

**I. Introduction: John gets a tour of the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven. It radiates with the glory of God and it is beautifully decorated with precious stones.**

- A. The Bible says we are pilgrims journeying toward heaven (**Heb 11:8-10**). We are on an expedition which will be long for some, short for others, and certain for all.

**II. Heaven Is Your Home (Rev 21:7-27).**

A. The Citizens of the New Heaven (**vv. 7-9**).

1. God said that the citizens of the New Jerusalem are those who have overcome, and that access to heaven is closed off from those who do not follow Jesus Christ.

B. The Church in the New Heaven (**vv. 9-11**).

1. One of the angels took John up to a high mountain where he received an aerial tour of the New Jerusalem, which was ornately decorated with gold, jewels, and pearls.

C. The City in the New Heaven (**vv. 12-21**).

1. The New Jerusalem is the most glorious city ever created. Its walls, foundation stones, and streets all highlight the brilliance of God's creative power and glory.

D. The Center of the New Heaven (**vv. 22-27**).

1. The New Jerusalem does not have a temple or house of worship, because God's throne will be the focal point of heaven, where He rules over the universe.

**III. Conclusion: John saw the New Jerusalem come down to heaven in dazzling beauty and glory, radiating with the glory of God and reflecting His creative power and authority.**

## Questions About: Heaven Is Your Home

1. What is the greatest city you've ever seen? How is heaven better than any human city? What is the most appealing aspect of it? Why does every culture believe in an afterlife? (**Eccl 3:11**)
2. What analogy does the Bible use to describe your life? (**Heb 11:8-10**) How did John Bunyan write about it in, *Pilgrim's Progress*? In what way is our life like a journey? (**Matt 7:13-14**)
3. Who are the true citizens of heaven? (**Rev 21:6-8**) Who are the overcomers? (**1 John 2:13; 4:4**) What do they overcome? Who are those that are excluded from heaven? (**vv. 8, 27**)
4. What does the New Jerusalem look like? (**Rev 21:9-11**) What stands out about the city? (**v. 11**) What does the "glory of God" look like? Where is it seen in the Bible?
5. What are some features about the city that stand out? (**Rev 21:12-21**) What was written on the gates of the city? (**v. 12**) Whose names were written on the foundation stones? (**v. 14**)
6. What are the dimensions of this city? (**Rev 21:15-17**) What materials are the city and its walls made from? (**Rev 21:18-20**) What were the gates of the city made of? (**v. 21**)
7. What other features of the city does John focus on? (**Rev 21:21-27**) Why is there no temple in the New Jerusalem? (**v. 21**) Why is there no need of the sun or moon? (**v. 23**)
8. What do the kings of the earth bring into the city? (**Rev 21:24-26**) What does that mean? Why does John emphasize those who are left out? (**v. 27**) What is the lesson God wants us to learn?

### Prayer

1. Will you ask God to help you meditate on the glories of heaven regularly? (**Col 3:2**)
2. Will you pray that this truth might change the way that you are living your life?