

BOOK OF REVELATION

Part 29 – The New Heaven, The New Earth, and the New Jerusalem. - Chapter 21

I. INTRODUCTION

REVIEW: The Tribulation came to an end with the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with millions of His Saints, the defeat of Antichrist and the False Prophet at the Battle of Armageddon by the Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation 19. In Revelation 20, Satan is bound in the bottomless pit, where the fallen angels had been imprisoned since creation until Trumpet judgment five. Then the Lord Jesus Christ establishes the Millennial Kingdom for 1000 years and rules the earth in righteous and absolute judgment and justice. The earth will worship the Lord and even assemble annually in Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. The curse of the earth will be lifted. Lifespans will increase, animals that are carnivorous will become herbivorous in nature, snakes will no longer be venomous and will like other animals be herbivorous. Even children will play with animals who before the Millennial Kingdom would have been dangerous. Satan is released at the end of Millennial Kingdom, gathers another army to attempt to destroy the Lord Jesus Christ and His saints one final time. Fire comes from heaven, destroys his army, and Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire. After the earth, moon, sun, stars and the universe are destroyed by fire, then the lost of all the ages are gathered unto God for the Great White Throne of Judgment to be judged for rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. They are cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity. Many tears will be shed by the lost and even the saints.

II. EXEGESIS: THE NEW HEAVEN, THE NEW EARTH, AND THE NEW JERUSALEM.

A. VERSES 1-4: NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

*VERSE 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."*

The current second heaven (the stars and the universe), the first heaven (the earth's atmosphere), and the earth were previously destroyed in verse 11 of chapter 20. Most likely, all matter, all energy, and even the principles of physics are destroyed, and is described in 2 Peter 3:10. This verse leads the reader to that conclusion. Only the third heaven (the abode of God) is still in existence and it is in or near the third heaven, the Great White Throne of Judgment where the lost of all the ages are judged for rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. God gives the prophet Isaiah a glimpse of the new heaven and a new earth in Isaiah 65:17

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

Isaiah 66:22-24 *“(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. (23) And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. (24) And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.*

2 Peter 3:13 *“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”*

Notice the phrase, "there was no sea.". When God creates the new earth, there will be no sea or oceans upon the new earth. Today, 70 percent of the surface of the earth is covered by various bodies of water: oceans, bay, lakes, etc. By contrast, the whole surface of the new earth will be inhabitable.

Hebrews 11:10 *"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."*

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 *"(1) For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: (3) If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*

VERSE 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."

The New Jerusalem is seen coming down from the third heaven. God has especially prepared this new city much like a bride is prepared for her coming wedding to her husband: looking her best, and being clothed in the finest white dress. In this case, the new Jerusalem will be a perfect city without any imperfections or blemishes.

VERSE 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."

The word "tabernacle" in the original language carries the meaning of "a tent or cloth hut". A tabernacle in the Old Testament was the word used to describe where God's glory dwelt. The word "tabernacle" was the word used to describe the original temple that God's glory dwelt in when the children of Israel journeyed, wandered in the wilderness, and their early years in the Promised Land. The original tabernacle was portable and was designed to be put up and taken down and was cover with animal skins. The book of Exodus gives all the details of the construction of the tabernacle. The tabernacle was replaced by the temple built by King Solomon, per the will of God. The temple was destroyed in approximately 536 B.C. and rebuilt was the southern tribes returned to Israel after the Babylonian captivity. This second temple was known as "Zeruabbel's temple" and existed until it was destroyed in 70 A.D., when the Romans dispersed the nation of

Israel to the four corners of the earth.

The temple was rebuilt one more time in the Tribulation, was defiled, and was cleansed by the Lord Jesus Christ and used during the Millennial Kingdom. That third temple was destroyed when the heaven and the earth was destroyed, as described in 2 Peter 3:10-13, after the Millennial Kingdom. The New Jerusalem will not need a tabernacle, a temple, because God will dwell with His people and they will serve Him in person. This will be slightly elaborated on later in the chapter.

VERSE 4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

At this point, following the Great White Throne of Judgment, the destruction of the heavens and the earth, and the creation of the new heaven and the new earth, God will take away all tears from the eyes of the saints. Either God will take away the painful memories, or give us peace about what we remember that was painful.

Notice what is absent in the new heaven, new earth, and the New Jerusalem. (1) Death – separation from God. (2) Sorrow – this is why there is no more tears. (3) Crying – the result of sorrow (4) Pain – another source of tears. God will take away sorrow and pain, the cause of crying in our current creation. As a result there will be no more tears. This passage leads the reader to the conclusion that most likely God will remove the sorrowful memories or at the least give us peace about the sorrow and it is certain that no more new sorrows or pain will ever be experienced. The expression, "former things are passed away" confirm to us that sorrow and pain no longer exist and will never be present in the new heaven and the new earth. This time will even be better than the Millennial Kingdom. Only joy, happiness, unity, and service to God will be present during this time.

