

## Doctrine of the New Jerusalem

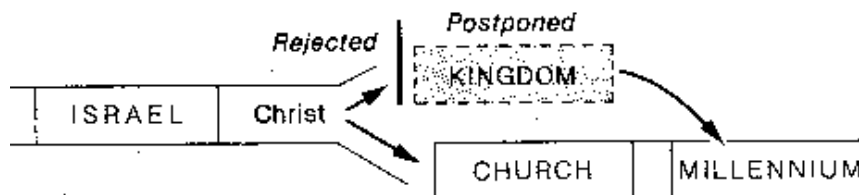
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1. Last week I taught Part V of the *Doctrine of Dispensations*. When the clock tolled 11:30 we were about to study the *Doctrine of the New Jerusalem*.
2. Before we begin, I want to give opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material.

### What Israel Expected

GENTILES				ISRAEL	KINGDOM
Positive Volition	Negative Volition	Noah's Family	Jewish Patriarchs	Jewish Client Nation	+
Creation of man	Fall of Adam	Flood	Abraham	Moses and the Exodus	Birth of Christ

### What Israel Got



1. Although the Millennium is often correctly described as a political rule, it will also be a time of abundant spiritual blessing.

Isa 49:22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

Jer 3:17 At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No

longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

Jer 16:19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good.

Jer 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jer 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

2. Although there is no evidence that the Holy Spirit will baptize believers into a spiritual unity as we see in the Church Age; but there will be the indwelling power and presence of the Spirit in the believers in the Millennium. (Isa 32:15; 44:3; Eze 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)

Isa 32:15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Eze 39:29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

3. It will certainly be a time of righteousness, prosperity and universal peace.

Psa 72:7 In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Isa 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isa 12:4 In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

Isa 61:2 to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

Isa 61:3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion--to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

4. As a center for worship, a Millennial Temple will be built. It is described in Ezekiel, chapters 40 through 46. There will again be sacrifices in that Temple.

5. The sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be a memorial looking back to the cross, just as the Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to Christ's coming.

6. The groaning and travail of creation will be lifted. There will be prosperity, health, and both physical and spiritual blessing such as the world has never known.

Isa 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,

Isa 35:2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God ...

Isa 35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Isa 30:23 He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows.

7. There will be important changes in the topography of the earth. The Promised Land will again be the garden spot of the world, the center of God's kingdom on earth and the place of unusual blessing.

8. The Millennium will be a golden age, the climax of earth's history, and the fulfillment of God's purpose to establish His Son as the supreme ruler over the universe.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

9. Those who are “overcomers” will receive special rewards in Christ’s kingdom.

1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the

churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

10. At the end of the Tribulation, a judgment will take place to determine which of the survivors of that great and terrible day of the Lord will enter the Millennium.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."

Mat 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Mat 25:33 "He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"

11. The Lord Jesus Christ, as the Messiah of Israel and King of kings, will rule over the entire earth.

Zec 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

12. Included in the topographical changes will be the elevation of Jerusalem.

Zec 14:10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses.

13. Jerusalem will be secure and never be destroyed again.

14. An indication of the rule of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords is that He will judge the nations that fought against Jerusalem in the Tribulation.

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

15. A plague will seize man and beast alike. Israel will acquire great quantities of gold, silver, and clothing.

Zec 14:14 Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected--great quantities of gold and silver and clothing.

16. Those who survive the purging judgments at the beginning of the Millennium will be required to worship Christ annually.

Zec 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

17. God will withhold rain from those nations that do not send delegations to Jerusalem when the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated.

Zec 14:17 If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

18. It will be a time when the holiness of God is uniquely revealed.

Zec 14:20 On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD'S house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar.

Zec 14:21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.

19. Where will Church Age believers live when the Lord returns. The answer is "in the New Jerusalem."

## **A New Heaven and Earth**

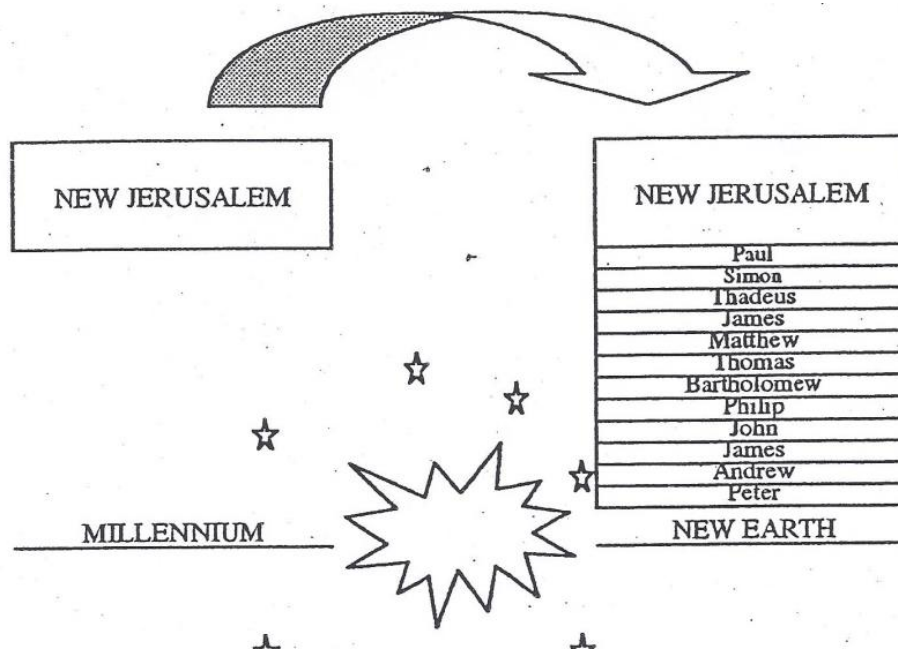
1. Conservative scholars agree the New Jerusalem described in the last two chapters of the book of the Revelation is also the same New Jerusalem in which church age saints will live; a city located above planet earth during the Millennium.

