

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The City of God” – Pt. 1

“Heaven – The Deepest Longing of the Christian Heart” – Pt. 7

Revelation 21:9-22:5 & Selected

The City of God...

I. Currently _____ in Heaven.

“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God.” Vs. 10

“For he (Abraham) was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” Hebrews 11:10

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

Hebrews 12:22-24

II. Will _____ from Heaven to the New Earth.

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The Mountaintop View Reveals:

• An external _____ beyond all comparison!

“...having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.” Vs. 11

- A gated _____ like no other!

See Vs. 12-14

"Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."

Zechariah 1:16

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it. And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst." Zechariah 2:4-5

III. Has huge _____ for all the redeemed.

"And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls." Vs. 15

- The architectural _____ of the city.

"The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width." Vs. 16a

- The astounding _____ of the city.

"And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. It's length and width and height are equal." Vs. 16b

- The amazing _____ surrounding the city.

See Vs. 17-20

- The appropriate _____ leading into the city.

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass." Vs. 21