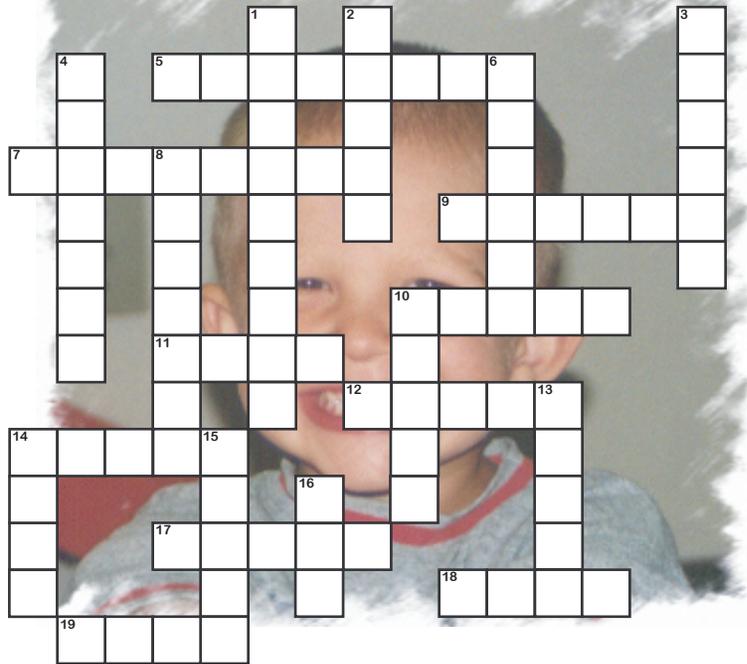


# Crossword Puzzle



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| 5. The wall of the New Jerusalem is made of _____ stones.               | 1. The New _____.  |
| 7. We should love and _____ the church.                                 | 2. The _____ of water of life.                                       |
| 9. The holy city is the place where God dwells with His redeemed _____. | 3. The New Jerusalem descends out of _____ from God.                 |
| 10. The river of _____ of life.   | 4. The New Jerusalem is where God and man will dwell together _____. |
| 11. The _____ of life grows in the city.                                | 6. The city has a _____ of pure gold.                                |
| 12. The New Jerusalem is also the _____ of Christ.                      | 8. The _____ John wrote the book of Revelation.                      |
| 14. The city has _____ of pearl.  | 10. The New Jerusalem has a great and high _____.                    |
| 17. What is the church _____ will be the New Jerusalem in the future.   | 13. The New Jerusalem descends from heaven to _____.                 |
| 18. The apostle _____ described the New Jerusalem.                      | 14. The city has a street of pure _____.                             |
| 19. The tree of _____.  | 15. The walls are made of precious _____.                            |



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## The Bible

- Lesson Twenty Three -

### *The Bible - The New Jerusalem As the Ultimate Consummation*

#### I. Overview.

This week we come to the last lesson in our series on the Bible. It is fitting therefore that we come to the conclusion and consummation of the Bible – the New Jerusalem.



The New Jerusalem is the full blossom of the church.

The New Jerusalem is described in the last two chapters of the Bible, in the book of Revelation. Like many of the things in the book of Revelation, the New Jerusalem is a “sign” or “symbol”. It is described as a marvelous city and also as the bride of Christ. It is essentially the full blossoming of the church. What is the church today will be the New Jerusalem in the future. It can also be said that the church today is the New Jerusalem in its growing stage.

In this lesson we will see a some things about this marvelous city which is God’s “masterpiece”. The New Jerusalem is the goal of the entire Bible. It should be our goal also.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”**

(Rev. 21:2)

### III. Lesson.

#### The New Jerusalem - The City of God

The New Jerusalem is described in the last two chapters of the book of Revelation. The Apostle John first describes it as the “holy city”. He said that he saw the holy city descending out of heaven to the earth, coming from God. The holy city is the place where God dwells with all of His redeemed people. The city is described as having God’s throne at the center, out from which the river of water of life flows to reach all the people in the city. The tree of life is there to supply the city with food. It is also described as having a street of gold, twelve pearl gates and a great and high wall made of precious stone.

The New Jerusalem as a city should be understood to be a “symbol” rather than as an actual physical city. It is simply the people of God. The throne indicates that God is the one ruling and supplying the city. The gold streets indicate that our living should be something according to the God’s nature. The high wall of precious stone indicates that we have a constitution that expresses God and separates us from things of the world.

#### The New Jerusalem - The Bride of Christ

The apostle John also describes the New Jerusalem as being the bride of Christ. Because it is described as both a city and a bride, we can tell that these descriptions are symbolic rather than literal. As the bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem is God’s delight and pleasure. This indicates that God loves His people very much and desires to be with them forever. Our being the bride of Christ also indicates that we should love Him above all else.



The Tree of Life  
is in the midst of  
the New Jerusalem.

### The New Jerusalem - The Full Growth of the Church

Although it is somewhat difficult to understand how the New Jerusalem could be a holy city and the bride of Christ, it is somewhat easier to understand that the New Jerusalem is just the full growth and blossoming of the church. Just like a plant that is growing will eventually blossom, the church is growing today, and will eventually “blossom” into the full expression of God. This full expression of God is the holy city, the bride of Christ – the New Jerusalem. This is why we should love and treasure the church. It is God’s hearts delight and it is the place where God and man dwell together forever.

#### — Questions for Discussion —

1. What book describes the New Jerusalem?  
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2. How is the New Jerusalem described to us; what two symbols are used?  
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3. Describe some of the contents of the holy city?  
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4. How is the church related to the New Jerusalem?  
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