

THE HOLY CITY

Again let me reiterate before I begin this that the book of Revelation is a *singular* revelation. It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ or Jesus the anointed. It is the anointing of Christ within you. This is an internal book. It is not an external book. It is written on a piece of paper, but we are to be an epistle written that all may read us. God wants us to understand what He has written on the tablet of our hearts before the foundation of the world. As long as we look at this book as some external thing going on outside in the world somewhere we will never be matured into the fullness and the completeness of Christ. It is within, and if I don't take authority in my earth and let my earth be changed into that new heaven and earth I will never be able to help anyone else. It's as sure as Jacob's ladder in the vision that he saw. He saw the progression of angels going from the earthly realm to the heavenly realm. Then they came back down. I wonder why they went up there? They went to the throne. They went to the presence of God to renew their mind to the mind of Christ so they could return to the earthly realm and impart that into the rest of humanity. Did Jesus come from the heavenly realm? He came to the earth for what benefit? That we would have that mind of Christ and have the life that He has. So this is the starting point. We have got to know that this is an internal book doing an internal work in my life as well as yours. We have to see this. If we can't see that we will continue as the church has continued for the last 2000 years in religion, in tradition, in formulas, doctrines and creeds and there will never be a change in your life until you know the Christ is working inside of you. As long as I think that it is some outside force working on me doing things in my life and I'm always pointing the finger at someone blaming someone else in my life guess what? I'll remain in that same unchanged position until they put my physical body in a grave. But guess what? We are seated in heavenly places and we can go through what we have to go through.

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Revelation Chapter 21

- 1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.***

2. *And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*
3. *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and thy shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God*
4. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*
5. *And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*
6. *And he said unto me, it is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*
7. *He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*
8. *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake, which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*
9. *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*
10. *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*
11. *Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*
12. *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*
13. *On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*
14. *And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

15. *And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.*
16. *And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*
17. *And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.*
18. *And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.*
19. *And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;*
20. *The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.*
21. *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it was transparent glass.*
22. *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*
23. *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*
24. *And the nations of them, which are saved, shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.*
25. *And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.*
26. *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie: but they, which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

I could tell you right now that I could go ahead and do Chapter 22 right with this because I don't believe there is a separation between the two. Man put these separations here, but because of the length of it, I cannot put it all in one message, it's too much. So I'm going to do Chapter 21, which is a stretch, it's a big chapter with a lot to say, but these two are tied together. I

think Chapter 20 could go right with it too. The last 3 chapters could all be preached as one message that he is receiving.

Vs 1 *'And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.'* What do you think John saw when he saw the new heaven and the new earth? Do you think he was looking out in space and saw a new planet being formed out there, in stars and everything around it, like a new universe? He saw within himself a new heaven and a new earth. He saw that he had a new body; it was the body of Christ. He had a new heaven, which is the mind of Christ, the Spirit of God. He saw that within himself. Well you know John got excited. He was there and was so excited; he was weeping and crying, he was that happy, because he saw that God was the Alpha and the Omega. He was the beginning and the end; he began a good work in him and he did complete it in him. John saw that revelation in himself.

This isn't some revelation that was set out for everyone to look at and say this is a great big corporate thing. This is an individual thing that we have to see ourselves. We have to see that God has set a plan in our life. It's like you don't know what your purpose is, but if you follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes, it doesn't make any difference, because you will fulfill your purpose in Him. We have to see this thing as an individual walk. And I believe John saw that this is an individual thing in his heaven and earth. Because the first heaven, and that word 'first' there in the Greek is 'protos', the prototype; I know that what I am walking in right now is a prototype. This is not the perfected Christ, but this is a prototype, *and the first* (prototype) *heaven and earth were passed away*. Literally, they were left behind. Now I'll break it down and tell you what I am saying. I'm forgetting about the natural, I'm forgetting about the natural flesh. Right there sits a man that could tell you about losing a lot of flesh couldn't you? That man was in a car wreck and they said he would never live; they said he would never make it to the hospital; well, right there he sits, and there are his offspring. There's a miracle. You see they don't know our God. They just don't know Him. But this is an individual thing that we have got to know about; it is an experience in us. We have got to leave the natural behind, and when we do, this is what is going to happen; the last part of this verse: *'There was literally 'no longer' a division.'* The only thing that brings division in the body of Christ is one thing, **flesh**. And He said *there would be no more sea*; sea is symbolic for the multitudes of people, the masses of humanity, but it also means this: The sea is what divides two bodies. Water separates the two bodies, that's the sea, and when the confusion and all this flesh is done away with, the two will become one. When we come into the

unity of God, we don't have to worry about any more separations; when we become one with God. And I think Jesus prayed it this way in John 17. He said, *'Father make them one with me as I am one with you. So that wherever we may be, they may be also.'* He is bringing this all together; that is nothing more than the Feast of Tabernacles. We are going to Mt. Zion.

