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Revelation 21:1-27

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.

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.**

Revelation 22:1-5

And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the **throne of God and of the Lamb**. ²In the middle of its **street**, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**. ³And there shall be **no more curse**, but the **throne of God and of the Lamb** shall be in it, and **His servants shall serve Him**. ⁴**They** shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵There shall be no night there: **They** need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And **THEY** shall **REIGN** forever and ever.

1. **NEW? Brand Spanking New? – OR – Renewed?**

Let's Examine this statement:

“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**.” Revelation 21:1

Does God mean **Brand New** (never been before) or **Renewed**?

Two Words in Greek for New: **NEO** (νέος - G3501) and **KAINOS** (καινός - G2537)

NEO → Brand New – First Time Ever, never before

KAINOS → NEW, LIKE NEW, RENEWED – RESTORED to ORIGINAL, Qualitatively NEW

Answer: The words used here are **KAINOS**.

This is seen, also, in 2 Corinthians 5:17 → you are a “New Creation in Christ Jesus” when you were saved. Brand New or **Renewed** in Righteousness and Holiness? → Renewed, Transformed. **Kainos** → Renewed, Restored, Refurbished, Transformed.

What about 2 Peter 3:10-13? “the heavens will **pass away** with a **great noise**, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up... the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat ... we according to His promise look for New Heavens and a New Earth in which Righteousness dwells” → Yes, this will happen – probably during the time of the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15) – it is a **Renewing, Purging, Purifying, Cleansing Effect** on all of Creation. **Every taint of SIN** and its Effects must be taken out of all of creation (see **Romans 8:19-22**).

It is still the Originally Created Universe, the original Heavens and Earth, but it will be **transformed**. It matches perfectly with what we see in Revelation 21 & 22. Righteousness Dwells here. No more sin, no more death, no more curse (from sin), no more pain, no more suffering, no more effects from Adam and Eve's sins and our sins. It will be perfect, pure, holy, and righteous, full of the Glory of God. It will be **PHYSICALLY** mostly the same and yet different.

2. **Does Isaiah 65:17-25 match Rev. 21 & 22 → “New Heavens and New Earth”?**

Short Answer: **NO & Yes** (kind of). This is descriptive of the **Messianic Millennial Kingdom**.

Since, it is a **New Order of things** (LXX uses “kainos”), yes, kind of. In Isaiah 65:17,25 – some of the hurtful things are removed or **transformed**. We see this mostly in the Animal Life. No more Predatory Behavior. No animals will harm anyone. No more “**Meat Eating Animals**” ... but people will **eat fish**. It will be a time (see Psalm 2:7-12; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15) in which the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will **Rule** the nations with a **Rod of Iron**. **And, there will be Sinners** – Isaiah 65:20 (thus the need for the Rod of Iron). It is not, yet, the Time in which Righteousness Dwells.

3. **Our Home, the New Jerusalem – Physical Beauty and Physically Enormous:**

12,000 stadia or furlongs = **1,500** miles. -|- **144 cubits** → **220** feet (approximate)

The wall, why the need for a wall with Gates? Is it 220 feet high or 200 feet thick?

Is it a **Pyramid Shape** or **CUBE**? It does say Square ... but the Base is **Square**.

It has the same Length, Width, & Height. Is it **1,500** miles (each dimension) or **375** miles?

Either way, it is Huge. The Bible never says that it lands after descending.

The **nations that are saved** (still living on earth) receive light from it, instead of from the sun and moon – which hints at it being in the sky, orbiting. **God's Glory** is the Light and it shines from the New Jerusalem onto all the earth or all over the earth.

It is constructed with translucent gold and expensive precious stones (ref: **1 Cor. 3:12-15**)

Each of the 12 Gates are Pearls, and each Gate is named for one of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Each of the 12 foundation stones/gems relate to each of the 12 Disciples of the Lamb (Israeli).

Why is God, still, tying His Name AND the New Heavens and Earth to Israel into Eternity?