B. VERSES 5-8: ADDRESS BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

*VERSE 5: "And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.***

Now the vision changes and the Lord Jesus Christ is speaking and addresses the Apostle John and the reader. He is described this time as sitting upon a throne. The scripture indicates to us in other passages that the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ is on the right hand of the throne of the first person of the Godhead: God the Father. Sometimes the Lord Jesus Christ is shown as being seated and sometimes as standing.

In the following passages the Lord Jesus Christ is shown as being seated:

*Hebrews 8:1 "Now of the things which we have spoken **this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the **throne** of the Majesty in the heavens;**"*

*Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the **throne** of God.*

In the following passage the Lord Jesus Christ is shown as standing:

Acts 7:55-56 "(55) *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, (56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.*

He reminds the Apostle John and the reader that He has made all things new. It is time to start over and do things right. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ are always true and will be faithful no matter what happens. His words have always been and will always be true and faithful.

VERSE 6: "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

The Lord Jesus Christ is repeat the same expression here that He first says when He is first revealed to the Apostle John in Revelation 1. The word Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. In our language this would be, "I am a A and the Z". This is clarified in the expression, "the beginning and the end". The Lord Jesus Christ is all in all and the beginning and end of everything.

Revelation 1:11 "*Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*"

The Lord Jesus Christ is once again extending the invitation to the lost to accept Him as Saviour.

VERSE 7: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"

The one who overcomes is the one who has accepted Christ as Saviour. Only the saint is able to overcome. The reward of the saint is being an adopted son of God.

Romans 8:17 "*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*"

The saint is an adopted child of God and thus enjoys the benefits of being a child of God.

VERSE 8: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

The Lord Jesus Christ now discusses the fate of those who can never overcome: the lost sinner who has not accept Christ as Saviour. Their fate was described in detail at the end of Revelation 20: Judgment at the Great White Throne of Judgment and subsequent sentence to the Lake of Fire for all eternity. Notice that the "fearful" and "liars" are on this list of the lost. The lost are described as being fearful, because they truly have fear and have no assurance that the believer has. Also notice that liars are part of this list. Everyone who has ever lived has told or been part of a lie at some point in their life. As far as God is concerned, only the lost are sinners. Once one has accepted Christ as Saviour, in the sight of God, it is as if they have never sinned.

C. VERSES 9-27: THE NEW JERUSALEM INTRODUCED AND DESCRIBED

VERSE 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."

One of the angels who poured out one of the seven vial judgments in Revelation 16 comes to the Apostle John and speaks with him. Which one of the seven is not mentioned or is necessarily important. This angel invites the Apostle John to witness one on one the wife of the Lamb.

VERSE 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,"

The angel now shows him the next part of the vision. The Apostle John gets his first view of the city of the wife of the lamb, not the wife of the lamb. This part of the vision does not end with the city but will show its inhabitants. Some teach that the New Jerusalem is the bride of Christ. If you read the context of the rest of Chapter 21 and Chapter 22, that this become apparent. What is being described is the habitation of the wife of the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE 11: "Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;"

This is a marvellous description of the glory of God, referred to in the Old Testament as the Shikina glory that indwelt the Old Testament tabernacle and temple. It is interesting to note that this light is similar to the light reflected and refracted by a jasper stone. It is also interesting to note that jasper will be used in the construction of the wall of the city, which we will study in a few verses. A similar description is given in Revelation 4.

Revelation 4:2-3 "(2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (3) And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about

the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

VERSE 12: "And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:"

The wall of the city is tremendous high as we will see its exact dimensions in verse 17. The description, "great and high" fits this so well. The city has twelve gates and each gate has an angel that is "keeper" of the gate. Each gate had a name of one of the tribes of the children of Israel. This is to represent the saints of the Old Testament, specifically the Age of the Law.

VERSE 13: "On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates."

Being the wall of the city is very tall, these gates are quite large. We are not certain of the dimensions of these gates but they are no doubt quite large. However they are not necessary for security as their will be no sin or curse in the new heaven and new earth.

VERSE 14: " And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb"

This city has not just one foundation but twelve foundations. Each foundation was inscribed with a name of one of twelve Apostles of the Lamb. This is to represent the saints of the New Testament. A foundation is what we know of today as a footer. The walls of a building are built upon a foundation. The square footage of the foundations is astronomical as we will see in the coming verses.

