

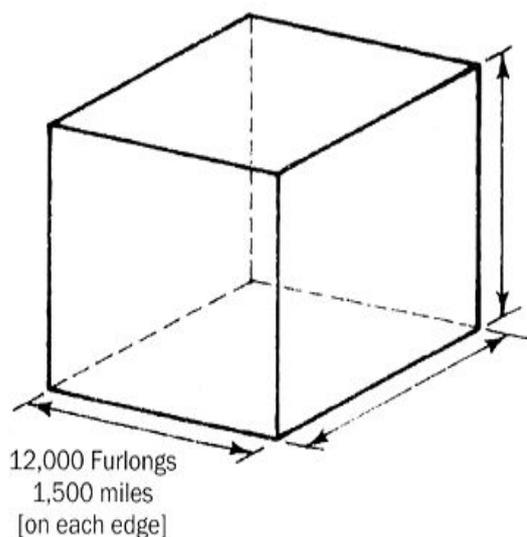
# Kingdom Report

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## The New Jerusalem and the Rebuilding of the Waste Places

Our first step to healing our nation and rebuilding our waste places is to get a new vision of the New Jerusalem, what it actually means and why it is the source of the coming great flood of healing and revival.

Preachers and theologians really don't know what to make of the whole of Revelation 21-22...the last two chapters of the Bible and the great vision that John had of the city of God, the New Jerusalem. If only he had not given its dimensions....12,000 furlongs on four sides and same height high. I cube of 12,000 furlongs. Let me give you a drawing and a picture to get the idea of the problem:



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Why the dimensions? If it is an actual city coming down on earth it really does not make sense. We know that after about 7-8 miles high there is not enough oxygen to breathe so who is going to live in it? And if you actually place it on the earth then the earth would just not be able to rotate properly.

If you say well it is not meant for physical humans, it is meant for spirit beings, then I say:

- Spirit beings already have a vast 2nd heaven paradise and besides that it is far too small for the billions of God's heavenly hosts who in any case are gathered around the throne of God in the 3d heavens.
- And then you have this great problem that Rev. 22:15 says that outside the gates of the city there are all manner of evil people, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, liars.

So what are we seeing here and what does it mean and more specifically what does it mean for us here in South Africa rebuilding the waste places and healing the nation?

And that is a very important and confusing problem for theologians studying this section of scripture because John says there is a river of life flowing from the city and the "tree of life in the city...and the leaves for the healing of the nations".

Can you see the problem? If you are one of the majority of the evangelicals as I was that what is next in God's agenda is the rapture and then the great tribulation, then 1000 years of Christ rule on the earth, then another world wide Armageddon then the destruction of the earth by fire and the resurrection of all the dead and the Great White Throne judgement and all those not sent to the lake of fire come back to earth and then a new heavens and a new earth with the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven and we all live there for eternity in bliss in our glorified bodies.

Can you see the problem with this time line? After all that 1000 year rule of Christ and the resurrection etc, how is that even in a new heaven and a new earth and the New Jerusalem sitting on the new earth, how can there be evil sinners around the city, how can there be nations that need healing?

Can you see this entire prophetic timeline is wrong....for a very simple fact, we are now surrounded by people who need saving from the tree of life and we now have nations that need to be healed. Not a thousand years from now.

So I am going to give you a radical idea....The New Jerusalem is here and now! And I want to say this very emphatically:

***If we are to have any hope of healing our nation of South Africa then it is imperative that we see the new Jerusalem, believe it is here and know how to access its power and glory to let its rivers of living water flow to our nation.***

Now let me give you a very important insight about the dimensions of the New Jerusalem to answer the question I started with....Why would God give John the dimensions of 12,000 furlongs on a side?

Well consider who the letter of Revelation was written to. To the seven churches in Asia or what we today call Turkey, on its coastal region. This whole region was part of the Roman empire on its eastern frontier region. Now look at the picture above of the size of the New Jerusalem in relation to the earth...about 1500 miles. For a Roman citizen in 1st Century Roman empire and a member of one of the 7 churches reading this letter those dimensions were very interesting....12,000 furlongs just cover the extent of the Roman Empire 12,000 furlongs north to south and 12,000 furlongs east to west.

So our good brother Christian in the city of Ephesus is reading this incredibly prophetic vision from the dear apostle John from captivity on Patmos, during a time of Roman persecution of the Christian church and here are the important things that he sees here:

- The city of Rome and its empire is destined to fall and the city of God, the New Jerusalem will spread across the empire of Rome.

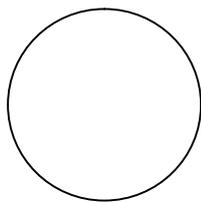
- But the other very important message to our gentile Christian brother is this amazing prophecy about Jerusalem...there is a New Jerusalem coming because the old Jerusalem is going to be destroyed.

Now here I need to make a very important comment about prophetic confusion. John was writing this letter during the persecution of Nero of the Christians. We know this because the 666 number mentioned cryptically in the book was a number in Hebrew making up Nero's name. You just cannot openly in a letter for everyone to read spell out Nero is an Antichrist!

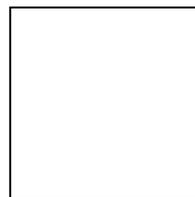
I am not going into a lengthy exposition of Revelation but an important warning in this prophetic book is the coming destruction of Jerusalem which would take place in 70 AD after a 3.5 years of war or 42 months from 66 AD to 70 AD just as Revelation prophesied it would. Meaning the book of Revelation was written before 70 AD during the terrible persecution of the Christians under Nero from 66 AD after the burning of Rome which Nero accused the Christians of.