Vs 2 *'And I John saw the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem.'* Do you know what he saw? He didn't see just himself here, but he got to see the Holy City, the completed Christ. I believe he saw the corporate Christ. He saw every human being that ever lived on the face of the earth that was called to be first fruit. He saw them and he saw them united as one. There is the bride, uniting with her husband and becoming one. *'The new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven'*. Coming from the Spirit of God. *'Prepared as a bride adorned, or decorated, for her husband'*. Doesn't the book say, "The bride has made herself ready"? So my woman, my soul, has got to prepare herself, so that my man, my Christ that is within me, can unite. Then guess what we have? We have the 'One'; we have the unity. When my soul unites with my man Christ, internally, there is no longer going to be a separation between anything is there? I believe then that you will have the humility, the patience, and the grace to put up with things that most people cannot put up with. Just as Jesus did, He had that marriage in Him of His soul and spirit, and He walked in humility and peace at all times. There is no time that it says that Jesus was distraught for the situations He was in. Never was there a distraught thought in His mind. He was tested, but He never fell to the test.

Vs 3 *'And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men'*. Well, there is something else here; it says I beheld a great voice out of where? Heaven. Where is heaven? It's the Spirit realm in you. So John heard this great voice speaking out of him. He heard the Spirit of God speaking within him saying, *'Behold'*, or literally 'Look' the *tabernacle of God is with men*. The word 'with' is 'meta' it means 'in the midst'. He said the tabernacle of God is in the midst of humanity. It's not with men; I'm not speaking of this building that we are meeting in. I am saying that we are the tabernacle of the living God. Where is God? He is within us. He is not out there somewhere. He is within His tabernacle. He is not with humanity, He is **IN** the midst of humanity, and He will dwell, not with, but in the midst of humanity. Isn't that the purpose of Jesus dying on the cross? That He could purify this temple; that we could dwell with God and have fellowship with Him. *'And they shall be his people, and God*

Himself shall be 'not with them', but 'in the midst of them'. 'And, He will be their God.' That sounds to me like the new covenant out of Jeremiah: “*I will remember their sins and iniquities no more, I will never remember them. I will never remember them anymore; I will write in their heart; I will be their God and they will be my children*” Doesn’t that sound like a covenant? God is just reiterating the covenant. John saw this, and God is fulfilling it. I’ll say this now, these last 3 chapters are the fulfilling, and a witness of what God has already done in your life. He said, “*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*” This is the last and He is just going to reiterate in these last couple of chapters what He has already done in your life. Just like Jesus, before he died, He said, *'It is finished.'*

Vs 4 ***'And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,'*** What is death? The carnal mind. In Romans 8:6 it says, *to be carnally minded is death.* He said, “***there will be no more tears***”. So what He is going to do is, when you put on the mind of Christ, there will be no more carnality. The only reason you cry about all these things in the world today is because you are drawing upon the fleshly thinking. I can see some bad things happen, but as they are going on, I can see God in them. I'm not going to cry about it, I am going to realize that God is working something out here. I'm not going to get mad and scream at God because He did this or He did that, He is working something out. He said He is going to ***wipe away all tears from their eyes. 'And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall be any more pain.'*** Now before I go on, He said He shall wipe away the tears from their eyes, whose eyes was He speaking about? Obviously there are still people running around in the world in grief, pain, suffering and crying. But there are people that are walking in peace, and serenity, and humility and who are they? First-fruit; sons of God; they can walk in this. It doesn't mean that your situation isn't tough, but it means you can walk in peace. I don't have to let my situation overrun me do I? I can walk through it in peace, I don't care what goes on, because God has a purpose and we will accomplish the purpose that God has set forth in our life. He said ***there would be no more crying, neither shall there be any more pain.*** Now, He is not speaking about in this body of flesh. Didn't He say it was from the Spirit realm? And the Spirit is talking to the Spirit; it is not speaking about the flesh; I'm not saying that there won't be any tears rolling out of your eyes. It is not speaking about natural things; it is speaking of spiritual things. We are going to understand that even the hard things that go on in this life are from God, but they are to make you and me

