

Biblically, who is the "Bride of Christ?"

Yes. it's the church, so let's talk about the New Jerusalem.

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.

Does that verse say it is the dwelling place of the Bride? Nope. But there is more, too . . .

Rev 21:9-10 And there came unto me one of the seven angels . . . saying . . . Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit (a figurative expression) . . . and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

So the angel says he is going to show John the bride and he shows John the New Jerusalem. Ergo: The New Jerusalem isn't a physical city but the bride herself, the sum of all the redeemed, both OT and NT.

IMHO, we have been looking at the Holy City from humanistic, man centered perspective, as if Jesus was up in heaven (with hammer and nails) building a gilt and tinsel place for us to dwell in. <smile>

Is that what the verses above teach? Isn't God is building a city for Himself to dwell in, and isn't He is building it out of sinful men that have been cleansed by the blood of His Lamb?

Rev 21:3 . . . 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.

Well, God's tent is only one tent in a whole city, a city that Scripture itself defines as the bride.