

— A SPIRITUAL APPLICATION —

THE CHURCH DESCRIBED HERE IS THE ETERNAL BRIDE OF CHRIST... IT NOW EXISTS... BUT IS PERFECTED... HERE IN THE AGE OF... BEING ONE WITH CHRIST... IN ITS ETERNAL STATE —

THIS IS

A VISION... OF THE REDEEMED OF GOD OF ALL TIME AND DISPENSATION... THIS REDEMPTION... ETERNAL LIFE... BEGINS WHEN "ONE" PLACES THEIR "FAITH" IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD... AND IT CONTINUES IN TIME... WHILE HERE ON EARTH... AND CONTINUES ON INTO THE ETERNAL STATE — [JOHN 11:25-26]

"JESUS SAID TO HER... I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE... HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL "LIVE"... EVEN THOUGH HE DIES... AND WHOSEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES (PUTS THEIR FAITH) IN ME... WILL NEVER DIE"

THROUGHOUT

THIS SECTION DESCRIBING THE "HOLY CITY"... CHRIST IS CALLED "THE LAMB"... THIS TITLE OCCURS "7 TIMES"... [21:9, 14, 22-23, 27... 22:1, 3]

THE REASON

FOR THIS... MOST LIKELY... TO EMPHASIZE... CHRIST GIVING OF HIMSELF... TO THE UTMOST FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND... AND THE UNDESCRIBABLE LOVE... THAT MOTIVATED HIM TO DO THIS... TOTAL SELF-GIVING... TO ACCOMPLISH SALVATION... FOR MANKIND

NOTICE IN (VS-9) - THAT IT IS ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS - OF THE SEVEN JUDGEMENTS - THE SAME WHO SHOWED - JOHN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE GREAT HARLOT IN [17:1-3] - NOW IS SHOWING THE - BLISS - OF THE REDEEMED - THE BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND - (VS-2)

THE MUTUAL AFFECTIONATE RELATIONSHIP - THAT EXISTS BETWEEN - CHRIST AND THE CONGREGATION OF THE REDEEMED - THE BRIDE - WIFE -

REV-1:10, 4:2, 17:3 - AND HERE IN (VS-10) JOHN IS ONCE AGAIN "IN THE SPIRIT" ON A GREAT MOUNTAIN -

JOHN WAS TOLD BY THE ANGEL THAT HE WOULD BE SHOWN - THE BRIDE - THE WIFE OF THE LAMB -

BUT INSTEAD HE SAW - THE HOLY CITY - JERUSALEM - COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN - FROM GOD

- THUS - THE BRIDE - AND - THE NEW JERUSALEM ARE INFERRED?

- EXAMPLE - JUST AS THE HARLOT - THE SIGNIFYING OF THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST - THE FAITHLESS IS DEFINED - WITH BABYLON (CH-18).

THE FAITHFUL ONES ARE MERGED WITH JERUSALEM - THE HEAVENLY CITY -

THE CONTRAST

THE HOLY CITY COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN
 AS GOD'S NEW CREATION OF GRACE - ~~HEBREW~~
 [HEB 11:10] - "FOR HE (ABRAHAM) - WAS LOOKING
 FORWARD TO - THE CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS -
 WHOSE ARCHITECT AND BUILDER - IS GOD -
 - CHRIST'S BRIDE -

- BABYLON - THE HARLOT -

(REV 17:1-2) THE JUDGEMENT - OF THE GREAT
 HARLOT - BABYLON - WHO THE KINGS OF THE EARTH
 AND THE EARTH'S INHABITANTS - MADE DRUNK WITH
 WINE - OF HER FORNICATION - SHE WAS ADORNED
 WITH PRECIOUS STONES - THOSE WHO REJECT -
 CHRIST - FOR THE BABYLON OF SATAN -

- EACH PERSON MAKES -

THEIR CHOICE - BABYLON, THE HARLOT - OR -
 JERUSALEM, THE BRIDE -

[IN VS-11] THE RADIANCE - THE GLORY OF GOD -
 - SHONE - ITS BRILLIANCE - "LIKE" - PRECIOUS
 JEWELS - VERY COSTLY - (4:3, 21:23) -

- THIS IS THE -

"SHEKINAH" - "THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE PRESENCE"
 - HEBREW WORD MEANING:
 "DWELLING" OR "SETTLING" OF THE DIVINE
 PRESENCE OF GOD -

"GOD'S PRESENCE RADIATES" THROUGH THE
 CHURCH -

"WHEN THE CHURCH"

IS IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD -- [REV 21:1-8]
IT REFLECTS HIS GLORY -- OR "DIVINE PRESENCE"

NOTE:

[EPHESIANS 2:21-22] -- "IN HIM -- THE WHOLE
BUILDING -- IS JOINED TOGETHER -- AND RISES
TO BECOME -- A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD --
AND IN HIM -- YOU TOO ARE BEING BUILT --
TOGETHER -- TO BECOME A DWELLING PLACE
IN WHICH GOD LIVES -- BY HIS SPIRIT"

-- GOD HIMSELF IS THE LIGHT --
AS THE HOLY OF HOLIES HAD NO LIGHT -- BUT
-- THE SHEKINAH OF DIVINE GLORY --

SO

"THE LIGHT" OF THE HOLY CITY -- IS THE GLORY
OF GOD -- JOHN IS EMPHASIS --

"GLORY"