better; they are testings. *'Because, not 'for' but because **the former things are passed away**, or literally the 'protos' things, the word 'former' is 'protos' again it's the beginning things; prototype, and that is the natural, fleshly things. Those 'protos' things are left behind. Paul even re-iterated this about the 'protos' about this natural thing. In I Corinthians 15:46 he says this, 'The spiritual is not first, but it's the natural, and it teaches you about the spiritual, so the natural is the first. God set forth this natural for us to see first, and then we are going to be transformed into this new heaven and new earth, which is the spiritual; the reality of the whole thing. The natural is just a 'protos' the prototype; 'because the prototype is 'passed away', or literally 'left behind.' Just drop off all of those things. Paul says, *not looking back but looking on into Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.* I'm not going to look back to all these things in the world. I'm going to leave them behind.*

Vs 5 *'And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold I make all things new.*** When He said He was sitting upon the throne, what is that? That is Him, controlling. Isn't He the controller; isn't He the ruler of our hearts? So He is on our throne, which is our mind. It is the mind of Christ and God speaking out of that mind saying, *"Look, I have made all things new."* The language doesn't say, 'Look, I will make all things new'; it literally says, **'I HAVE MADE all things new.'** What tense is that word? Past tense. He has already done it. What did Jesus say on the cross? "It is finished." It is already done and that is what He is trying to tell you here; that it is already done. He said, *'Behold, look, I have made all things new. And he said unto me, Write, because these words are true and faithful.'*

Vs 6 *'And he said unto me'*, now who said this to him? The Christ was speaking, because Jesus is the messenger. He is the messenger of the book of Revelation. In Revelation one He said, *'The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, Jesus, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel, messenger, unto his servant John.* So we have to realize that this messenger is Christ, and look what he said, 'He said unto me what? Literally it is the same as He said in John 19:30 when He was hanging on the cross, *'it is finished'* it's the same thing, *'It is finished'*. When Jesus was hanging on the cross He said, *'It is finished'*. He is saying the same thing here. This is Christ. In the verse before this didn't He say, **'I have made all things new'**? So guess what? That was His purpose, to come and bring life to all of creation, He said *'It's finished, I've done it!'* And that is what He said here in verse six. He is telling you again, *'I have finished the work that the Father*

gave me do.' ***'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely'***. Now notice this, He is going to give to the ones that are what? Thirsty. If I don't have a hunger and thirst in my heart for the word of God, do you think I am going to understand it? If you don't have a hunger and thirst, and you see it can't be something that you work up in yourself. This is God. God chose who He is going to stir up; it's not a personal choice, we can't volunteer for anything, but if we love God, He is going to stir something in our heart, and we are going to say, 'it's not enough'; this isn't enough I need more. There was a couple that sat here Friday night for two and a half hours and spoke to me asking questions about things; they said, "'We have been raised in church all of our lives, we have been through this kind of church and that kind and this and this and this, and it's not enough. We have been in church for 40-50 years and it's not enough. We have not found the truth yet.'" Now what do you think is stirring that in their hearts? It's not them doing anything, it is God saying, "there is more to me than this redundancy of tradition and formula, there is a lot more, but you have to get it by the Spirit." It's not something we can go after by our natural desires. ***'I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely'***. The root word of the word 'freely' is 'dorea' which is a gift that God gives to us; no strings attached, it's just a gift. So He will give it to us freely as a gift, when we have the desire. He creates the desire, doesn't He? So it is all up to Him, it isn't up to us.

Vs 7 ***'He that overcomes, or literally 'subdues' shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.'*** In Genesis 2:28, God made a statement to Adam, He said, "*I want you to go forth and subdue the earth and all the animals.*" So what do you think that God was telling us in parable, in Genesis, and it is the same thing He is telling us in the book of Revelation? We are to go forth and not literally 'overcome' but the language says 'subdue' all the animals in the earth. What animals do you think He is speaking of? The beast that is within our thinking process. Overcome all things; I have got to over come this beast in my thinking process. It's not about what I want, the "I" is the ego and ego is not what it's about, it's about the Christ. What does God want in us? He said if you subdue, you shall inherit what? All these things, ***'And I will be his God, and he shall be my son.'*** There again, that is the mature son. Now, what things is He speaking of that you are going to inherit? How about the things in the first six verses? All of that which He spoke of in the first six verses He is setting it up there and He is telling you that you will have all these things if you overcome. He's telling you, *'you'll have no more tears, you'll have no more grief; you'll*

