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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

CHAPTER 21

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

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¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 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. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation 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, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 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. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Rev. 21:1-27 NKJV) [12,000 furlongs = 1,500 mi.; 144 cubits = 0.5 mi.]

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The King on the throne is God Himself; He is the One who held the scroll in His right hand and gave it to the Lamb (in Rev. 5:1-8). He's Yeshua's God and Father and is Abba to us. He lives in His tabernacle with us as Alpha and Omega whose water of life He freely gives us to share with others. We first heard of the Father from Yeshua. Now we are One in Him, and death, pain, and suffering, once commonplace, are now obsolete.

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She who had rejected Him received Him at last, and He called her Beloved as she surrendered her heart to His. Now New Jerusalem descends from heaven as the Bride He foreknew from the start. She is the mother of every believer; her story, like ours, is past, and yet has just begun. (Gal. 4:26) She too has been born anew. Jerusalem below is in bondage but above is liberated just as we were bound but were freed to be united in God forever.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
(Rev. 19:7-8 ESV)

After heaven and earth pass away, all that exists is new. The Old City is gone; New Jerusalem is from above. A new earth and a new heaven appear. God and the Lamb are her Temple, and the Lamb is her constant Light on the Eternal Day.

The prophecies encourage us to advance and not retreat, to press in and not fall back, to persevere and not give up. It's enough to know cowards and unbelievers must face the worst truth of all when their sins and transgressions banish them to the place where there is no death. Its worm never dies. There is no way out for hypocrites who profess the faith but do not repent. They go where their guilt eats away at them forever. (Mk. 9:43-48) It's not that we never sin, but we must confess it to God and be cleansed, or there might be no escape at the judgment.

On the other side, no regrets come to mind. No devils plague us there. Our sins were washed away, and everything is new. We live in the light of His truth and love. We were judged and faced our losses but received rewards for the victories He won for us.

Our flesh is like His since His was like ours. Having seen Him, we are like Him. Rather than forsake those who gave us the light of truth, we join them who did. Her twelve gates are named as the twelve tribes of Israel, and the foundations of her walls are twelve great stones, inscribed with the names of twelve Jewish apostles, pioneers who spread the gospel's report by identifying with our Savior in His death.

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He puts her jewels in proper places with purposes for each one. Together we function as the united family of God. In New Jerusalem, prophecies have passed away. Everything is spiritual where her metaphors become our new realities.

²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who held a wedding feast for his son. ³And he sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened cattle are *all* butchered and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went their *separate* ways, one to his own farm, another to his business, ⁶and the rest seized his slaves and treated them abusively and *then* killed them. ⁷Now the king was angry, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main roads, and invite whomever you find *there* to the wedding feast.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet, and throw him into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few *are* chosen.” (Mat. 22:2-14 NASB)

One guest wasn’t dressed for the wedding but disrespected its celebration and ignored Kingdom proprieties. Jesus loves His Bride as she is; will our love for her be proven?

His disciples invited many Jews who rejected the invitation, beating and killing them. Afterward God sent the Roman army to kill and scatter the Jews, destroying their temple and the city.

After the seventh angel pours out the last bowl of wrath, the guests gather for the banquet to begin. Who are these guests, and

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where is the Bride? We are the guests, and Messiah is about to wed Jerusalem as her King. (21:9-11; 1 Pet. 2:5; Gal. 4:26) Like we were, she was a harlot but is made His Bride. No pride is there.

Jerusalem exemplifies a supernatural law: the corruptible is first; then the incorruptible. (See 1 Cor. 15) We're mortal before we're spiritual; we're dying to its flesh until we live. As with us, Jerusalem is corruptible and passes away but descends from God to a new earth as His unblemished Bride. He made us His own just as we were, and He makes her His own as she is. Now we walk in His will, and she too receives Him with all her heart.

The Marriage Begins

The wedding begins as the Bridegroom enters Jerusalem. His guests wear fine linen, the righteousness of saints. Our lamps are burning; our vessels are full; proven in trials, we're His forever.

