

Exposition of Revelation
The New Jerusalem
Rev. 21:9-22:5

Introduction

1. In Eden there was the Garden-Temple
2. Israel had the Tabernacle and the Temple
3. The New Jerusalem then is one massive holy of holies.
4. Summary

I. The Appearance of the New Jerusalem (21:9-14)

- A. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb

- B. Carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain

- C. Her brilliance described

- D. Her wall: A great and high wall

- E. Her foundation

II. The Measurements of the New Jerusalem (21:15-17)

- A. Angel with a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its walls, and its gates

This measuring of the city-temple here figuratively represents the placing of God's boundaries around the city by which it is protected from harm and from the entrance of any form of evil¹

- B. The city is laid out as a square
Its length is as great as its width
NASB 1,500 miles (NET, 1,400 miles)
ESV, 12,000 stadia

¹ G. K. Beale and David H. Campbell, [*Revelation: A Shorter Commentary*](#) (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015), 482.

- C. He measured its wall (72 yards) human and angelic
NASB 72 yards; NLT, 216 feet thick
144 cubits (ASV, CSB, ESV, KJV, NET, NIV)

III. The Building Materials of the New Jerusalem (21:18-21)

IV. The Inhabitants and Interior Features of the New Jerusalem (21:22-27)

V. The Presence of God in the New Jerusalem (22:1-5)