rest in the Christ.' You will labor to enter into his rest. It is as simple as that; He is speaking of the first six verses. And He'll give you that water of life freely. Do you know you couldn't get anything much better than the water of life could you? How much better can you get than that? And all you have to do is overcome or subdue this earth (pointing to self). Not that earth out there, you don't have to go out there and attack anyone, all you have to do is subdue this earth right here that you are walking in. That is your only responsibility, to subdue this earth. When this earth is subdued and the King is sitting on the throne ruling and reigning, do you think God will have a problem getting anything out of you? He is ruling and reigning; He has you right where He wants you.

Vs 8 '***But the fearful***, literally the word 'fearful' is 'timid and faithless', the timid, the faithless, ***the unbelieving, the abominable***, or literally the 'detestable' ***and murderers and whoremongers, and sorcerers***; now do you know what a whoremonger is? We all know in the natural what it is speaking of don't we? I'm not speaking of someone who is not faithful sexually. But I am speaking of something natural here? 'Whoremonger', that speaks of a male chasing after a female doesn't it? Who do you think it would be? It's the man, Adam; my natural man, chasing after the soul, after her realm, it's a soulish realm. So He is speaking about the ones that are unfaithful, the natural man chasing after the soulish realm instead of going after the Christ. '***And sorcerers and idolaters***, what does that mean? The word 'sorcerer' is literally from the word, 'pharmacia' and it means a manipulator of the human mind. It is speaking about manipulating the human mind. Do you know how many preachers today manipulate the human mind? They're sorcerers; all they are into is controlling your mind, so that you can't think. I encourage you to think; God has given everyone of us a mind, and I don't care what you think about it, when God finished making everything He made, in the Garden of Eden, He stood back and said, "***Hah, it's very good!***" So don't you sit and call God a liar and say that you haven't got a good mind. God gave you something and He said that it was very good. Use it! Even humanity says that brilliant people only use 10% of the mind. Well the rest of us have about 99% that we can use and we need to start using it and not listening to what the church tells us about all this garbage. We need to think, use that mind. God gave it to you for a purpose. '***And idolaters***', don't let anyone manipulate your mind. The only one that should speak to you is the Spirit of God in your heart. ***Idolaters***, that is anyone, even Christians, participating in any way in the worship of the heathen, or attending their feasts. That is what the language says. '***And all***

liars' a liar is someone who doesn't tell the truth. Is that someone who doesn't tell the truth some of the time or all of the time? It doesn't make any difference; if you tell one lie what are you? A liar. Would God say, 'it is okay you can tell one lie, but don't tell any more and it's okay? It doesn't work that way; it has to be a total, pure mind. He said, '***all these things shall have part in the lake, which burns with fire and brimstone.***' The word 'brimstone' is the Greek word 'theon' what does it mean? Sulfur; Sulfur was added to every sacrifice; every sacrifice in the Old Testament had sulfur added to it for one purpose. What was that purpose? For purification. So what He is telling us Spiritually is God is going to take us to the lake of divine purification and correction. He is not going to kill us; it is not a literal lake burning with fire, it's something that is going to purify me. And He says in scripture, '*I have made my ministers a flaming fire*'. In Ephesians 4:11 didn't he say, I gave you gifts called apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. What is the reason for them? For the perfecting of the body, to bring us to the maturity and the fullness of the stature of Christ. They are, flaming fires. It is for your purification, but the natural mind takes this thing and wants to build this big lake that has great big huge flames jumping out of it, and people screaming and hollering. I have a book called the 'Lost Books of Eden', and it has pictures of chapels over in Europe or old temples or buildings where they go to church, or have their worship services in, and in there, they have pictures and these pictures have been copied in this book and it shows a picture of their depiction of hell, and it has a picture on the wall, and of course it has that rounded peak on it like the stain glass windows in the churches, and it has a road map through it. This picture looks like hell, supposedly this man's rendition of it. Now this is what the church is teaching their people, they put that picture in their church to teach them. And there are little paths running all through it, and it has this great big demon running around grabbing people off the roads and stuffing them in his mouth and eating them. There are legs sticking out and heads and arms sticking out of his mouth, and he's grabbing more of them to eat. He has all kinds of little demons running around grabbing people and sticking them with pitchforks and bringing them to the devil to eat them. Did you ever wonder why people's minds are warped, when they have that kind of thinking in their head, that God has little demons running around capturing them, trying to throw them into hell? No wonder the church is screwed up. They don't know that God loves them. They think God is mad at them and trying to do them in. We have to get all that foolishness out of our heads. And he said, ***this is the lake of fire and brimstone, (the lake of divine purification or correction), which is the second death.***

