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Parallel passage: other passages, which speak to the same subject

Cross-reference: Specific verses, related passages, supports interpretation

Correlation: connecting other passages broader themes, ideas, patterns, aids in theological or symbolic understanding

Messianic reference: a passage not yet fulfilled but expected to happen in the future

Prophecy fulfilled:

Prophetic reference:

Review:

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Week 37: Rev 21:1-8 New Heaven, Earth And Jerusalem

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Rev 21:1-8 All Things Made New

Rev 21:1 Now I(John) saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (ceased to exist, vanished). Also there was no more sea.

It's worth remembering that the new heaven referred to doesn't mean the heaven where God is enthroned. The Bible uses the word heaven in three senses.

The first heaven is the earth's atmosphere (birds fly, Genesis 1:14–17).

The second heaven is outer space (sun, moon, and stars, Psalm 19:1).

The third heaven is the place where God throne-room, the spiritual heaven (2 Cor 12:2). God's dwelling—does not need to be purified or recreated, because it is not part of the fallen physical order, it is already perfect and holy.

I create new heavens and a new earth, they are referring to the first and second heavens:

Isaiah 65 includes both the Millennium and the Eternal State. Sometimes the prophets saw future events in a single vision, without distinguishing the time gaps between them.

Isa 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind (Hebrew word for “create” (bara) can mean “create out of nothing, no pre-existing materials are mentioned like Gen 1:1. Examples where bara does not mean creation from nothing: Genesis 1:21 God created (bara) the great sea creatures...

But God formed living creatures from the earth (Gen 2:19).

Psalm 51:10 “Create (bara) in me a clean heart...” This does not mean David’s heart is created from nothing—it means a renewed, transformed heart).

Isa 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

Isa 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

Isa 65:20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

Psa 102:25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Psa 102:26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.

Psa 102:27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

Quote from ESV Footnotes Rev 21

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The removal of the first heaven and earth eliminates evil. Sin and suffering and death will not exist.

Scholars differ, however, as to how much and in what way the “first heaven and the first earth” will pass away and be changed into something new. They discuss whether this represents an entirely new creation or a “renewed” creation that has some continuity with the old order. It seems that “new” is best understood here as something that has been transformed in a fundamental way, rather than as a fresh creation. By comparison to what is coming to an end, the new cosmic order is radically different. It is a place where “righteousness will dwell” (2 Pet. 3:13).

2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which 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.

2Pet 3:11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2Pet 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

2Pet 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Luk 21:33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

There God "will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4; compare Isa. 25:8 and Rev. 7:17) and "death shall be no more" (21:4; compare Isa. 25:8 and 1 Cor. 15:26). There "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay" (Rom. 8:21) and all that is "perishable" will be raised and transformed into a glorious new "imperishable" reality (1 Cor. 15:42–43). There the redeemed will rejoice in the eternal presence of "God and the Lamb" (Rev. 14:4; 22:1–5).

Whereas heaven is the abode of God, the sea often represents the abode of evil, earthly rebellion, source of the Satanic beast and the place of the dead (see Dan 7:3; Mark 5:13; Rev 13:1, Rev 20:13).

Rev 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned (beautifully dressed) for her husband.

Earthly Jerusalem

Subject to sin, war & corruption
Death and sorrow
Needs a temple

New Jerusalem

Perfect righteousness
No death, no sorrow
No temple—God Himself is the temple

Isa 52:1 Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you (unclean and godless people will enter your gates no longer).

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The church redeemed by Jesus Christ will be adorned as a bride.

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels (in joyful assembly, festive gathering),

Heb 12:23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered (as citizens) in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Abraham's Hope

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Heb 11:9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

Heb 11:10 for he(Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Seeking a Heavenly Country

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

Heb 11:15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Rev 21:3 And I (**John**) heard a loud voice (**shout**) from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God (**God's home, His residence**) is with men (**people**), and He(**God**) will dwell with them (**live among them**), and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Lev 26:11 I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor (**despise or reject**) you (**as long as you walk in my ways**).

The plan of God is to be with His people

Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (meaning God with us)

Gal 4:26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Phl 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev 21:4 "And God will WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES (**quote from: Isaiah 25:8b**) (**a metaphor, meaning: God will permanently eliminate all sin, sorrow and suffering and will provide final comfort**); there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former (**older**) things have passed away (**gone forever, ceased to exist**)"

God will redeem and correct the curse from man's sin (Gen 3).