This by the way supported to huge theological battle that Paul waged against the Jerusalem church under the leadership of James the brother of Jesus who were sending out "Judaizers" who were saying you must become a Jew to be part of God's new covenant because the Messiah was coming back to destroy Rome and establish His kingdom in Jerusalem. This preaching was confusing the Ephesians and the Galatians and all the other churches of Asia. But when Jerusalem fell and was destroyed in 70 AD they remembered the prophecy of John and the preaching of Paul...God's kingdom is to be found in the New Jerusalem and it will grow to fill the Roman empire.

But there is also an amazing message to our modern day in the dimensions of the New Jerusalem.



The earth's average diameter: 7,920 miles



The New Jerusalem 12,000 furlongs is 7,920,000 feet.

The 7,920,000 feet to a side of the New Jerusalem looks amazingly symbiotic to the average diameter of the earth of 7,920 miles.

That gives me a vision of the whole earth encased in the New Jerusalem!

Folks we are facing a similar time today as the Christians that John wrote to. We are once again in prophetic confusion.

The evangelical church cannot see the New Jerusalem. They are obsessed with the Old Jerusalem. They do not believe we can heal the nations. That is for the future, that is for the Millennium Kingdom, that is for Jesus when He comes, that is for the

elect Jews, that is for one day in a new heaven and a new earth still more than 1000 years in the future. And so we sit and wait. And wait. And wait. When is Jesus coming? Have you seen this important new sign of the end times and the second coming, oh wow, blood moons, signs in the stars, watch Israel, oh wow Trump moved the American embassy to Jerusalem, fantastic, surely a sign of the end, what is Putin and Russia doing...wow Russian army in Syria, now Gog is ready to invade Israel!

And in the midst of all this useless speculation and arguing the nations of the world are dying. If we would only open our spiritual eyes what would we see?

Elisha and his servant are in the city surrounded by the enemies of Israel and everyone dying of starvation in the siege....Elisha the prophet sees in the spirit realm...he sees they are surrounded not by the enemy but by the army of God, the chariots and horsemen of the army of God...deliverance would come the next day.

Jacob goes to sleep with his head on a rock. In the night a frightening thing happens" Gen. 28:11-19 In his dream he sees a door and a ladder to heaven and angels ascending and descending and the Lord God at the top who speaks to him and prophecies his destiny and purpose of life to Jacob. Jacob wakes up frightened and says ***"Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not. how dreadful is this place this is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."***

I need you to understand something very important here if you are going to make a difference in healing our land.

Jacob had an encounter with the reality of the New Jerusalem. He saw the house of God and the gate that opens between that realm and our realm. And here is the important discovery....the New Jerusalem is all around you and you don't have to try to find the gate to the city of God, the house of God. You are the gate between the spirit realm of the house of God and the world around you.

What changed Jacobs life was that not only did that realm open to him that night and he got a glimpse of the real reality....once he saw the other side he got a vision of his destiny, the call of God on his life, what he had to do in life. He saw he was surrounded by angels, he saw that there was a direct path from him to the throne of God and there was continuous activity around him with angels on assignment.

Now read for yourself again the two chapters of Rev.21 and 22. Can you see something amazing there:

- there is a river flowing through the city
- there are fruit trees for the healing of the nations.
- there is tree of life there.
- there is an angel standing at its gate preventing entrance to those who are not allowed there.
- and most importantly the Lord is there.

Where have you read this before? You read it in Genesis, the garden of Eden. Rev. 21-22 is the restoration of Adam's ministry in Eden to the nations around him. He lost that ministry and the gate was closed to mankind. But the second Adam, Jesus Christ has restored the Eden reality and the Eden ministry to us.

So our first step that I want you to take on our road to healing our land is the following:

- Throw out all your preconceive eschatology and false teachings about the end of the world and everything teaching that denies that we can actually heal our nation.
- Believe that the New Jerusalem has come and is now all around us.
- Believe that we have the keys to open the gates of the New Jerusalem and the angels that guard the gates and entrances to the city of God will allow you entrance any time you wish to enter.
- Believe that inside the city is the book of life and there is a chapter there on your life, your destiny. Go in and ask to see the books, live your destiny!
- Believe that you are one of the "kings of the earth that bring their glory into the city". The Bible says the Lord has crowned you with glory and honor You have the glory of victories for the kingdom to bring into the city and you are honored to be able to present these personally to the King of kings. You are more than a conqueror.
- Believe that the time for the ministry of the New Jerusalem to manifest itself is now...not in a 1000 years.
- Believe that all the problems in the world around us have a solution from the city of God. We have a river of living water for the thirsty world we have the sword of the Spirit, we have the answers and we have the anointing to change the world.
- Believe that your angels are on assignment around you and are constantly in and out of the city of God on your behalf bringing you the resources and help and strength you need to fulfill your destiny and the work that lies ahead.

Ok, that is the first step...if you are not with me on this then everything I talk about ahead is going to seem too impossible.

If you don't see this spiritual reality around you yet then I cannot persuade you of it with arguments and reasoning, it must come by revelation. If you will ask the Lord to open your eyes to the spirit world reality around you to see the City of God now here, He will do it.

Trust Him.