Vs 9 ***'And there appeared unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, or the last calamities, and he talked with me.'*** Do you believe that? What does that word say? He talked 'in the midst' of me. When God speaks to you, where do you hear him? Inside of you; I hear God speak in my head don't you; so when He talked with me, He was really speaking inside of me. ***'Saying, Come here and I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.'*** So what do you think John got to see? He got to see the Lamb's wife, the bride of Christ. He wouldn't tell you to come here if he didn't want to show you something.

Vs 10 ***'And he carried me away in the spirit'*** now notice again, he is in spirit. If he is in spirit then we can't be reading this with the natural, carnal thinking. It has to be by the Spirit of God, that is how we interpret and hear what the Spirit is saying, through these words in our spirit. ***'And he showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem'***, now he didn't say the natural Jerusalem, ***'the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven (the spirit realm) from God.'*** That means that the spirit realm and heaven IS God, and it was coming from out of God down to humanity. It didn't mean it came out of the sky, it just means that it came from a higher form, a higher realm than what humanity is. It just came from God to a lesser realm into what we call humanity.

Vs 11 ***'Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;'*** Her light, who is her? It's the bride, but you see we have to realize something, Jesus said in several passages, ***"I am the light that lights every man that comes into the world."*** Now, if I and this "her" have become one, then I wonder whose light this is? It's mine; it's not His anymore. When he said "her", he is speaking about the bride. When a man and woman get married, what happens to everything? It becomes ours, and everything that I have now becomes my wife's, and everything she has becomes mine. I know the world doesn't divide it that way, but I know what God says. We become one and everything we have comes out of one source. ***'Having the glory of God and her light was like unto a stone'***, literally her illumination was like unto a stone ***most precious***. Let me read you some verses, I am going to give them to you and then I will read them to you. Isaiah 28:16 ***'Therefore thus says the Lord, God, behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation, and he that believeth shall not make haste.'*** So He says that her light is like unto a stone most precious; what is this speaking of? It is about Christ, He is the illuminator of the world, and He is the foundation. Ephesians 2:20 is another verse reiterating the same thing. I Peter 2:4 also;

that he is the light and the foundation of our whole world. ***'Even like a jasper stone'***. What does a jasper stone look like? It's green or blue or purple, there are three colors for it. The green speaks of life; the purple and blue speak of royalty; so any way you say it, it is speaking of the royalty of God, Christ as the King, and green as being life; the life of God through him. ***'And it was as clear as crystal'***. That means He is transparent; He has nothing to hide. That makes me go back to the book of Acts: And Paul said, ***"I have not shunned to declare the whole gospel of God unto you."*** Ministry cannot stand and teach the body of Christ and not give them the whole gospel. If we think we have anything that is too deep for you to understand, then we have just set ourselves up as God. If I think God shows me something and that it is too deep and that you can't understand or handle it, I have just set myself in the position of God. That I would think that I know more than God does; I would be thinking that I know you better than God, if I said you can't know this. Now I have been accused of telling too much many, many times; you know what? I'm going to keep telling everything I know. I think that's why God made me a sanguine personality; I can't quit talking. That's alright, but I am going to tell you everything that God gives me, because I have sat in those traditional churches and every time God would bring a truth, you would hear somebody say, "Shhh, shhh, don't tell it, we'll talk about it in the back room, when everybody else is gone. We don't want to stir anybody up, it might make them mad and they will leave and then they won't give us any money, then we can't get their tithes." Well, I'm telling you the truth, I have heard that, and on many occasions, and I will not stop talking the truth of God. The only one that took it from me is the one that gave it to me, and that's God, and He hasn't shut me up yet.

