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The New Heaven & Earth

TODAY'S PASSAGE **Revelation 21: 1-9**

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first Earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the One who thirsts from the spring of the water of Life without cost. "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."*

SEVEN NEW THINGS

THINGS TO COME

1. *The **new** Heaven*
2. *The **new** Earth*
3. *The **new** People*
4. *The **new** Jerusalem*
5. *The **new** Temple*
6. *The **new** Light*
7. *The **new** Paradise (River of Life)*



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MISINFORMED

Some theologians are under the misguided knowledge that God will take this old Earth, recondition it, and “make it new.” The problem with that kind of thinking is this – before, during, and after judgment, God placed the Beast, the False Prophet, Satan, and all those who followed him (billions) into the lake of fire (Hell) in the core of the Earth. Now, why would God make a new earth with all those damned types under our feet for eternity? That would almost put the damned IN our eternity. Secondly, God turned out all the stars, solar systems, and atmospheric lights to cast the damned into outer darkness (Matt. 8:12). He turned the lights out for that reason, so – why would he turn them back on? When I pose that problem to theologian types that believe in re-construction, I get a blank stare every time.



THE NEW JERUSALEM

Verse 2 tells us that John saw the Holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. The term Holy city is mentioned three times in the book of Revelation, chapters 11:2; 21:2 & 22:19. The first is the actual earthly city known to you and me as Jerusalem.



JOHN'S LAST VISITATION

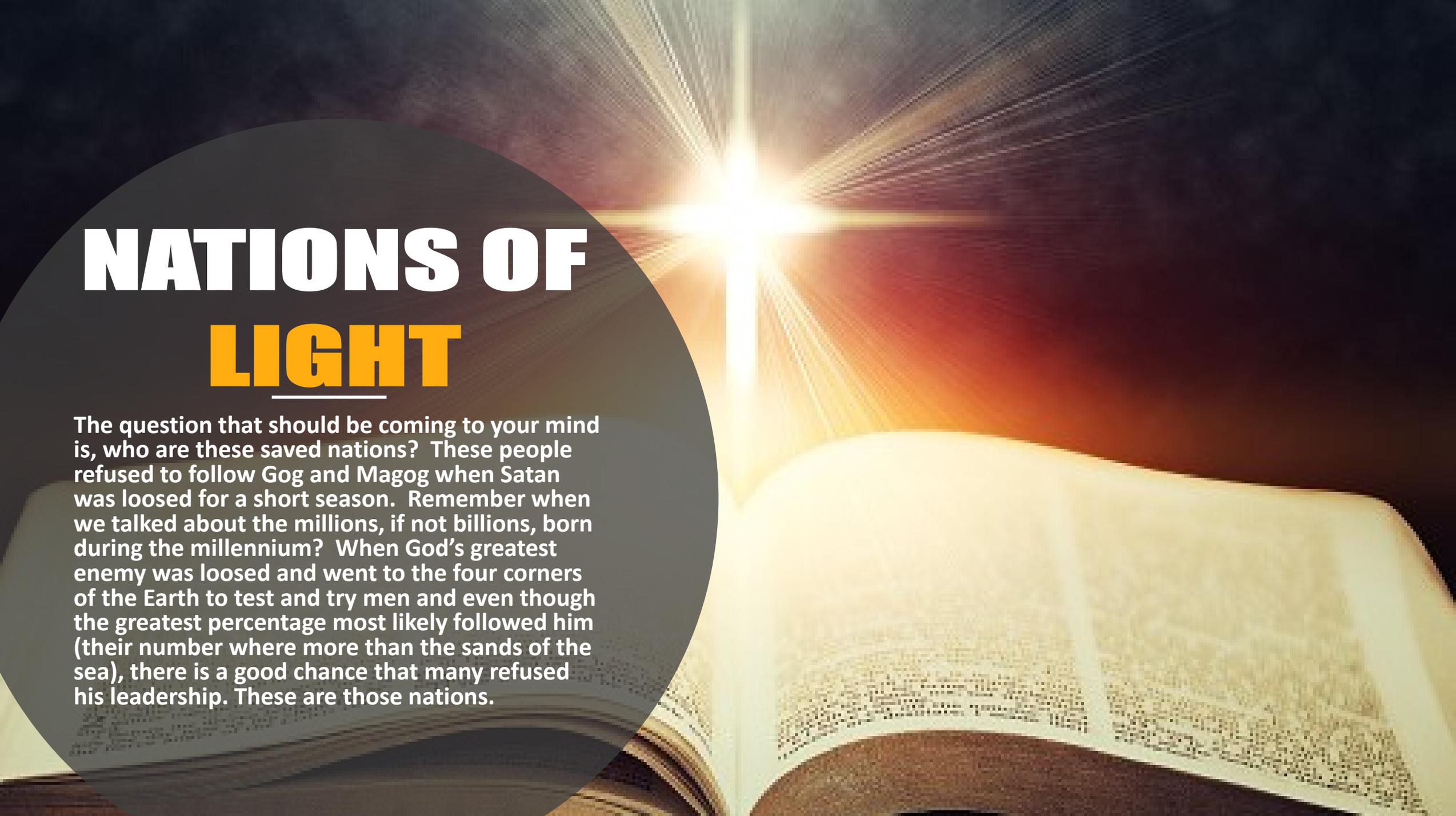
I don't think our imaginations can capture the beauty of this great city. First, it radiates the glory of God without any distortions of looking through the eyes of sin. This radiant Shekinah glory is so brilliant that John attempts to describe it with costly stones. The dimensions of this city are 1,500 miles square and tall – that is a big city. If you measure that out on a present-day map, placing the center on the hill where the tree of Life once stood – Dome of the Rock, you will find that it covers the entire Middle East that warred over rights to Israel. As for 1,500 miles high, well, since space starts at 80-miles out, 1,500 miles puts it beyond the scientific elements and laws of science as we humans know it, which is what makes this so glorious.