2. The earth and heaven of the Millennium recall "flees away" but not the New Jerusalem, it remains. The Bride has a permanent home not made with hands which does not fade away.

3. Ryrie in his book *Revelation Everymans Commentary* has perhaps said it best: "In other words, the New Jerusalem is the eternal residence of the redeemed during both the Millennium and eternity. It is the place our Lord has gone to prepare for us (Joh 14:2) ... In other words, there seem to be

two descents of the city ... being the one related to eternity and ... the one related to the Millennium."

4. Ryrie's distinction is no doubt accurate, he, like many of his conservative colleagues, makes clear the cities are the same. I think the Scripture supports the positions taken by Charles Ryrie.



## Our Future Home

1. The city is described in Rev 21:1-22:5.

1.1 The appellation "New Jerusalem" appears in Rev 3:12 and Rev 21:2.

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Rev 3:12 "Him who overcomes (Compare 1Jo 5:5 for a definition of "he who overcomes") I will make a pillar in the house of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the *New Jerusalem*, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name."

NIV

Rev 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the *New Jerusalem*, coming down out of



heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

2. It was looked for by Abraham according to the anonymous writer of the Book of Hebrews.

Heb 11:10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

3. It is referred to as Mount Zion and city of the living God in Heb 12:22.

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

4. It is used metaphorically by Paul in Gal 4:26.

Gal 4:25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

4.1 Gal 4:26 certainly indicates there is a New Jerusalem in heaven even as we sit here today.

5. It is employed as an incentive by the Apostle John in Rev 3:12.

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Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

6. The New Jerusalem viewed by John will one day be the habitation of Christ and His Church during the Millennium. The city is described first from the standpoint of its population.

KJV

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

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

#### NIV

Rev 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Rev 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Rev 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

#### Expanded Translation

Rev 21:2 I was then given a panoramic view of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, it came down out of heaven, a gift from God to His family, the city was beyond description, like a gorgeous bride prepared for her right man; adorned in the finest attire - the quintessence of pulchritude.

Rev 21:3 And I John heard a loud voice; the voice came from the area around the throne "Now the dwelling of God is with mankind, and I will live with them forever. They will be My people, and I will be with them and I will be their God.

Rev 21:4 I will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, there will be no more mourning nor crying nor pain, for the old

order of things is now gone."

Rev 21:5 Christ who was seated on the throne said, "I am now making all things new and different!" He then said to John, "Write what I am about to say: My words are trustworthy, faithful and true."

Rev 21:6 Christ then looked directly at me and said: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will freely give them water to drink; from the spring of the water of life they shall drink freely." The water represents the fulfillment of all the promises of Christ which are now complete.

Rev 21:7 The person who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ shall inherit all things and I will in the future be his God and he shall be my son.

7. Next we have a description of its material proportions, a cube 1,500 miles each way, it is made of gold and precious stones.

#### Expanded Translation

Rev 21:10 And I was taken away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain where he pointed out the Holy City of Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven.

Rev 21:11 The city glowed with the glory of God, its brilliance was like that of a single giant precious jewel, bright and clear like a transcendent prism.

Rev 21:12 The New Jerusalem had a high wall more than 200 feet; it had twelve gates and an angel sat atop each gate. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel in the following pattern: from the northwest corner, going from west to east, Levi, Judah, and Reuben; from the northeast corner, going from north to south, Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan; from the southeast corner, going from east to west, Naphtali, Asher, and Gad; from the southwest corner, going from south to north, Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun.

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

Rev 21:14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations stationed under each gate, and on each foundation were the names of the twelve original disciples minus Judas Iscariot plus Paul.

Rev 21:15 The seventh angel who took me away in the spirit had a measuring rod of gold with which he measured the city, its gates and its walls.

Rev 21:16 The city was cube shaped. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 1,342 miles on all sides.

Rev 21:17 He measured the wall of the city as being 216 feet high.

Rev 21:18 The walls were made of a clear jasper stone cut and polished to the grade of a perfect diamond, and the city itself was made of pure gold, so pure that it gave the appearance of glass.

Rev 21:19 The foundations of the city were made of various precious stones. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

Rev 21:20 the fifth sardonyx, 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 The twelve gates were each made of a giant single pearl. There was a special street which ran down the center of the city which was made of pure gold, giving the appearance of transparent glass.

Rev 21:22 I, John looked but did not see a Temple in the city, it was made clear to me there was no need for a Temple because the Father and the Son are its Temple; and they are then and now omnipresent. The ritual had been replaced by the Reality.

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