Vs 12 ***'And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates'***. What do you think that wall is? Our mind. This city has been walled around by all this natural stuff. There are twelve natural stones here, speaking of the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles, all of those things being laid out here. You see, we put a wall around our minds, and God put it there; it's a protection, a wall is protection. ***'And had twelve gates or twelve entrances, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon; the name of each tribe written on each gate.'*** I'm not going into Genesis chapter 49, but you can look yourself and see in there that there are twelve tribes there, and it explains to you what those twelve tribes are. Each one of their names has a meaning. The first one is Reuben, which means behold the son. Your first entrance into the kingdom is beholding the Son, Jesus, and it goes on into Pentecost and then on into Tabernacles, right on through twelve experiences

that you will walk into in God. But *the twelve gates, twelve angels, messengers, and the names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*, or literally, Jaakob, alias Jacob. But you see Jacob found out that his name really wasn't Jacob, didn't he? Jacob is an alias; his real name was Israel, the peace of God. Not the conniver, sup-planter, used car salesman, politician or anything like that.

Vs 13 '*On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*' It's saying all four sides, it's the completeness of the city, there are three gates all the way around.

Vs 14 '*And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*' So it's saying that the foundation of this city is the nature and character of the twelve apostles. Now that was not the twelve tribes of Israel, but the foundation of this was the twelve apostles. You can go back and look at those names, and each name will tell you a nature and a character that is there. It is God's nature and character. His apostles are the ones He chose and He sent. I can give you three scriptures, Matthew 10:1, Mark 3:16, Luke 6:16 and you will see an apparent contradiction of these names, but they're not really. If you search it out, you will find out that some of them are surnamed, and they mess with the natural mind, you will think there is a flaw there, but there isn't. Actually Matthias in Luke 6:16 is put in there and it's the same one as the one in the others, it's just a surname. But wasn't there one apostle done away with? Judas was done away with; he hung himself. Well guess what? Paul said he was an apostle born out of season. He was a Jew, born of the tribe of Benjamin; he was a Jew of all Jews. But still he said I am an apostle born out of season; he wasn't born at the time the others were; he wasn't speaking about being born natural, because he was alive then. He was speaking of being born into the kingdom. Jesus introduced the twelve apostles into the kingdom and one of them committed suicide. But Paul was introduced in the book of Acts. On the road to Damascus he was birthed into the kingdom of God; he got his illumination didn't he? That is what he is speaking of.

Vs 15 '*And he talked with me*' no, he talked in the '**midst**' of me. '*And he that talked in the midst of me had a golden reed*'; what do you think this golden reed is? I've heard everyone preach that this was a big stick used to measure this and that. He said he had a golden reed; the only thing you can measure yourself to is Christ. If I am going to try to make something in a pattern, I make a prototype of it don't I? Christ is the first, He is the prototype; He is first. So we make this, Christ. And what kind of a

measuring reed was it? Gold, which equals the nature of God; Christ had the nature of God, He was the nature of God manifested in the flesh; John 1:14. *He was manifested in the flesh and we beheld His glory*. So, we can see that all of this is going on, He spoke in the midst of me; this one that spoke in the midst of me, really was the golden reed, and He was the one that was to measure up to the city. He's our protection. He's our security. He's our place of measurement. I don't measure myself to any other person in the face of humanity, on the face of this whole earth. I don't measure myself to that, and you shouldn't either. What you should measure yourself to is the Christ. You can see someone walking as Christ on the earth today, Paul said mark them that follow Christ and follow them. Paul said to follow himself, he said follow me as I am a follower of Christ. So there is nothing wrong with following someone, but know that you are not following the man or the woman. Who are you following? It is the Christ that is manifested in them; it is not the person.

Vs 16 *'And the city lies foursquare*. It is really just square. *And the length of it is as large as the breadth*, or the width; *and he measured* or compared it to the bride, *the city*. The city was the bride, the heavenly Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. So he compared the city *to the reed*. He measured the city, (not with); the word 'with' is 'to', the preposition 'to'. So He compared the bride to the reed. So here is the bride, and I am supposed to compare her to him, and this is what John is seeing; I am trying to see if this pattern of this woman, the bride, resembled His nature. That is what we are supposed to be seeing. Do I see my lifestyle, my woman, being married to my man and following after the pattern of Christ? Do you see that? That is what God wants you to see. How does my life compare to the Christ. This represents me, I am His bride, I'm married to Him so I become one with Him, and when I become one with Him, guess what I am not any longer? I'm no longer the bride. I become one with Him. You see that confuses people's minds, I am the bride one minute, and the next minute I'm not; I'm now the son, I'm part of that 'huios' son (the mature son). *'Twelve thousand furlongs; the length and the breadth and the height, are all equal'*. That means it's a cube. If you have a length and a width, you have a square; but when you have length and width and height, you have a cube. So the city is perfectly the same; and it says that it is *twelve thousand furlongs*; do you know what that is? Six hundred feet. A furlong is six hundred feet; it has twelve thousand, ten times ten times ten and the furlong is six hundred feet. What is six? The number of man. He is telling you that this is man, this is humanity and it's perfect; what did He say in Genesis one, when He

looked at humanity? He looked and said, "It's very good; it's complete, it's perfected." The cube has got the perfect measurement.

