

Revelation 21 - William's Translation

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 And I saw the new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride to join her husband. 3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "See! God's dwelling place is with men, and He will live with them, 4 and He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no death any longer, no sorrow, no crying, no pain. The first order of things has passed away." 5 Then He who was seated on the throne said, "See! I am making everything new." He continued, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He further said to me: "They have come true. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I myself, without cost, will give to anyone who is thirsty water from the springs of living water. 7 Whoever conquers will come into possession of these things, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowards, the unfaithful, the polluted, the murderers, the sexually immoral, the practicers of magic, the worshipers of idols, and all liars will have their portion in the lake that keeps on burning with fire and brimstone. This is the second death." 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls that were full of the seven plagues came and talked with me, and said, "Come; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 So he carried me off under the power of the Spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God; 11 and it continued to retain the glory of God. The luster of it was like a very precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve huge gates, and twelve angels in charge of the gates, which had inscribed upon them the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve apostles. 15 The angel who was talking with me had a measuring rod of gold, to measure the city, its gates and wall. 16 The city lies in a square, its length the same as its breadth. He measured the city with his rod, and it was one thousand, five hundred miles. Its length, breadth, and height were the same. 17 He measured its wall, two hundred and sixteen feet as a man measures, which is the way the angel measured. 18 The material of its wall was jasper, but the city itself was pure gold, as transparent as glass. 19 The foundation stones of the city's wall were ornamented with all sorts of precious stones. The first foundation stone was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate built of a single pearl. The Broadway of the city was pure gold, as transparent as glass. 22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty Himself and the Lamb Himself are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or moon to shine in it, for the glory of God has lighted it, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light; the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 Its gates will never be closed by day -- for there will be no night there -- 26 and they will bring the splendor and honor of the nations into it. 27 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices abominable living and lying, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.