**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of September 28, 2025**

***“Because the Time is Near,” “Part 9: The Supreme City” Revelation 21: 9-21***

**INTRODUCTION: *The eternal city is not only the home of the bride, it is the bride! A city is not buildings; it is people. The city John saw was holy and heavenly; in fact, it descended to earth from heaven, where it was prepared. John’s description staggers the imagination, even accepting the fact that a great deal of symbolism is involved. Heaven is a real place of glory and beauty, the perfect home for the Lamb’s bride.”* Warren Wiersbe**

**1. reflection of the occupants**

***“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”’***

 ***Revelation 21:9***

* + - ***The Building of the Lord – John 14:1; Heb. 11: 10***
		- ***The Bride of the Lamb – 12 Gates = 12 Tribes,12 Foundations = 12 Apostles***

***Old, New Covenants - Eph 2: 19-22***

**2. rendered by the owner**

***“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.”***

 ***Revelation 21:10-11a***

* + - ***Praise-Worthy – Ezekiel 1:28***
		- ***Permanent – Matthew 6: 19-20***
		- ***Perfect / Promised – 2 Peter 3:13***

**3. Recognize the operation**

***“The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones:…”***

 ***Revelation 21:18-19a***

***Jasper – LOVE, Sapphire – LOYALTY***

***Chalcedony – LUCIDITY, Emerald – LIFE***

***Sardonyx – LOGOS, Sardius – LIBERTY***

***Chrysolite – LIGHT, Beryl – LONGEVITY***

***Topaz – LUXURY, Chrysoprase – LAUGHTER***

***Jacinth – LUSTER, Amethyst – LORDSHIP Revelation 1: 5-6***

**CONCLUsion**

***Our God is a God of beauty, and He will lavish His beauty on the city He is preparing for His people. Perhaps Peter had the Holy City in mind when he wrote about the “manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4:10), for the word translated “manifold” means “many colored.”
Heaven is more than a destination; it is a motivation. Knowing that we shall dwell in the heavenly city ought to make a difference in our lives here and now. The vision of the heavenly city motivated the patriarchs as they walked with God and served Him. Knowing that He was returning to the Father in heaven also encouraged Jesus Christ as He faced the cross (Heb. 12:2). The assurance of heaven must not lull us into complacency or carelessness, but spur us to fulfill our spiritual duties.* Warren Wiersbe**