

## The Eternal New Jerusalem

### 21:9 to 22:5

On the night before **His** death, **Jesus Christ**, made a wonderful promise to all who have faith/trust/belief in **Him**. **He** said: **Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am (John 14:1-3).** The **Father's house Yeshua** referred to is **the New Jerusalem**, where **God** will live with **His** people forever. It is the present heaven where **God** reigns with **His** holy angles, and where believers go when they die. **The New Yerushalayim** will descend from heaven to become the capital city of the new heaven and new earth (**21:2-3**).

Just as a person preparing to travel to a foreign country desires information about that country, so believers long for a glimpse of the glorious place where they will live eternally. Knowing their eager sense of anticipation, **God** has provided us with a description of heaven. Though only a precious few details are given, they are staggering nonetheless.

As the vision of **the New Holy City** unfolds, history will have ended and time will be no more. **John** and his readers are transported to the Eternal State. Having described the lake of fire, the fearful, eternal, destination of the lost, the vision takes the exiled apostle to the eternal Sabbath rest of all those of faith. Because it is the capital city of heaven and the link between the new heaven and the new earth, **the New Jerusalem** is central to the vision and is described in far more detail than the rest of the Eternal State.<sup>483</sup>