Death is swallowed up in victory

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death forever (**Death is swallowed up in victory-1 Cor 15:54**), And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

Isa 25:9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

The last enemy is death

1Cor 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He(God) puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

1Cor 15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

1Cor 15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Rev 21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make (or am making) all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful (accurate, and trustworthy)."

The Lamb took the scroll from God who sat on the throne

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him(**God**) who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Rev 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God (**symbolic: of Holy Spirit fullness**), sent out into all the earth.

Rev 5:7 Then He(**Lamb**) came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him(**God**) who sat on the throne.

Behold, I make all things new: This statement is in the present tense, "I am making everything new." This is the consummation of God's work of renewal and redemption, having begun here and now in our present time. Paul saw this transformation at work on this side of eternity: Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day... (2 Cor 4:16) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Cor 5:17)

Rev 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done (The destruction of His enemies and the salvation of his saints are both complete) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain (or spring) of the water of life, freely to him (without cost), who thirsts (to anyone who is thirsty).

It is done:

Eph 1:10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

Alpha and the Omega. First and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Isa 44:6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

Isa 41:4 Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.

Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Rev 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Isa 55:1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price (**a gift from God**).

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

We can boldly enter the throne room of grace

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He has begotten us to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

1Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pet 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pet 1:5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Rev 21:7 "He who overcomes (the world, is he, who believes in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, and he) shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son

He that overcomes. Now back in chapters two and three as Jesus addressed the seven churches, He had promises in each church for those who were the overcomers. Here the promise that He will be our God, we shall be His son. Beloved, now are we the sons of God. It doesn't yet appear what we're going to be, but we know when He appears we'll be like Him for we shall see Him as he is. And as many as received Him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believed on His name. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and if we are sons, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs through Jesus Christ. The blessed promises to the overcomers! They will be with God in the new heaven and in the new earth.

1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God (born again) overcomes the world (evil one). And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

1John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him (Devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Rev 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

Rev 2:17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

I will be his God and he shall be My son: Fulfilled in Jesus, Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son (OT similar passages: 2 Sam 7:14 (David's descendants), Jer 31:33 & Lev 26:12).

Gal 3:26 For you (who are spiritually transformed, born-again) are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Zec 8:8 I will bring them (my people) back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

Rev 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving (faithless), abominable (corrupt, devoid of personal integrity, one who practices or tolerate immorality), murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers (use intoxicating drugs, practice witchcraft), idolaters (occultists, those who practice and teach false religions), and all liars (knowingly deceptive and twist the truth) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The ungodly will not inherit the kingdom of God, only those that put their trust in Jesus

1Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1Cor 6:10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Cor 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Gospel

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

End

Comparison Chart

Millennium Rev 20

Sin restrained
Curse restrained
Death
Destinies undecided
Renovation
Temporary
Transitional

Eternal State Rev 21-22

Sin removed
Curse removed
No death
All Destinies sealed
Recreation, made new
Eternal
Final

Rev 21:9 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."

Rev 21:10 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,

Rev 21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Rev 21:12 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:

Rev 21:13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

Rev 21:16 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.

Rev 21:17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

Rev 21:18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 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,

Rev 21:20 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.

Rev 21:21 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.

Rev 21:9 NET - Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues came and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb!"

Rev 21:10 NET - So he took me away in the Spirit to a huge, majestic mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Rev 21:11 NET - The city possesses the glory of God; its brilliance is like a precious jewel, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

Rev 21:12 NET - It has a massive, high wall with twelve gates, with twelve angels at the gates, and the names of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel are written on the gates.

Rev 21:13 NET - There are three gates on the east side, three gates on the north side, three gates on the south side and three gates on the west side.

Rev 21:14 NET - The wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 NET - The angel who spoke to me had a golden measuring rod with which to measure the city and its foundation stones and wall.

Rev 21:16 NET - Now the city is laid out as a square, its length and width the same. He measured the city with the measuring rod at fourteen hundred miles (its length and width and height are equal).

Rev 21:17 NET - He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits according to human measurement, which is also the angel's.

