly completed according to God's plan.

The city is shaped like a cube, symbolizing the Most Holy Place. All of heaven is like the Most Holy Place, where God's people can dwell in His presence and behold Him.

The number twelve is the product of three and four, symbolizing the fullness of God's people in heaven and on earth. 12,000 stadia, 12 tribes, 12 apostles, 12 gates, 12 foundations, 12 precious stones, 12 gates made of pearls. These numbers symbolize the fullness and completeness of God's redeemed people dwelling in the New Jerusalem.

4. Heaven Is Filled with the Glory of God (vv. 18-21)

The New Jerusalem is adorned with precious stones, pearls, and gold as pure as glass.

This symbolizes God's glory and radiance shining throughout the entire New Jerusalem.

The Church, which God will bring to its final perfection, will be beautiful, glorious, and radiant.

The streets of the city are made of pure gold, as transparent as glass.

They symbolize perfect purity and holiness (Isaiah 54:11-12).

The twelve gates are made of pearls.

The entrance to heaven is beautiful and precious.

Only those who have believed in Jesus Christ, been cleansed of their sins, and received salvation may enter.

III. Conclusion

Recognize the preciousness of the Church. The Church is the Bride of the Lamb, redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Look forward to the future glory of the Church when it is brought to perfection. (Ephesians 5:27)

Live in a manner worthy of the glorious Bride of Christ.

We are the people who will one day walk on streets of gold.

We are the Bride of the Lamb.

Let us live each day in holiness and beauty, reflecting our identity as the glorious Bride of the Lamb.

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal." (Revelation 21:11)

Bible Reading

11/16(Mon)	11/17(Tue)	11/18(Wed)	11/19(Thur)	11/20(Fri)	11/21(Sat)	11/22(Sun)
John 17-19	John 20-21 Acts 1	Acts 2-4	Acts 5-7	Acts 8-9	Acts 10-12	Acts 13-15

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Quiet Time Passage

11/16(Mon)	11/17(Tue)	11/18(Wed)	11/19(Thur)	11/20(Fri)	11/21(Sat)	11/22(Sun)
Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-10	Amos 8:11-9:6	Amos 9:7-15	2Corinthians 1:1-7	2Corinthians 1:8-14	2Corinthians 1:15-24

Sharing Questions

1. What is one new truth you learned or one blessing you received through today's sermon? Share your thoughts with the group.

2. Describe the features of the New Jerusalem presented in Revelation 21:12-14. What does each feature symbolize?

3. In today's passage, the number twelve appears repeatedly: 12,000 stadia, 12 tribes, 12 apostles, 12 gates, 12 foundations, 12 precious stones, and 12 gates of pearls. What is the significance of the number twelve in this passage?

4. Revelation 21:18-21 describes the beautiful and glorious New Jerusalem, where we will dwell forever. Describe in detail its precious stones, pearls, and pure gold as clear as glass. What do these features reveal about the glory of God and the eternal dwelling place of His people?