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Series

HEAVEN: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS

A Biblical Study of What Heaven is Really All About

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:1,2 NKJV

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you: 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3 NKJV

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Revelation 21:9-11 NKJV

10 for he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10 NKJV

The Divine Design of Heaven

1. The Walls

16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. (v. 6)

A “furlong” or “stadia” equals about _____ ft

12,000 stadia equals approx. _____ miles.

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. (vv. 17,18)

The walls are _____ thick

We believe jasper is _____

2. The _____ and Buildings

And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (v.21b)

3. The Gates and _____

12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (vv. 12-14)

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (vv. 19-21)

The Divine Deity in Heaven

1. Its _____

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Revelation 22:9 NKJV

2. Its _____

3. Its _____

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2 NKJV

Things to Ponder

1. Eternally Open Gates: True _____; no

There is no _____ in heaven

2. Vastness of the City: _____ and

3. Life in the City: Work and _____

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. Genesis 2:15 NKJV

Will we sing and make music?

Will we dance?

4. Freedom of Creativity: _____ and