Vs 17 **'And he measured the wall, or the protection thereof, an hundred and forty four cubits.** What is a hundred and forty four? Wasn't there a hundred and forty-four thousand that went to Mt Zion, in Revelation 14:1; *'And these are the ones that followed the Lamb whithersoever he went, and they had their Father's name written in their forehead.'* They had the mind of Christ; it was the overcoming people. So he says there are a hundred and forty-four cubits; do you know what a cubit is? It's the measurement of a man from the elbow to the tip of his finger; so it's the measure of the man. **'A hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of the man, that is, of the angel** he was speaking of. The only thing we are going to compare is the things that were compared to the angel, the messenger, the Christ. So it's according to His measure, and that angel is Christ, or the government of God (12).

Vs 18 **'And the building of the wall of it was of jasper, and the city was pure gold'.** That means that it was founded on Christ, **like unto clear glass.** What is glass? Glass is sand that has been through fire. When silicone is put through fire, it becomes glass. It takes the impurities out of it and it makes it crystal clear. So He is trying to tell you that through all of this stuff going on in your life, it is the very thing that is going to give you that nature of gold that is crystal clear and pure as God.

Vs 19 **'And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones'.** What does I Peter 2:5 say? It says *we are lively stones built one upon another* and that is what we are; we are part of that wall; we are all stones built together and in that is the protection of everyone else. The word 'foundation' in verse 19 represents what in this wall? It's the Christ; Jesus is the foundation I Corinthians 3:11. It's the foundation; *no other foundation can be laid other than him.* 'With all manner of precious stones', which we are. It speaks of the twelve apostles, which I spoke about in verse 14. It tells you that the city had twelve foundations and in them, the names of the twelve apostles.

Vs 21 **'And the twelve gates were twelve pearls.'** What is a pearl? It's formed out of pressure, and irritation. There was this little soft innocent muscle in the ocean and a piece of sand got in it and started irritating the fire out of him in all that pressure from the ocean. What is the ocean, the sea? The mass of humanity, and all of the pressure that humanity puts on you, with that little bit of irritation in your life, it is going to form a pearl. So each one of these gates have a form of suffering; so each gate you walk through,

each experience of God in your life, into the kingdom, is going to be a tremendous pressure. Luke said, "*through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom.*" The word for tribulation is 'thelipsus' in the Greek and it means pressure; so we are going to have a lot of pressure into the kingdom. If it were easy, how many people would be sitting in this room today? We wouldn't be able to get them all in here, we would have our heads stuck through the walls just trying to hear something. If it were easy everyone would be here. **'Every several gate, or every gate was of one pearl;** it means they were one large pearl. **And the street of the city.'** Now here it is, there is no street. That is King James language. The word is literally 'the square' or 'the center' of the city. The square, and that is the place where every one met in the center of the city to do their business. We all understand how the old cities were set up. So He is telling you that the center **of the city is pure gold.** Isn't that God? **'As it were transparent glass.'** Now this center of this city, He is not saying it's that Woooo, Woooo, invisible, heavenly God that nobody sees; He is speaking about you. You are the God that is going to manifest on this earth, and if you think there is going to be anything else, you've missed the mark. You are going to be God manifested in the flesh on this earth, exactly as Jesus was. How did God manifest Himself on this earth? Through flesh didn't He? Through Christ. Through the man Jesus, and it is no different today. If you are going to see God on this earth, you are going to see Him through humanity. You'll not see some big cloud hovering over something. That is symbols and shadows of things, but it is in us. If God lives in us, why can't we show Him to the world? Are we ashamed of Him? We are going to show Him to the world. In one translation Romans 8 says, *that the whole world is standing on tippy-toes, waiting for the manifestation,* looking for it. For the manifestation of the sons of God to stand up and be who they are supposed be. Why don't we do it? We can do it because He is in us.