Rev 21:18 NET - The city's wall is made of jasper and the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

Rev 21:19 NET - The foundations of the city's wall are decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

Rev 21:20 NET - the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 NET - And the twelve gates are twelve pearls - each one of the gates is made from just one pearl! The main street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

Rev 21:9 LSB - Then one of the seven angels who have the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (**Lit who were full**)

Rev 21:10 LSB - And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, (**or in spirit**)

Rev 21:11 LSB - having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like precious stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. (**Lit luminary**)

Rev 21:12 LSB - It had a great and high wall. It had twelve gates and at those gates, twelve angels; and names have been written on those gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (**Lit Having, (21:12) Lit Having (21:12) Lit having been**)

Rev 21:13 LSB - There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 LSB - And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 LSB - And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city and its gates and its wall. (**Lit measure, a gold reed**)

Rev 21:16 LSB - And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, 12,000 stadia; its length and width and height are equal. (Lit reed (21:16) Approx. 1,380 mi. or 2,220 km, a stadiion was approx. 607 ft. or 185 m)

Rev 21:17 LSB - And he measured its wall, 144 cubits, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. (Approx. 216 ft. or 66 m, a cubit was approx. 18 in. or 45 cm, (21:17) Lit measure)

Rev 21:18 LSB - And the material of the wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass.

Rev 21:19 LSB - The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

Rev 21:20 LSB - the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

Rev 21:21 LSB - And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Rev 21:9 NLT - Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

Rev 21:10 NLT - So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (or in spirit)

Rev 21:11 NLT - It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone--like jasper as clear as crystal.

Rev 21:12 NLT - The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates.

Rev 21:13 NLT - There were three gates on each side--east, north, south, and west.

Rev 21:14 NLT - The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 NLT - The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

Rev 21:16 NLT - When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles. (Greek 12,000 stadia 2,220 kilometers).

Rev 21:17 NLT - Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel). (Greek 144 cubits [65 meters].)

Rev 21:18 NLT - The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass.

Rev 21:19 NLT - The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald (The identification of some of these gemstones is uncertain),

Rev 21:20 NLT - the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 NLT - The twelve gates were made of pearls--each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.

Rev 21:9 AMP - Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven final plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

Rev 21:10 AMP - And he carried me away in the Spirit to a vast and lofty mountain, and showed me the holy (sanctified) city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 AMP - having God's glory [filled with His radiant light]. The brilliance of it resembled a rare and very precious jewel, like jasper, shining and clear as crystal. (See note Amp Rev 4:3).

Rev 21:12 AMP - It had a massive and high wall, with twelve [large] gates, and at the gates [were stationed] twelve angels; and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written.

Rev 21:13 AMP - On the east side [there were] three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

Rev 21:14 AMP - And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Christ).

Rev 21:15 AMP - The one who was speaking with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

Rev 21:16 AMP - The city is laid out as a square, its length being the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod--twelve thousand stadia (about 1,400 miles); its length and width and height are equal.

Rev 21:17 AMP - He measured its wall also--a hundred forty-four cubits (about 200 feet), according to man's measurements, which are [also] angelic [measurements].

Rev 21:18 AMP - The wall was built of jasper; and the city was pure gold, transparent like clear crystal.

Rev 21:19 AMP - The foundation stones of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; (the modern equivalents of this and some other gemstones are no longer known; descriptions given by ancient writers only partially correlate with the modern stones bearing the same names).

Rev 21:20 AMP - the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite (yellow topaz); the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

Rev 21:21 AMP - And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each separate gate was of one single pearl. And the street (broad way) of the city was pure gold, like transparent crystal.

Rev 21:22-27 The Glory of the New Jerusalem

Rev 21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 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.

Rev 21:24 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.

Rev 21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it (**they may enter in**).

Rev 21:27 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.

Rev 21:22 NET - Now I saw no temple in the city, because the Lord God - the All-Powerful - and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 NET - The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev 21:24 NET - The nations will walk by its light and the kings of the earth will bring their grandeur into it.

Rev 21:25 NET - Its gates will never be closed during the day (and there will be no night there).

Rev 21:26 NET - They will bring the grandeur and the wealth of the nations into it,

Rev 21:27 NET - but nothing ritually unclean will ever enter into it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev 21:22 LSB - And I saw no sanctuary in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its sanctuary.

Rev 21:23 LSB - And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev 21:24 LSB - And the nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (**Lit bring**)

Rev 21:25 LSB - And its gates will never be closed by day, for there will be no night there;

Rev 21:26 LSB - and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Rev 21:27 LSB - And nothing defiled, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. (**Lit who have been**)

Rev 21:22 NLT - I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 NLT - And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

Rev 21:24 NLT - The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory.

Rev 21:25 NLT - Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there.

Rev 21:26 NLT - And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city.

Rev 21:27 NLT - Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty--but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (**or ceremonially unclean**)

Rev 21:22 AMP - I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all] and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 AMP - And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the glory (splendor, radiance) of God has illumined it, and the Lamb is its lamp and light.

