

# \*Nugget: New Jerusalem

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## RAPTURE NUGGET: THE NEW JERUSALEM

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[PROPHECY IN THE CRUCIBLE INTRO] --- short intro video and music

[INTRO GENERIC]

- 1) Hi. --- I'm Lee Brainard. --- Welcome to Soothkeep. Today I want to encourage your hearts with another rapture nugget.

INTRO

- 1) My fave topic is heaven (the new heavens and earth)
- 2) The main city in the eternal state is New Jerusalem
- 3) Have you ever wondered what this glorious city will be like?
- 4) That is our topic of discussion today

### NEW JERUSALEM

- 1) Account found primarily in Revelation 21 and 22
  - a. also mentioned or implied elsewhere as in Hebrews, Galatians, John
- 2) **verse 3 --- "tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people"**
  - a. precious truths here
  - b. First, true tabernacle of the Father is not the earthly pattern in Jerusalem, but the heavenly city which descends at end of 1000 years
    - i. this means folks who claim John 14:1-3 is the saints flying sideways to Israel, with a scenic stop in the clouds, to live in the Father's house in Jerusalem are deeply mistaken
    - ii. the earthly people are associated with the earthly typology
    - iii. the heavenly people are associated with the true heavenly temple
  - c. Second, progression in relationship with the Godhead
    - i. indwelling Holy Spirit in this dispensation
    - ii. personal presence of Christ in the kingdom
    - iii. personal presence of the father in the eternal state
    - iv. we will enjoy all three persons all eternity
- 3) **verse 11 --- "her radiance was like a very precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal"**
  - a. uncertain exactly what stone is meant
  - b. crystal = obviously translucent, not necessarily colorless
  - c. glorious light shining through reminded John of jasper
  - d. light golden stone which shines brilliantly when light shines through
  - e. whole city glowing and shining with the glory of God
- 4) **verses 12-14 --- twelve gates with names of twelve tribes, twelve foundations with the names of the twelve apostles**
  - a. some troubled by presence of Israel here
  - b. this is simply evident of the critical place that born-again Jews have in the church
  - c. the twelve apostles reign over the twelve tribes
  - d. this capital city will be in Israel
  - e. not taking anything from the Gentiles in the church

- 5) **verse 16 --- The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.**
  - a. most think city is 1500 miles per side, but Bible doesn't state that
  - b. I think the city is 375 miles per side = measurement of the city, not one side
  - c. city is also 375 miles high
  - d. not a solid cube, beautiful symmetrical city with mighty structures reaching to the sky
    - i. many insanely tall structures, that tallest structure(s) will be 375 miles
  - e. 375 miles is outside earth's gravitational field, space ships could take off with little energy needed for space exploration and mining and farming
- 6) **verse 18 --- "the city itself is pure gold, like clear glass"**  
**verse 21 --- "the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass"**
  - a. not informing us the pure gold is clear like glass
  - b. informing us that there is a variety of gold somewhere in galaxy that is clear like glass
    - i. something different in atomic or subatomic structure
    - ii. implies gold in other colors too
    - iii. many amazing uses for clear gold
  - c. implies that precious metals like gold are present in such copious quantities that they will be used for practical uses in industry, construction, art, etc.
  - d. this implies that the ideal metals and minerals and materials will always be employed for every usage --- never have to use less than ideal materials or ingredients
  - e. implies that there will be not no artificial financial system based on gold or other precious metals
- 7) **verses 17-20 --- the walls of the city**
  - a. the wall itself is jasper
  - b. foundation layers are adorned with thick slabs of 12 precious stones
  - c. insane wealth here, 1500 miles of slabs of precious stones
  - d. implies that there are insane deposits of precious stones in the galaxy waiting to be discovered and exploited --- furniture, dishes, statues, art
  - e. emerald countertop in the kitchen anyone? personally, I prefer granite in a log and stone home
  - f. walls are 144 cubits high, more than 260 feet high
    - i. the walls are symbolic, there will be no evil to keep out
- 8) **verse 21 --- The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl.**
  - a. again, this implies fabulous wealth
  - b. this implies that somewhere in the galaxy are planets or moons with vast seas and massive oysters that make pearls hundreds of feet across
  - c. once you lay hold of this, your imagination can run like wildfire
  - d. how about jungles with trees that are one to two miles high?
  - e. how about creatures in the seas that dwarf whales?
  - f. sand worms like in Dune, except they are not destructive
- 9) **verse 22 --- But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.**
  - a. the church is a foretaste of the heavenly city, we have no earthly temple
  - b. the Lamb and the Father are the true temple
  - c. the earthly temple is a pattern of heavenly truth
- 10) **verse 23 --- The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**  
**verse 25 --- there shall be no night there**

**22:5 --- There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.**

- a. doesn't say no sun in new creation, common misconception
- b. say no need of the sun, because the lamb is the light
- c. summer and winter, seedtime and harvest forever
- d. day and night forever
- e. as the heavens endure forever
- f. implies no shadows, closet as bright as the street

**11) 22:1-2 --- river, tree of life**

- a. pure river of life flowing from throne of God and the Lamb
- b. tree of life that straddles the main street and the river
  - i. likely like a fig tree that can have many trunks and roots connected
  - ii. 12 fruits, one for each month
  - iii. leaves for the healing of the nations
  - iv. I suspect that this tree is how eternal life is ministered to the millennial saints who aren't part of the resurrection.
  - v. some spiritual work has to be done which addresses their sin nature and ministers eternal life

**12) many passages --- every tongue, tribe, people, nations**

- a. when look at world, at nature, see God of diversity
- b. perfectly reasonable to see New Jerusalem as the most cosmopolitan city ever
- c. every people and culture represented --- cuisine, music, art, dress, architecture
- d. beautiful parks, beautiful buildings, outside inside, inside outside,
- e. hundreds of thousands of miles of streets and alleyways to explore, restaurants, coffee shops, tea shops, bakeries, art galleries, etc.
- f. underground ways, skyways, building top airports and spaceports
- g. every believer will have his or her mansion in this wonderful city

## **CONCLUSION**

- 1) I have here covered only some of the significant features of the city
- 2) I touch on other blessings like no more tears in other videos
- 3) You have an amazing eternity coming, with your home base being this glorious city
- 4) So keep looking up. Your redemption draws near. Soon you will be raptured up to the glorious city.

**EYES WIDE OPEN, BRAIN ENGAGED, HEART ON FIRE**