THE GOLD MEASURING ROD

The angel speaking with our writer held a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and wall, and this is where we see that the city was a 1,500 sq. mile fortress. We learn from this angel that the wall surrounding the city was seventy-two yards – equaling 216 ft. thick, just shy of the length of an American football field. An average office building has walls that are a foot thick but 216 ft. - now that's protection! This was no ordinary wall; this wall was made of pure jasper (translucent green crystal quartz). The city itself was pure gold, which is as clear as glass – it is the impurities of gold that make it yellow. When you refine gold & remove the dross from the metal with fire, which I have seen with my own eyes, it turns as clear as glass.





NATIONS OF LIGHT

The question that should be coming to your mind is, who are these saved nations? These people refused to follow Gog and Magog when Satan was loosed for a short season. Remember when we talked about the millions, if not billions, born during the millennium? When God's greatest enemy was loosed and went to the four corners of the Earth to test and try men and even though the greatest percentage most likely followed him (their number were more than the sands of the sea), there is a good chance that many refused his leadership. These are those nations.

IN CONCLUSION

He chose us, made us a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, for the blunt reality of being a people for His POSSESSION. The feel-good gospel that is preached in this emergent world today is NOT what God purposed. He saved us to be a purified and redeemed Bride for His Son. The gospel never was about humans and delivering them from their dark place; even though that was a desperate need for us, our Redemption was purposed for God to join His Son & the woman Israel safely. Authentic Jew, or graphed in, it has always been about Him!





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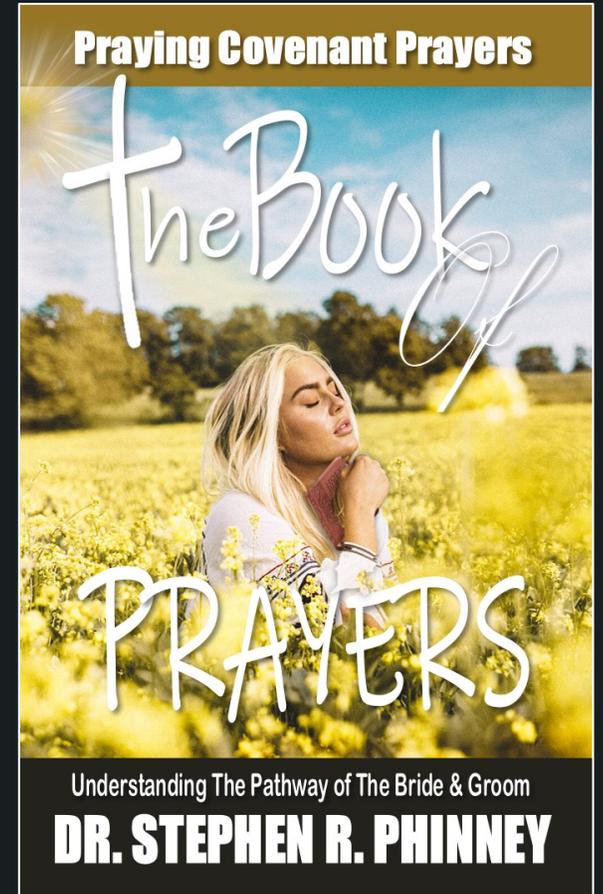
COMING UP NEXT

RIVER OF LIFE

“Loving Heavenly Father, I take by faith the helmet of salvation. I recognize that my salvation is the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cover my mind with Him. I desire that He put His mind within me. Let my thoughts be His thoughts. I open my mind fully and only to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ. I replace my own selfish and sinful thoughts with His. I reject every projected thought of Satan and his demons and request instead the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that You grant me the wisdom to discern thoughts from the world, my FLESH, and Satan’s kingdom.

I believe that Jesus is Your Son, He died on the Cross for my sins, and that Jesus is God. I believe in the Trinity, You as the Father, Jesus as the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. I confess that I have been a sinner – totally separated from You. I choose to accept Your forgiveness for my sins through the power of the blood of Jesus that was shed for me on the Cross. I now ask that you send the Holy Spirit to live inside my mortal body. (Pause for a moment)

I praise You, heavenly Father, that I may know the mind of Christ as I hide Your Word within my heart and mind. Open my heart to love Your Word. Grant to me the ability and capacity to memorize large portions of it. May Your Word be ever over my mind like a helmet of strength, which Satan’s projected thoughts cannot penetrate. Cause me to allow the Holy Spirit (the Life of Christ) within me to fulfill the discipline of daily living to appropriate Your Salvation. These things I lay before You in the precious name of my new Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!



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