- 62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch. [her *y^eshu^wâh*]
- ² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
- ⁶ On your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.
You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,

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- ⁷ and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.
- ⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
“I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink your wine
for which you have labored;
- ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in the courts of my sanctuary.”
- ¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.
- ¹¹ Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes; [i.e., your *yeshua*]
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
- ¹² And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken. (Is. 62. ESV)

The King is wed to His Bride, *prepared for her husband*.
(21:2) She has beauty for her ashes, oil for her grief, and joy to
lift her burdened heart—His stunning beauty, His dear Beloved!
Her people fill the streets; His servants deliver the invitations,
and His Bride prepares for His arrival.

- ⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, [their return]
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations. ...

⁷ Instead of your shame *you shall have double honor*,
And *instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion*.
Therefore in their land they shall possess double;
Everlasting joy shall be theirs. ...

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¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
(Is. 61:4, 7, 10 NKJV) [Jerusalem's response]

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive, into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Lk. 21:24) – Yeshua

She awaits His coming, but He arrives unexpectedly. She hadn't known He was the One. She sees Him but mourns as He passes her by, yet anxiously waits for His return.

Sheltered in His love for her, she's safe. He returns, and to her joy, He makes her a mountain that covers the earth: her tent is stretched; its cords are long; its stakes are strong. (Is. 54:2-3) The wedding banquet lasts a thousand years. Its week is Sukkot.

Lucifer was king of a harlot spread over the nations when he gave her to the next beast. Yeshua enters Jerusalem, and though she played the harlot, Hosea proved God's faithfulness to her, wooing her with selfless love. Jerusalem belongs to Christ alone, and He is all she desires when He returns for His Bride:

⁸ On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

⁹ The LORD will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name. (Zec. 14:8-9 NIV)

A blessing is given to us who are *ready go in with him to the marriage (in Mat. 25:10)*. Marriage reflects spiritual union with Christ. No one is married in heaven as we are on earth, yet we who yield to His Spirit are as a good wife to her loving husband; we serve Him gladly. This is spiritual: like David's virgins, we live for Him, but He unveils His Bride in Revelation 21.

When we can't believe its difficult words because they don't fit into what we've learned, then what we've believed has kept us from believing God and turns us from the truth to fantasies. If its words contradict what we think we know, we must tear down

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the strongholds to believe the Bible; that's when His perfect love casts out our fear.

In All the World

When has a religion ever created a government that was not fascist or brutish, but guaranteed liberty and rights to all men and valiantly fought to fulfill them? The Bible was the republic's foundation in 1787, declaring free exercise of religion without establishing a state church. Somehow after winning two world wars, we left our foundation. When our boys came home as men and as war heroes, how did the nation respond? by a national day, dedicated to God for giving us the win? or had we begun to deny there is a God? A cry went out to repent (in 14:6-7, p. 162).

Babel's worship of Baal influenced Israel; she affected the church too, yet God saves His nation and His people and never breaks His Word. When the Jews refused to repent, He killed all but a remnant. If we refuse His words, He'll do the same to us.

At the right time, our Savior will reign from Jerusalem over all the earth, and all nations will go up to the city to worship the King. If we repent and pray and seek Him, we may be there too.

²⁴ "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. (Ezk. 36:24 NIV)

He didn't say she wouldn't be tested or refined, but Israel *shall endure forever*. When His vengeance ended, He delivered her from the Nazis and assuaged her grief, returning her home. Then on May 14, 2018, the American Embassy opened its doors in Jerusalem, and the world watched with awe.²¹⁴

Our National Debt

⁷ Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸ Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. ¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. ¹¹ So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ¹³ But

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exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb. 3:7-13) [The Hebrew writer is addressing believers.]

God did not forget Israel, His inheritance on the earth. The nations heard He is God from Yeshua's disciples, confirmed by the prophets before them. We are in debt; we owe the Jews the grace God has given us.