Rev 21:24 AMP - The nations [the redeemed people from the earth] will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring into it their glory.

Rev 21:25 AMP - By day (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed [in fear of evil];

Rev 21:26 AMP - and they will bring the glory (splendor, majesty) and the honor of the nations into it;

Rev 21:27 AMP - and nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices abominations [detestable, morally repugnant things] and lying, but only those [will be admitted] whose names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

End

Notes:

Seven Beatitudes of Revelation: “Blessed” (*makarios*)

1. Blessing upon the reader & heeder of Revelation (1:3)
2. Blessing upon the Tribulation martyrs (14:13)
3. Blessing upon the spiritually prepared (16:15)
4. Blessing upon the Marriage Supper invitees (19:9)
5. **Blessing upon the First Resurrection’s participants (20:6)**
6. Blessing upon the heeder of Revelation (22:7)
7. Blessing upon the eternal city’s citizens (22:14)

Quote: John F. Walvoord, "Revelation," in Bible Knowledge Commentary, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 1983), 929.

Most biblical scholars believe these three names point to the same final figure, viewed through different lenses:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Emphasis</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Antichrist: 1 & 2 Jn		Spiritual deception, denying Christ	End-times false messiah and false teacher & teachers
Beast: Rev 13–20		Political/military power, by Satan	Final world ruler + empire/system
Man of Sin: 2 Thes 2		Religious deception, self-exaltation	Final blasphemous leader under Satan’s power

Reasons for Understanding 1000 years, being literal years

Numbers taken literally

Two witnesses (11:3), 7000 people (11:13), 4 Angels (7:1) 7 Angels (8:6), 144,000 Jews (7:4), 42 months (11:2), 1260 days (11:3)

Look for the scripture to interpret scripture. Look for OT passages which show a literal comparison and explanation

In Revelation's we have Symbols and Figures of Speech

“Spiritually” (11:8) symbolic interpretation

“Sign” (12:1)

“Like” or “as” (8:8)

OT correspondence, consistency (Rev 13:2; Dan 7)

Contextual interpretations (Rev 17:18)

Seen as an Absurdity (Rev 12:1)

Robert Thomas observes that, "no number in Revelation is verifiably a symbolic number."

Robert Thomas

OT Scriptures which describe the Millennium

Established by God (Dan. 2:44)
Eternal (Dan. 7:27)
Christ's direct rule (Zech. 9:9-10)
Earthly (Zech. 14:9)
Land promises realized (Gen. 15:18-21)
Israel's preeminence (Isa. 49:22-23)
Millennial Temple (Ezek. 40-46)
Millennial David (Jer. 30:9)
Righteousness (Isa. 9:6-7)
Curse curtailed (Isa. 65:20, 22)
Peace (Isa. 2:4)
Prosperity (Amos 9:13-14; Isa 65:22)
Topographical changes (Ezek. 47:1-12)
Immediate answers to prayer (Isa. 65:24)

Isa 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD (Truth during His first coming), And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, (future, Jesus second coming to the earth)

David Hocking Quote

The Book of Revelation: Understanding the Future
(Tustin, CA: Hope For Today Publications, 2014), 530

God demonstrates by this one final event that even under the best conditions, mankind's problem is the heart. God demonstrates that Satan's depravity cannot be cured. God demonstrates that He is fully justified in exacting eternal punishment."

Millennial Comparison: from Pentecost, Things To Come, 349-50

EZEK. 38-39

Northern invasion

Invasion leads to Millennium (Eze 40-)

Invasion leads to Millennium (Eze 40-)

7 months dispose of the dead (39:12)

Satan not bound prior to invasion

REV. 20:7-9

All nation invade

Invasion at end Millennium

Invasion leads to Eternal State (Rev 21-22)

Dead disposed, instantly (20:9)

Satan bound prior to invasion(Rev 20:2)

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Where Christ Appears</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
The Rapture	Christ comes for His Church (air)	In the air (not to the earth)	Gather believers before Tribulation
Second Coming	Christ comes with His Church to earth	To the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4)	Judge Nations, establish Kingdom
Judgements	Sheep and Goat	Bema Seat	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	1 Cor 3:10-15	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Heaven	Earth
Audience	Tribulation survivors	Church Age believers	All unsaved
When	After Tribulation	After rapture	After Millennium
Purpose	Saved believers enter .	Reward believers	Degree; punishment in hell
Evaluation	Treatment of brethren	Works through fire	Name not in book; judged

Acts 17:24-27

Romans 1:18-20

Ephesians 5:6.

Matthew 11:20-24