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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“Home Sweet Home”*

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-27

Message: 1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”[[ISAIAH](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2021&version=NIV&interface=print#fen-NIV-31055a) 65:17] for the first heaven and the first earth (the bible refers to three heavens: 1st = atmosphere that surrounds the earth, 2nd = stars and planets, 3rd = where God dwells…today’s Heaven until the new earth is created) had passed away (2 Peter 3:10 references the earth passing away with a thunderous crash…gasses in the atmosphere will explode destroying the 1st heaven and earth), and there was no longer any sea (the sea/oceans were a barrier to the nations of the world…the new earth will have no barriers to prevent us from enjoying all that God has created for us). 2I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem (the capital for the new earth), coming down out of heaven (3rd Heaven) from God, prepared as a bride (3rd Heaven) beautifully dressed for her husband (Jesus)…(the new Jerusalem is the 3rd Heaven coming to the new earth as a gift for Christ). 3And I heard a loud voice (an angel) from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5He (Jesus) who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” (Reference that there will be no sin in this new earth, all inhabitants will be covered by the blood of the Lamb)

9One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11It shone with the glory of God (God’s very presence is there), and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper (diamond), clear as crystal. 12It had a great, high wall (symbolizes the city as a place of safety and security) with twelve gates (symbolizes free and easy access in and out of the city), and with twelve angels at the gates (angels are described as “ministering spirits” in Hebrews 1:14…the angels are at the gates to minister to the saints of God as they go in and out of the city). On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel (honoring the 1st half of the 24 elders). 13There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (honoring the 2nd half of the 24 elders…11 disciples + Paul – Acts 9:15)

15The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia (1400-1500 miles) in length, and as wide and high as it is long (slightly smaller than the United States of America). 17The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits (200 feet) thick. (high) 18The wall was made of jasper (diamond), and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper (diamond), the second sapphire (blue), the third agate (copper green), the fourth emerald (dark green) , 20the fifth onyx (white), the sixth ruby (red), the seventh chrysolite (gold), the eighth beryl (green), the ninth topaz (greenish gold), the tenth turquoise (bluish green), the eleventh jacinth (violet), and the twelfth amethyst. (purple) 21The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl (the pearl is created when a foreign object enters the oyster and wounds its flesh. The oyster dies trying to protect itself from this foreign object and in the process a beautiful pearl is created. Matthew 13:46 Jesus is referred to as the “pearl of great price”. The gates of pearl are a constant reminder of the great price Jesus paid in order for us to have access into the city of God). The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

22I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25On no day will its gates ever be shut (now that evilness is cast into the Lake of Fire, there is no reason to close the gates to keep anyone out), for there will be no night there. 26The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Application:

* Home Sweet Home
* I can only imagine what it will be like, but once we get there it will far exceed all we ever imagined

1. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Eze 22:27; Ac 20:29](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%2022:27,%20Acts%2020:29&version=NIV)