

SERMON NOTES

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Why Are There Walls around The New Jerusalem

Revelation 21

Curious Conversation Question: **Why are there walls around the New Jerusalem in heaven if there is no need of protection there?**

Revelation 21:1-5; 9-12; 25-27. *"... It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels ... Vs. 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

Jerusalem first mentioned in Genesis 14 when Abraham met up with Melchizedek the King of Salem = _____.

1000 BC David made it his _____.

Solomon built the _____ to be the place of worship for the Jewish people.

Rebuilt in 1500's by the Ottoman empire Jerusalem still stands today.

Jerusalem is the capital for three religions: _____, _____ and _____

Matthew 24:2 *"Do you all see these things? I tell you the Truth, not one stone will be left on another."*

One day it will be rebuilt as the _____ Temple. Then the _____ will show up.

Matthew 24:29-30 *"the sun will grow dark, the moon will not shine, and the stars will fall. Planets will not stay in their courses."* The Son of Man will *"appear in the sky with power and great glory. Angels will appear with loud trumpet blasts and those who are His children will gather from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."*

Matthew 24:35 *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."*

2 Peter 3:7-10 *"The present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed... Vs. 12 the elements will melt in the heat. Vs. 13 - But in keeping with the promise we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth, the home of the righteous."*

Revelation 21:1-2 A _____ in heaven *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw*

the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband..."

Christ is the _____. The Church is the _____ of Christ.

The New Jerusalem will be _____ to the throne room of God.

Revelation 21:3 *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."*

Revelation 21:12-14 *"It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."*

Specific dimensions. _____ miles high, wide, deep, and long.

It can be entered and left through its _____ gates.

Revelation 21:12 *"The gates had names ... written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel,"*

Revelation 21:14 *"twelve foundation stones, each foundation stone had one of the 12 apostles."* a

This is a picture of all His _____ people, both those under the old covenant, and those under the new covenant.

Why is a wall needed? To differentiate those in _____ from those inside the _____.

Revelation 22:1-6 *"... **No longer will there be anything accursed**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."*

The walls serve as a boundary marking that nothing _____ can enter the city.

The gates are always open because there is no _____

Revelation 22:14-16 *"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."*

Revelation 22:17 *"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."*