

## REVELATION Lesson 200

### Chapter 21:10-23 —Gemstones, Gold Streets, and Pearl Gates / The Radiant Glory of the Lord

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#### THE JASPER STONE

**VS 11** New Jerusalem, “**Having the glory of God**” emits a light “**even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.**”

- The light of this city is equated with the glory of God. They are the same
- This light is being described as being LIKE a jasper stone.

#### Other Scriptures that Speak of the Jasper Stone:

**Rev 4:1-3** Here, the glory of the Lord is described in comparison to the jasper stone.

**Ezek 28:13** This verse describes the covering of Lucifer in the day of creation. Jasper is listed 6<sup>th</sup> of 12.

- The glory of God was essential in creation. We were created to bring glory to God.

**Exod 28:17-20** Describing the breastplate of the High Priest, jasper is the 12<sup>th</sup> and final stone listed.

- God gave man a way to fellowship with Him through the High priest. The glory of God is essential in saving grace, providing a way for God and man to have a relationship.
  - Salvation is by the grace of God. If you attribute your salvation to works, etc., then you are not giving honor and glory to God.

**Exod 39:8-13** Aaron’s breastplate is described again, this time in the operation of the High Priestly duties.

- The glory of God is also necessary in man’s service for the Lord. Our service ought to bring honor and glory to God, not to ourselves or our church.

#### What else does the Jasper Stone represent?

**Revelation 21:8** **LIGHT.** As the Lord gives us light (1 Pet 2:9), we are expected to walk in that light (1 Jn 1:7) and give glory to God for everything He shows us as He continues to shine more and more light into our darkness, illuminating our path, revealing more truth.

**Revelation 21:18** **SECURITY.** Because salvation is entirely the Lord’s work, we can be certain that we have eternal security.

**Revelation 21:19** **A FOUNDATION.** The glory of God is our foundation to build our lives upon forever.

**What Color is the Jasper?** The color varies greatly. God’s glorious light shines in various ways to different people, according to their demographics, lifestyle, upbringing, circumstances, etc. It can reach people in the greatest darkness.

#### THE SARDIUS STONE

This is the only **blood-red** stone. It represents the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why it was the first stone on the High Priest’s breastplate. Without blood, it is not possible to have a relationship with God, atonement, a mediator, etc. The first thing must be the blood.

**Rev 4:3** God's glory is like a jasper AND a **sardius**. As soon as you receive the blood of Jesus Christ, the radiant glory of God will shine upon your soul and give you eternal life.

**Rev 21:20** Jasper is the sixth foundation of New Jerusalem. Jesus Christ's shed blood and finished work at Calvary is at the center of it all.

- We can all fellowship together around the Lord's table because His blood has cleansed us from all sin (1 Jn 1:7).
- Walls of partition have been removed (Eph 2:14) making it possible for all believers to have fellowship because of the blood of Christ.

### **THE GOLD STREET (REV 21:21)**

Gold is something we value greatly in our economy today, but God uses gold to pave His street.

John describes the street as "**pure gold, as it were transparent glass.**" Remember he is viewing this city in eternity. After at least 1,007 years of God's people walking on that street, it is still clean and undefiled. No one in that city has needed their feet washed in all that time (Jn 13:5). There is nothing in that city to defile a person.

### **THE GATES OF PEARL (REV 21:21)**

Notice that each gate is one pearl. That gate is at least large enough to allow one man to walk through (**Rev 21:24-25**).

Jesus Christ called His Church "**a pearl of great price**" (Mt 13:46).

When people enter through the pearl gates, they will be reminded that everyone in that city is on equal ground. There are no heroes or bigshots (Luke 9:46). Everyone got there by the blood of Jesus Christ, not by their own merits.

New Jerusalem will not be a city of competition, ego, or strife. It is a city where everyone will enjoy real Christian unity and communion.

### **MORE PROOF THAT THE CHURCH WILL NOT GO INTO THE TRIBULATION**

**Revelation 21:25** There is **no night** in New Jerusalem, the home of the born-again believers.

**Revelation 7:14-15** The people who come out of great tribulation will serve God, **day and night**.

**Revelation 21:22** There is **no temple** in New Jerusalem.

**Revelation 7:14-15** Those who come out of great tribulation serve God...**in his temple**.

### **THE RADIANT GLORY OF THE LORD**

**Luke 9:28** On the Mount of Transfiguration, the Lord's raiment was white and glistening (Mk 9:3).

**Acts 9:3-9** Saul of Tarsus was blinded by the glory of Jesus Christ at noon (**Acts 22:6, 26:13**).

When the Lord Jesus Christ's radiant glory is in New Jerusalem, the light of that great city will shine throughout the universe.