

*Life After Life: Answers about the Hereafter***What Will Heaven Be Like?**

Revelation 21:9-22:5

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Colossians 3:1 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Matthew 6:20 (ESV)

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. The Beauty of Heaven**Revelation 21:9 (ESV)**

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."

Revelation 21:10 (ESV)

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

2. The Design of Heaven**Revelation 21:11 (ESV)**

having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Revelation 21:12 (ESV)

It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—

Revelation 21:13 (ESV)

on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

Revelation 21:14 (ESV)

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:15 (ESV)

And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls.

Revelation 21:16 (ESV)

The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.

Revelation 21:17 (ESV)

He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement.

Revelation 21:18 (ESV)

The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21:19 (ESV)

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

Revelation 21:20 (ESV)

the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

Revelation 21:21 (ESV)

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

3. The Holiness of Heaven**Revelation 21:22 (ESV)**

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:23 (ESV)

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

4. The Inhabitants of Heaven**Revelation 21:24 (ESV)**

By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

Revelation 21:25 (ESV)

and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

Revelation 21:26 (ESV)

They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

Revelation 21:27 (ESV)

But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

5. The Joy of Heaven**Revelation 22:1 (ESV)**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

Revelation 22:2 (ESV)

through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3 (ESV)

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.

Revelation 22:4 (ESV)

They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:5 (ESV)

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.