

The New Jerusalem, the City of God
(Part I): Its Description
Revelation 21:09–23

1 *The last vision given to John*

- a. The angel with the bowls appears
- b. He shows John the bride, the lamb's wife
- c. He carries John to a mountain
- d. He shows John the great city coming out of heaven

2 *The glory of the city*

3 *The city's walls: Perfect security*

4 *The city's twelve gates*

- a. Guarded by twelve angels
- b. Have inscribed on them the names of Israel's twelve tribes
- c. Three gates on each side

5 *The city's twelve foundations: The names of the apostles are inscribed on them*

6 *The city's shape and size*

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."

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

<p>a. The shape is square</p> <p>b. The size of the city itself</p> <p>c. The size of the wall and gates</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.</p>
<p>7 <i>The city's materials: Are precious and priceless</i></p> <p>a. The materials of the wall</p> <p>b. The materials of the foundation</p> <p>c. The materials of the gates: Pearls</p> <p>d. The material of the streets: Pure, transparent gold</p>	<p>18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.</p> <p>19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,</p> <p>20 The fifth sardonyx, the sixth camelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>8 <i>The city's worship: Is focused upon God Himself and the Lamb</i></p> <p>9 <i>The city's light: Is provided by God's glory and the Lamb</i></p>	<p>22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.</p> <p>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.</p>