



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 21:1-4

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3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 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.

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Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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The chart indicates some comparisons between Genesis and Revelation:

| Genesis | Revelation |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Heavens and earth created (1:1) | New heavens and earth (21:1) |
| Sun created (1:16) | No need of the sun (21:23) |
| The night established (1:5) | No night there (21:25; 22:5) |
| The seas created (1:10) | No more seas (21:1) |
| The curse announced (3:14-17) | No more curse (22:3) |
| Death enters history (3:19) | No more death (21:4) |
| Man driven from paradise (3:24) | Man restored to paradise (22:14) |
| Sorrow and pain begin (3:17) | No more mourning, crying or pain (21:4) |

❖ The Bible begins with the creation of the earth and ends with the creation of a new earth.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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❖ Genesis contains the “tree of life” and so does the last chapter of Revelation:

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Rev. 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* **the tree of life**, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ...

14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to **the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

❖ Genesis presents Abel sacrificing a lamb, and Rev. 21:22-23 presents “the Lamb.”

Rev. 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and **the Lamb** are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and **the Lamb** *is* the light thereof.

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I. THE BRIGHT NEW WORLD, 21:1-8

A. It Is Planned as a New Creation, 21:1

Rev. 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Isa. 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Isa. 65:17 For, **behold, I create new heavens and a new earth**: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa. 66:22 For as **the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make**, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Psa. 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; **as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

B. It Is Provided with a New Capital, 21:2

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.



2,537,716,544 Cubic Miles
The New Jerusalem is HUGE!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/324962929362368471/>

New Jerusalem

Approximate Size - For Visualization Purposes Only

"The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal."
Revelation 21:16

1,500 Roman miles = 1,377 miles (today)

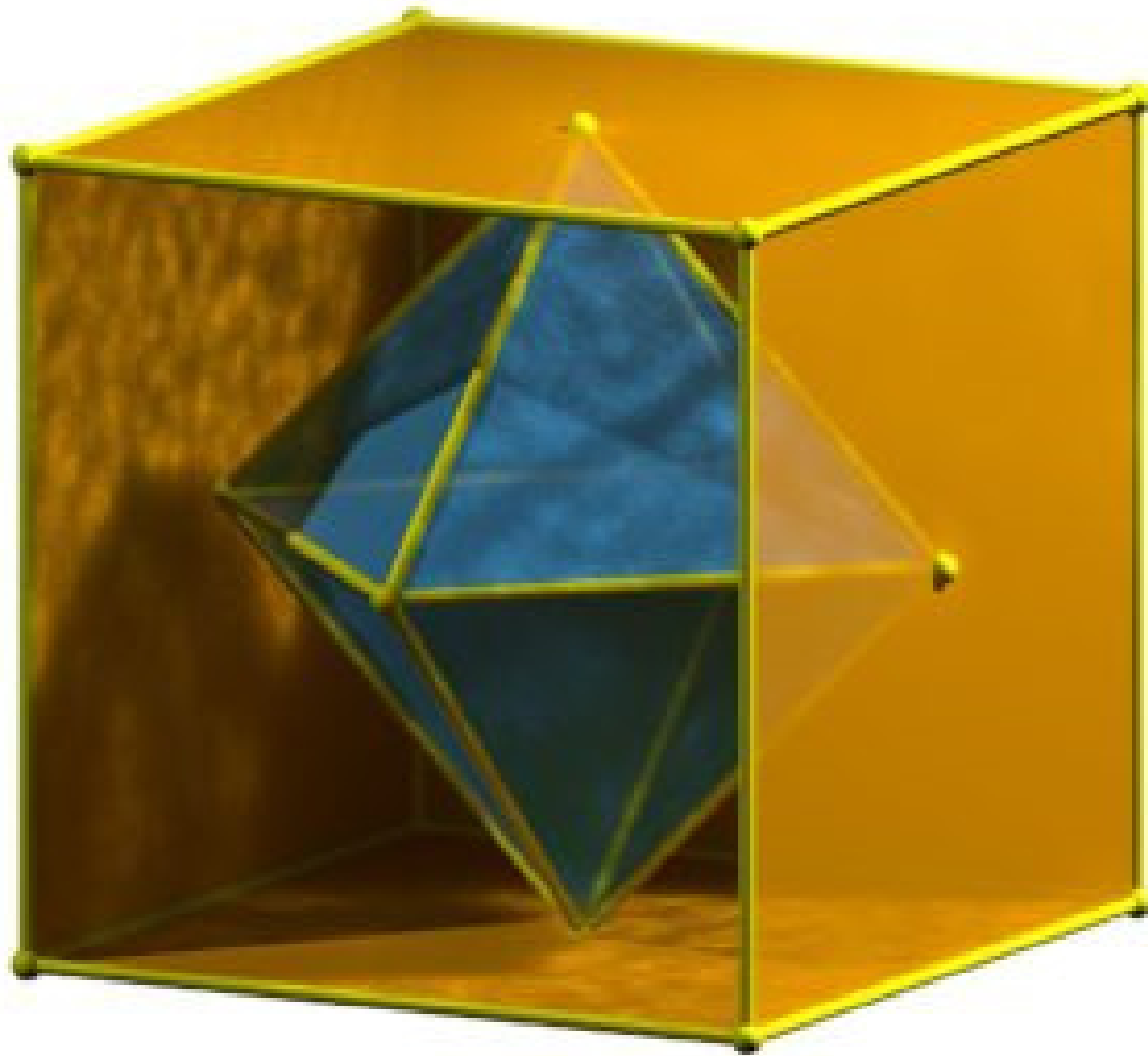
1,377 miles on each side, 5,508 miles around

1,380 miles from Seattle, WA to Fargo, ND
1,305 miles from Fargo, ND to Houston, TX
1,470 miles from Houston, TX to San Diego, CA
1,353 miles from San Diego, CA to Seattle, WA

5,508 miles around the New Jerusalem



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<https://www.cosmic-core.org/free/article-47-geometry-platonic-solids-part-8-the-cube/>

Isa. 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Isa. 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Mt. 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

Rev. 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and **the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God:** and *I will write upon him my new name.*

Rev. 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

Gal. 4:26 But **Jerusalem which is above** is free, which **is the mother of us all.**

❖ There are three new elements in Rev. 21:1-2

1. A new heaven (for the Gentiles)
2. A new earth (for the Jew)
3. A new Jerusalem (for the church)

1 Cor. 10:32 Give none offence, neither **to the Jews**, nor to **the Gentiles**, nor to **the church of God**:

C. It Is Prepared for a New Community, 21:3-4

Rev. 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **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*.

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Ezek. 37:27 **My tabernacle also shall be with them:** yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jn. 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and **dwelt** among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Original Word: σκηνόω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: skénoó

Definition: to have one's tent, dwell

Usage: I dwell as in a tent, encamp, have my tabernacle.

skēnóō – **properly, to pitch or live in a tent**, "denoting much more than the mere *general* notion of dwelling" (M. Vincent).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4637.htm>

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WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN written by Eliza Hewitt in 1898 (with Emily D. Wilson)

(1) Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
sing his mercy and his grace;
in the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
we'll sing and shout the victory.

(2) While we walk the pilgrim pathway
clouds will overspread the sky,
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

(3) Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

<https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/when-we-all-get-to-heaven/>

Conclusion

Heb. 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For **he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But **now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly:** wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.