



*Be Dazzled by Heavenly Glory!
Dazzled by the Church Triumphant
Dazzled by God's Presence*

Sermon Notes Revelation 21:10-14; 22,23

Intro: Why are diamonds so precious and what do they have to do with this scene?

What sight did John see coming down from heaven?

What are some of the features of this “city?” vv. 10-14.

What Bible truth is represented by the...

Massive wall?

The cube shape of the wall?

The 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles of the Lamb?

What is the main feature of New Jerusalem? (vv. 22,23)

Why doesn't our future home need a temple?

Any light?

Growth Group Study Guide

For the week of May 26, 2019



Opening Prayer Suggestion: Christian Worship: #214:1

My Story:

What is your conception of what heaven is like?

What's the most spectacular place or sight you have ever seen?

Digging In: Revelation 21:10-14; 22,23.

Context: It helps to read all of chapter 21 through 22:5, since this section is describing the new heaven and new earth, the believer's future and final home.

The first part of the reading focuses primarily on the outside wall that surrounds the New Jerusalem. How do other parts of the Bible help you understand or interpret what its features represent?

For more precious stones adorning the New Jerusalem, read vv. 15-21. What is God trying to convey with these?

Verses 22,23 take us inside the city walls.

Why might John be shocked as he looks inside?

What is the significance for the saints in glory that the Lord Almighty and the Lamb are the...

Temple of the city?

Lights of the city?

Bible Connections:

Compare the walls of the New Jerusalem to Paul's statement in Ephesians 2:20. What is Paul describing there?

Compare Revelation 21:12, 13 and the arrangement God designed for the 12 tribes of Israel in the wilderness under Moses in Numbers 2:1-34. What did you discover?

Application:

We have the Means of Grace (review!), church buildings, worship services, liturgy, worship furniture, articles and other pieces when we gather for worship here. List as many as you like. Comparing worship here and worship in heaven, what will be...

Similar?

Different?

Better? (and why)

In what ways does this picture of our future home or state in heaven comfort you and give you endurance for the here and now?

What images or truths fill you with longing for your future home?

What's the *best* feature of heaven in these verses?

What images in these verses can help you to answer a child's question, "What is heaven really like?"

Closing Prayer:

Oh sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh sweet and blessed country, That eager hearts expect
Jesus, in mercy bring us, To that dear land of rest,
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.

CW #214:4