VERSE 15: "And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof."

Now the Apostle John sees a reed that is being held by an angel. A reed was an instrument used in ancient times as a instrument to measure the length of object. It is comparable to a tape measure or a ruler used today.

VERSE 16: "And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

One Furlong is equal to 220 yards and eight furlongs equal one mile. So therefore 12,000 furlongs are equal to 1500 miles. The distance of 1500 miles is roughly equal the distance from the city of Miami to the city of New York. The New Jerusalem is cubical in shape and each side of the cube is 1500 miles long and 1500 miles high. Using the mathematical formula for the area of the cube that translates to 13,500,000 cubic miles. That means if you have an imaginary area of a cube that is one miles high, one mile wide, and one mile wide, that 13, 500,000 of these imaginary cubes can fit into the cubical shape of the New Jerusalem.

VERSE 17: " And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel."

This dimension most likely refers to the height of the wall of the city. We already know the city is cubical in shape and therefore the height of the city itself is 1500 miles high, so most likely this is a reference to the height of the walls of the city. A cubit is the length of a man's arm from his elbow to the tip of his middle finger on his hand. The average for this is 18 1/2 inches in length. Using this average, 144 cubits would equal 222 feet.

If you take these dimensions: 1500 miles the length of the wall of the city and the thickness of the wall at 222 feet and use simple mathematics, the foundation of EACH wall of the city would have to be 1,758,240,000 square feet.

VERSE 18: "And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."

The wall of the city is made out of jasper. Jasper is quartz that can be found in several colors but the most common color is red or a reddish in tint due to its iron content. reminder that the wall around the New Jerusalem, is red or reddish in color. A wall was used in ancient times for security from attack from the outside. The wall is not necessary for security in this time, the wall of the New Jerusalem being red or reddish in color is a great reminder of the sacrifice of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. His blood is our security for all eternity.

The streets of this city are of pure gold. The expression "like unto clear glass" carries the meaning of transparency. Glass is transparent, meaning one can see through it and light goes through it. The streets of gold is so pure that it is transparent. Gold on earth today can be purified only to a certain extent to typically around 99.9percent. There are some that have stated that when they have purified gold to around 99.999 percent. It is unsubstantiated by fact and is conjectured, that when gold is purified and heated it become semi-transparent or translucent. Gold in the New Jerusalem will be 100 percent pure and used in the construction of the city as building material!!

VERSE 19: "And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;"

Notice that these same stones were used in the breastplate found on the high priest serving in the Jewish tabernacle and later the Jewish temple:

Exodus 28:15-21 "(15) And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. (16) Foursquare it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof. (17) And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row. (18) And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. (19) And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. (20) And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

(21) And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.”

Also notice that some of these same stones were used to adorn the garments of Lucifer before he fell and became Satan:

Ezekiel 28:12-15 “(12) Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. (13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Jasper: A mineral of the siliceous kind, and of several varieties. It is less hard than flint or even than common quartz, but gives fire with steel. It is entirely opaque, or sometimes feebly translucent at the edges, and it presents almost every variety of color. *The most common colors are brown and red.*

Sapphire: A species of silicious gems or minerals, of several varieties. In hardness it is inferior to the diamond only. Its colors are blue, red, violet, yellow, green, white, or limpid, and one variety is chatoyant, and another asteriated or radiated. *Its most common color is blue.*

Chalcedony: A subspecies of quartz, a mineral called also white agate, resembling milk diluted with water, and more or less clouded or opaque, with veins, circles and spots. It is used in jewelry. *It is white in color.*

Emerald: A mineral and a precious stone, whose colors are a pure, lively green, varying to a pale, yellowish, bluish, or grass green. It is always crystallized, and almost always appears in regular, hexahedral prisms, more or less perfect, and sometimes slightly modified by truncations on the edges, or on the solid angles. It is a little harder than quartz, becomes electric by friction, is often transparent, sometimes only translucent, and before the blowpipe is fusible into a whitish enamel or glass. *It is green in color.*

VERSE 20: "The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst."

Sardonyx: A silicious stone or gem, nearly allied to carnelian. Its color is a reddish yellow, or nearly orange. We are informed that the yellow or orange colored agate, with an undulating surface, is now often called **sardonyx**.

Sardius: A gem that is brownish-red in color. Today referred to by the name Carnelian. One of this kind was set in Aaron's breastplate. Exo 28.