RATHER THAN PHYSICAL BRIGHTNESS -- THE
"GLORY OF GOD" -- IS GOD HIMSELF -- IN ALL
HIS ATTRIBUTES --

-- GOD'S GLORY --

THROUGH THE LAMB -- FILLS THE ENTIRE
CITY -- WITH -- UNCREATED LIGHT --

AS IT IS

THE NATURE OF LIGHT TO SHINE -- IT IS
HERE -- HIS NATURE -- REVEALING --

"HIMSELF"

THE CITY -- (BRIDE) IS FLOODED WITH
-- LIGHT --

THEREFORE -- DARKNESS -- OF EVERY KIND
-- IS BANISHED -- FOREVER --

(1 JOHN 1:5) -- "GOD IS LIGHT -- IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS -- AT ALL" --

WITH
GOD AND THE LAMB AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH -- NO OTHER ILLUMINATION -- IS NEEDED --
-- IN JOHN'S VISION --

THE CITY HAS ITS WALLS TO EXPRESS SECURITY AND SAFETY --

ITS GATES ARE OPEN TO SHOW THAT THERE IS NO DANGER -- OF ANY KIND OF ATTACK --

THOSE
WHO ARE ADMITTED THE CHURCH -- THE CITY -- ARE SAFE -- FOREVER --

ALL
THE INHABITANTS OF THE HOLY CITY ARE CONSCIOUS OF HIS PRESENCE -- AND SERVE HIM -- AS PRIESTS --

IN THIS CITY THERE WILL BE NO SINNERS -- JOHN SAYS -- THERE SHALL IN NO WISE ENTER THE CITY -- ANYTHING THAT DEFILETH -- NEITHER WHATSOEVER WORKETH ABOMINATION -- OR -- MAKETH A LIE --

ONLY THOSE
"WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE"

ONLY
THE SAVED -- RENEWED BY THE "HOLY SPIRIT" LIVING IN THE POWER -- OF ENDLESS LIFE --

ALL SINNERS
-- WOULD DETEST IT -- AND WOULD --
-- LEAVE IT --

[REV 22:1-6]: THE RIVER OF LIFE
 THE ANGEL CONTINUES TO SHOW JOHN "THINGS"
 WHICH ARE A PART OF THIS ETERNAL
 HOME -- [JOHN 14:1-4] WHICH CHRIST PROMISE
 TO HIS REDEEMED CHILDREN --

[UN VS 22:1] -- A PURE RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE!
 -- CLEAR AS CRYSTAL -- PRECEDING --
 FROM THE THRONE OF GOD -- AND OF THE
 LAMB --

THIS IS FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE WRITTEN IN THE "LAMBS"
 BOOK OF LIFE -- [2:27]

-- THIS IS A RIVER --
 WHOSE STREAMS -- MAKE GLAD -- "THE CITY"
 OF THE LAMB --

-- PURE AND CRYSTAL --
 WHICH CONTAINS -- THE VERY ESSENCE --
 -- (ESSENTIALS) -- OF LIFE -- ITSELF --

JESUS SPOKE OF THIS RIVER --
 WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN ME -- STREAMS
 OF LIVING WATER -- WILL FLOW -- WITHIN
 HIM -- [JOHN 7:38]

[EZEKIEL 47:9] -- "AND IT SHALL BE
 THAT -- EVERY LIVING THING -- WHEREVER
 THE RIVERS GO -- WILL LIVE"

-- LIFE GIVING WATER --

"IT FLOWS FROM THE THRONE OF GOD"

AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE -- TO THOSE WHO KNOW
THE LORD -- THIS RIVER WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT
-- AND -- NO DOUBT -- THE LAMB IS THE REALITY
BEHIND THE SYMBOL --

A RIVER IS USED -- TO SYMBOLIZE BOTH
-- "PLEASURE" AND "PROSPERITY" -- [PS 1:3] --
HIS DELIGHT -- IS THE IN THE LAW OF THE LORD -- AND
WHATEVER HE DOES -- SHALL PROSPER -- WHY --
BECAUSE HE IS PLANTED BY THE -- RIVERS -- OF
WATER --

LIFE IN GOD'S CITY
IS CHARACTERIZED BY -- "PURITY" -- "PLEASURE"
-- + PROSPERITY --

BUT

ALL OF THESE -- HAVE A "DIRECT LINK" -- TO
A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S THRONE --

JOHN MEANS

THAT THE REDEEMED -- HAVE ENTERED INTO
A FULL AND MEANING LIFE -- A LIFE WITH
ABUNDANT -- NEW -- AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES
FOREVER -- ETERNAL

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

BEGINS -- HERE -- ON EARTH -- WITH THE RECEIVING
CHRIST -- AND HIS SPIRIT -- BUT IT IS THE FIRST STEP
AND NOT YET PERFECT -- WE STILL HAVE AND --
INHERITANCE COMING -- WE SEE THIS INHERITANCE
-- THE HOLY CITY -- WE HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED --
FROM THE DEATH-STATE -- INTO A LIFE-STATE --
-- ALL THING ARE NEW -- AND -- FOREVER --
-- WE LIVE IN THE ETERNAL -- NOW --