Vs 22 **'And I saw no temple therein'** Guess what? You don't have to worship in a temple, because you are the temple. This isn't a temple that we are meeting in, this is just a building, a place where we can come together and learn more about God. But we are supposed to worship God 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no time off in worship is there? The greatest worship there is is imitation; today you see people dressing like all the famous people; wearing their hair that way, wearing the numbers of the athletes and everything, but how come no one is acting like Christ? If you start to act even the least bit like Him, you become a heretic or a lunatic. Because the world does not like Him, they never did; they killed Him when He came the first time. It isn't going to be any different today. But you know

what? We are going to love them in spite of it. ***'I saw no temple therein: because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.'*** We are the city of God, and He is the one in the center of us.

Vs 23 ***'And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it'***, We don't need the natural sun, and we don't need the natural moon to make us live, because our life is no longer centered in humanity, but it is centered in God. God created those things. Isn't God bigger than the sun and the moon? We don't have to rely on that natural stuff because our reality now is God. ***'For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb, or 'the Christ' is the light thereof.'*** And Jesus said very clearly, ***"I am the light that lights every man that comes into the world."*** Not part of them, but EVERY man that comes into the world.

Vs 24 ***'And the nations'***, the minds, ***of them that are saved*** or literally delivered, ***'shall live not in, but through the light of it'***. We'll live through the light of Christ. We are going to live through the light of Christ. If my mind has been delivered then I will live through the light of Christ, nothing else. He is our total sufficiency. ***'And the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.'*** Who are the kings of the earth? The kings of the earth are in the dust and the sand. The earth represents the first two covenants; the stars represent the heavenly covenant. So the ones who think they are living and ruling and reigning right now in the earth, they are living in the dust and the sand. They are living in the first two covenants; I am speaking about the church world. The heathens right now, the people that are not being drawn to God, they have no clue what is going on, but in the church realm, in Passover and Pentecost they are kings of the earth, and they are earthly kings. But we are not called to be earthly kings; we are called to be heavenly kings. We already are heavenly kings, we just don't know who we are sometimes. We don't act like we know who we are. But the earthly kings will bring their glory and honor into this city. They are going to honor it.

In Revelation 3:9 it says, ***'There are some who say they are Jews, but they are not, they do lie. And they are of the synagogue of Satan'***, now that is not some devil's house, that is their head, it's an earthly head. ***'I will make them come and worship before your feet, or at your feet, so they will know that I loved you.'*** Now this is not going to happen hereafter, it is going to happen in this lifetime. There are going to be people who will come back and realize that God is truly in you, as a vessel. When you have tried to share with people and they have told you that you are crazy, hang on, they are going to come back around, and they are going to worship at your feet. They are not

going to worship you as God; they are going to know that God is in you. They are going to worship the Christ that is in you, they are not going to worship you, they are going to worship in front of us; they are going to worship with us.

Vs 25 *'And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there, or because **there is no night there.*** ' He said the gates will never be shut to the kingdom; the gate is open right today, the gate is open. All of the gates are open, and they will never be shut, because there was no what? No night which represents ignorance. When we come past the place of ignorance, the mind of humanity guess what? We have an open entrance into the kingdom of God. It's when we come out of intellect into the Spirit of God, and there is no ignorance in the kingdom. When there is no ignorance in my mind, guess what I have a right to do? I can come in and out any entrance I want to, in the kingdom. I can go in and out like he said in John 10; *my sheep will go in and out and find pasture.* But the rest of them can't. We have a liberty in God to do a lot of things when we get rid of the ignorance of the intellect of the mind of humanity.

Vs 27 *'And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination,* or literally 'works idolatry', *or makes a lie,* or tells lies: *only they, which are written in the Lamb's book of life,* or literally 'The Book of the Lambs Life.' So whenever I understand this, if I am written in His book of life, which means I live the way He lives. It's not my name written in a book, but it's when my nature lines up with the nature of Him; that I am written and graven and formed and shaped the same way He is. Jesus is our older brother; He didn't say He was superior to us did He? In these last few chapters you are going to hear Him, and you have heard Him if you have paid attention through this book. He said, 'John tried to lie down and worship Him didn't He? What did He tell him? He said don't do it'. DON'T DO IT! What did He say? He said, *"I am your fellow servant."* Jesus never looked at himself above anyone else. Not even the people he was ministering to. That is humility. He knew who he was, but he never thought himself better than anyone else.

May the Spirit of God reveal your identity to you so you can manifest the Christ to the world.

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