Chrysolite: A mineral, called by Hauy and Brongniart, peridot and by Jameson, prismatic **chrysolite**. Its prevailing color is some shade of green. It is harder than glass, but less hard than quartz; often transparent, sometimes only translucent. It occurs sometimes in crystals, sometimes in small amorphous masses or grains, and sometimes in rolled pieces. *It is a shade of green in color.*

Beryl: In the Greek it meant "precious blue-green color-of-sea-water stone" *It is most commonly shades of green in color.*

Topaz: Topaz in its natural state is a golden brown to yellow, a characteristic which means it is sometimes confused with the less valuable gemstone [citrine](#). *It is most commonly golden brown to yellow in color.*

Chrysoprasus: A [gemstone](#) variety of [chalcedony](#) (a [cryptocrystalline](#) form of [silica](#)) that contains small quantities of [nickel](#). Its color is normally apple-green, but varies to deep green. The darker varieties of chrysoprase are also referred to as **prase**

Jacinth:

Amethyst: A violet variety of quartz. Believed to protect one in ancient times from the effects of intoxication. *Most commonly violet in color.*

VERSE 21: "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

A pearl is made by an oyster that is irritated. It is often been said in humor, how large an oyster that God had to make to produce a pearl large enough to make a gate. Each gate was made of one continuous piece of pearl. The scripture does not tell us exactly how large these gates are but considering the dimensions of wall of the holy city, they could be quite large.

Comparison of Precious Stones used in the Scripture		
<i>Foundation of Wall</i>	<i>Breastplate of the High Priest</i>	<i>Lucifer's Being</i>
Jasper	Jasper (Fourth Row, Third Stone)	Jasper
Sapphire	Sapphire (Second Row, Second Stone)	
Chalcedony	* Carbuncle (First Row, Third Stone)	
Emerald	Emerald (Second Row, First Stone)	Emerald
Sardonyx	*Onyx (Four Row, Second Stone)	
Sardius	Sardius (First Row, First Stone)	Sardius
	Diamond (Second Row, Third Stone)	Diamond
Beryl	Beryl (Fourth Row, First Stone)	Beryl
Topaz	Topaz (First Row, Second Stone)	Topaz
Chrysoprasus	* Ligure (Third Row, First Stone)	
Jacinith	Agate (Third Row, Second Stone)	
Amethyst	Amethyst (Third Row, Third Stone)	
Chrysolite		
<i>City Streets, Building</i>		
Gold		Gold

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

The Millennial Kingdom had a temple that was rebuilt or refurbished so that the Jews and the whole world could worship God. However in the new heaven and the new earth, because God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will both be present and in direct fellowship with the saints, there will be no need for a temple. The saints, being their sin nature has been removed, will not have any sin to prevent them from direct fellowship with God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the direct fellowship with God, as it was in the Garden of Eden, there is no need for a temple to worship God. The saints will worship God in person and directly.

*VERSE 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."*

The sun is an essential source of life and light on this earth today. Without the sun all life on earth would perish in a short period of time. With the sun, we could not see to do daily activities. However, in the new heaven and new earth, due to God's glory, and the fact that the new heaven, new earth, and the new Jerusalem will not need a star, which produce light by nuclear fusion process. God's glory will provide the light for this creation and in all these places. The scripture teaches us in a number of places about how bright the glory of God is

Exodus 32:18-23 "And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. (19) And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. (20) And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. (21) And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: (22) And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: (23) And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."

*VERSE 24: "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:
and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it."*

This verse indicates that the earth will once again have nations of people. Remember the word "nations" is the biblical term for what is called today "races" on earth. Races is an evolutionary term and has no basis in the scripture. The greek word "ethos" that is used here for nations, and it is where we get the word ethnic from. This word carries the meaning of a particular group of people that are identified by the same ethic and or cultural background that would identify themselves as a group of people.

This passage teaches us that the new earth will have nation states in some fashion as we know them now. They will have rules of their own that will rule under the authority of God. However these nations of people will only consist of those who have accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

VERSE 25: "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."

Most cities on earth in times past would shut their gate(s) when the sun would set in the west for the day. However in the new heaven and the new earth, God's glory will provide a brilliant light, all 24 hours of the day.

VERSE 26: "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it."

The purpose of the inhabitants of the new heaven and the new earth, who are the saints of all the ages, is to bring honor and glory to God and to have fellowship with him. This was the purpose that God created mankind for in the beginning in the garden of Eden. Now those of mankind who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour throughout all the ages will fulfill the original purpose that God had for creating mankind. Remember the New Jerusalem will either sit on the New Earth or possibly levitate above it.

VERSE 27: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Only the saints of all the ages will be in the new heaven, new earth, and the new Jerusalem. There will be no sin present in this new universe. Notice the sins that are named here that will NOT be present: that which defiles, abominations, or liars.