²⁸ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. (Rom. 11:28-29 NKJV) Re: the Jews

Gabriel assured Daniel the Kingdom would come, but first its people would fill their homeland. The war ended with grace after vengeance was done, and they left to go home. (Rom. 11:22)

⁶ For a Child hath been born to us, A Son hath been given to us, And the princely power is on his shoulder, and He doth call his name Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. (Is. 9:6 YLT)

The Child who was born to us, the Son who was given, defeated sin, hell, and death, not just for Jews, but for the sins of the world. By His Son God made His name famous among the gentiles. Jesus Christ is the name that saves the spirit, soul, and body, offering salvation from hell, even to gentiles, yet His name has been profaned and used as a curse. That's why God scattered the Jews to the nations, knowing they'd ravage them for nearly two thousand years. Peter told his fellow Jews, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.* (Acts 4:12)

¹⁰ "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. (Zec. 12:10) [David was king over an undivided Israel.]

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will

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cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezk. 36:24-28 ESV)

Why did God allow a holocaust? History is replete with His severity against the Jews for their iniquity, warning us all:

²³ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. (Ezk. 39:23 ESV)

²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. ²³ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (Luke 21:22-24 NIV) – Yeshua

Forty years after the resurrection and ascension, Jews lost their nation and their temple. God tracked them down like a hunter after game for two thousand years. As gentiles are blinded to His Revelation, Jews can't see what He hides from them until He unveils it to them. That is an awesome wonder of God.

In Jeremiah 51 Babylon was cursed for mistreating the Jews. After God ended His wrath toward them, their murderers could not justify their evil works. Oppositely, grace is apart from its recipient's deeds. It comes from the heart of its benefactor; thus, God graciously gave the Jews the Kingdom but judicially sent the beast to hell in Daniel 7. [Re: the scarlet beast in Rev. 17:8, 11.]

¹¹ "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. (Dan. 7:11 NKJV) [The next time he is slain for his second death.]

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Though Jews are oblivious to God, He still extends grace to them, and a growing number are believing in Yeshua as their personal Savior. With tribes making aliyah, Israel and Judah are uniting, fulfilling the word of the LORD (in Ezk. 37), but Israel's trials continue till she receives Him:

⁷ Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. ...⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah. (Is. 1:7, 9)

The same events have happened in America for the same sins. Her time is ripe: America has been suffering. She'll know the hand of God's anger as His chosen people Israel knew it. If by His righteous anger, she turns to righteousness, it will be well worth it all.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayer,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

¹⁵ learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause. (Is. 1:15-17 ESV)

⁶ "Is not this the fast I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
To let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;

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your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
(Is. 58:6-8 ESV)

This is why He requires because God is good. His hand has weighed heavily on our land, yet we've continued in worldliness. We live in a nation of hedonists, but until we turn to holiness, the days will only wax darker and our Father's hand, broader. The persecution has begun; it will purge the church of pretenders.

There is no question that God chastens, even scourges, His own. We know about suffering, or we don't belong to Him. He may bring us to the brink of death or through its veil, even to keep and sanctify us. We each have a cross to take up, whether a death to die or a life to live. Enduring all kinds of trials, our holiness is in Jesus Christ by faith in Him who works mightily within us, at times, guiding us when we're least aware. (Heb. 12)

He commands us to love others as ourselves and to love God more than anyone, regardless of times or circumstances. We do our best when we're at peace with others, a challenge in today's vitriolic and often violent culture, but He has given us His Holy Spirit, intending to love even our enemies through us.

Let's not let love grow cold. By spotting the enmity we face, we can win the battles. The spiritual life affects our perceptions of this world:

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Eph. 6:12-13)

A tapestry of words is interwoven through both testaments. The testimony of Jesus—the Spirit of prophecy—is the Witness that the Word is One, and their Artisan is the Author:

⁴ Who hath ascended to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name?
Surely you know! (Prov. 30:4 ESV)