**20200517 HOME SWEET HOME**

Heaven Series Part 5

(Revelation 21:23)

“The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

**1. INVITATION TO THE NEW JERUSALEM – ETERNAL HOME OF THE CHURCH**

21:9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, **the wife of the Lamb**."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the Holy City, Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God.

21:11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

**2. OUTER LOOK OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:12 It had a great, **high wall with twelve gates**, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

21:13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.

21:14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**3. THE DIMENSIONS OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure **the city, its gates and its walls**.

21:16 The city was **laid out like a square**, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be **12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long**.

21:17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.

**4. THE MATERIALS OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:18 **The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass**.

21:19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was **ja**sper, the second **sa**pphire, the third **cha**lcedony, the fourth **e**merald,

21:20 the fifth sar**do**nyx, the sixth car**ne**lian, the seventh **chry**solite, the eighth **be**ryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth **chry**soprase, the eleventh **ja**cinth, and the twelfth **a**methyst.

21:21 **The twelve gates were twelve pearls**, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

**5. THE GLORY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

21:23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for **the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp**.

21:24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

21:25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

21:26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**APPLICATION**

**1. MY CHARACTER MATTERS.**

3:8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. (Colossians 3:8)

**2. MY INVESTMENT MATTERS.**

6:20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:20-21)

**3. MY WORK ATTITUDE MATTERS.**

6:7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 6:8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Ephesians 6:7-8)