

# Oh! Heaven Is Beautiful.

## The City

No doubt about it, the earth is beautiful. Even God Himself said all that he created were very good. But he is preparing a better earth and heaven. Yes, most beautiful. This is the account from Revelation 21 (Good News Bible):

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth disappeared, and the sea vanished*

*And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready.*

*I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: "Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God.*

*He will wipe away all tears from their*

eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared."

The wall was made of jasper, and the city itself was made of pure gold, as clear as glass.

The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.

The first foundation stone was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh yellow quartz, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chalcedony, the eleventh turquoise, the twelfth amethyst.

The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made from a single pearl. The street of the city was of pure gold, transparent as glass.

The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God shines on it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

The gates of the city will stand open all day; they will never be closed,

*because there will be no night there.*

### Citizenship

Citizenship of the world is by birth. You become a citizen of a country by birth or declaration. You must possess the birth certificate, national ID or Passport of that country (That is you must be registered as a citizen of that country). The same applies to the new earth that is coming.

It is written:

*... Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of the living will enter the city.*

There are reasons why a new earth is being prepared. If the present earth is perfect there will be no reason for another one. One of the reasons is that the present earth is corrupted. And God is sure not to allow what befell the present earth to happen to the coming one. Hear Him:

*But cowards, traitors, perverts, murderers, the immoral, those who practice magic, those who worship*

*idols, and all liars—the place for them is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”*

*But nothing that is impure will enter the city, nor anyone who does shameful things or tells lies. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of the living will enter the city.*

Are you qualified? Can your work(s) be classified as worthy? No man can put his name on the Lamb’s book of life. You must be qualified for the angels to put your name in the book. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour today. Confess and forsake your sins and submit your life to Him. In doing these, you are sure of a place in the beautiful new earth that is coming.

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