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THE NEW JERUSALEM: PART 1

Revelation 19, 20, 21 gives us the sequence of the final end-time events. The Great Tribulation has ended. Jesus returns to lead the Battle of Armageddon where He defeats the “beast” and those nations (Kings) who are in alliance with him. The “beast” and the false prophet are cast into the “lake of fire.” The “dragon,” Satan, is cast into the bottomless pit (abyss). The Millennial Reign of Christ on earth begins and His saints reign with Him.

After the Millennial (1,000 year) Reign, Satan is released from the abyss. He will be given a “season” of time to deceive the nations of the earth to follow him. He shall once again amass a great army to come against God’s people and Jerusalem where Christ reigns. However, God rains down fire from heaven and destroys his army. Satan, himself, is then also cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet have been for more than a thousand years already. They shall remain there forever along with all who followed him.

God then does something about which He has given us only scant details. The earth is destroyed by fire. The old earth and the former (old) heaven cease to exist. He creates a new earth and a new heaven (Rev. 21:15) for us. The “crown jewel” of the new earth will be the New Jerusalem which is described in chapter 21. Let us see what we are told about it.

We will first look at its size. It is large. It has twelve foundations (twelve stories high). It is “foursquare” which means it is like a cube; the length and width and height of it are the same measurement, twelve thousand furlongs in width and twelve thousand furlongs in breadth. Twelve thousand furlongs is 1,500 miles. So, one foundation alone is 1,500 miles wide and 1,500 miles long. That means each one of the twelve foundations has an area of 2,250,000 square miles (that is 2-1/4 million square miles each). That also means (times 12) a total of 27 million square miles of foundational floor space alone.

Guess what? We will not likely be limited to just walking on floor space. We surely shall have access to the air space as well. Each foundation will be 1,000 furlongs high also for a total “city” height of 12,000 furlongs or 1,500 miles high. Since it is built cube shaped, this means the total volume size of New Jerusalem in cubic miles is 3,750,000,000 which is 3.75 trillion cubic miles. This is almost 15 times the cubic measure of earth if you count every square inch of earth from the center of its core, through all its mantle layers, up to the surface.

We serve a great big God. We shall inhabit an enormously large New Jerusalem. How big will the new earth be that will have the New Jerusalem as its capitol? It is mind boggling. Tomorrow we will look at some of New Jerusalem’s features. Stay tuned.