

Revelation 21:9-27
Our Future Home

Intimate Connection (9-14) (John 14:1-3)

Bride is revealed (I Peter 2:4-5)

Brilliant Glory (I Timothy 6:16 / Exodus 40:34-35)

Building design

Twelve gate – 12 tribes of Israel (Zechariah 8:23 / Isaiah 45:14 / Romans 1:16)

Twelve foundations – 12 apostles of the Lamb
(Ephesians 2:20/Matthew 19:28)

Incredible size and beauty (15-21)

CUBE – its size would cover half of the USA

City of Gold – translucent (Hebrews 7:26)

Colors of Precious stones (Exodus 28:15-21)

Composed of gates made of a single pearl each

Incomparable Glory (22-27)

Lord God & the Lamb are the Temple (Exodus 25:22 /Leviticus 16:1-2)

Lord God & the Lamb are the source of light (Genesis 1:3 / John 12:46)

Locked gates are unnecessary – honor of all nations brought to the city

Lamb's book of Life required for entry (Revelation 3:5; 13:8)

Discussion questions for Revelation 21:9-27

How is the church related to the New Jerusalem?

(Ephesians 5:26, 32 / Revelation 21:2, 9-10 // II Corinthians 3:18 / Revelation 21:11)

What is the significance of the distinction between the gates and the foundations of the city? (the gates: Romans 9:4-5 / Zechariah 8:23 / Isaiah 45:14 The foundations: Matthew 16:16-18 / Ephesians 2:19-22)

Why are we given such detail about the size and beauty of the City? (John 14:2 / I Corinthians 2:9 / Revelation 4:3)

How does one gain access to the City? (Philippians 3:16-21 / I Peter 2:4-5, 9-10)

What distinctions are there between the Church, Israel, and the nations in the heavenly state?