

AN INSIDE VIEW OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
REV. 22:1-7

Introduction:

- A. We have read of the new heaven and the new earth.
 - 1. Rev. 21:1, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth."
 - 2. Rev. 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new."

- B. We have seen the New Jerusalem.
 - 1. "the Bride, the Lamb's wife."
 - 2. "the holy Jerusalem."

- C. At this time God allows us to look inside the New Jerusalem.
 - 1. Rev. 22 continues a description of New Jerusalem.
 - 2. It gives additional information.

I. THE RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE. VI

- A. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal."
 - 1. pure = katharos = pure from everything that would change or corrupt the nature of the subject with which it is combined, clean and free from every stain, odor, or any useless thing whatever.
 - 2. water = hudor = water, standing or flowing.
 - 3. life = zoe = life, the perfect antithesis of thanatos, to breathe the breath of life.
 - 4. clear = lampros = shining, bright, radiant.

- B. "proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."
 - 1. proceeding = ekporeuomai - to pass out of
 - 2. This life substance comes from God.

- C. The prophesy of David.
 - 1. Psalm 46:4, "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high God."

2. These truths are eternal!

II. THE TREE OF LIFE. V2

A. "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life."

1. The river flowed down the middle of the wide street of the city.
2. On either side of the river there was a tree of life

B. "Which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations."

1. It produced twelve kinds of fruit, yielding a fresh crop month by month.
2. healing = therapeia = attending the sick, voluntary service, relief, healing.
3. This may apply to the 1,000 year reign.

III. THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB. V3,4

A. "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him."

1. The thrones shall be in it.
2. curse = katanathema = a great curse, banner.
3. His servants shall serve Him!

B. "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

1. We will see Him "face to face" forever.
2. He will claim us as His.

IV. GOD'S PRESENCE WILL LIGHT IT. V5

A. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun;"

1. The anguish of dark nights are unknown.

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2. The light of the sun is no longer necessary.

B. "for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever."

1. God's glory lightens the city.

2. They, plural, God and men.

V. THE AUTHORITY AND SOURCE OF THIS REVELATION. V6

A. "And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true."

1. sayings = eipon = to utter definite words.

2. faithful = pistos = trustworthy, sure, firm.

3. true = alethinos = that which has truth as its base.

B. "and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew his servants the things which must shortly be done."

1. This message is from the God of the holy prophets, not from the holy prophets.

2. sent = apostello = to send on a certain mission.

3. shew = deiknumi = to point out, as with a finger.

4. shortly = entachei = quickly, speedily, soon.

VI. THE URGENCY AND POWER OF THIS REVELATION. V7

A. "Behold, I come quickly."

1. quickly = tachy = swift, speedily, with haste.

2. In comparison Jesus will come quickly and in manner He will come quickly.

B. "Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

1. blessed = makarios = happy.

2. keepeth = tereo = observe attentively.

3. prophecy = propheteia = a speaking forth, declarations, exhortations, warnings uttered by the prophets while under Divine influence.