

Chapter 21

Heauen and earth being made new, S. Iohn seeth the new citie Hierufalem prepared and adorned for the spouse of the Lamb. 6. The iust are glorified, 7. and the wicked thrust into the poole of fire. 12. The wal and gates and foundations of the citie are described and measured: 18. al which are gold and cryftal, pretious ftones and pearles.

THE 5. PART.
The final glorification of the Church.

*Efa. 63, 17.
66, 21.
2. Pet. 3, 13.*

And I saw a new heauen and a new earth. For the first heauen, and the first earth was gone, & the sea now is not. ² And I Iohn saw ^athe holy citie Hierufalem new descending from heauen, prepared of God, as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: Behold ^bthe tabernacle of God with men, and he will dwell with them. And they shall be his people: and he God with them shall be their God. ⁴ And ^cGod shall wipe away all teares from their eyes: and death shall be no more. Nor mourning, nor crying, neither shall there be sorrow any more, 'which' first things, are gone.

*Efa. 25, 8.
Apoc. 7, 17.*
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Efa. 43, 19.

*Apoc. 1, 8.
22, 13.*

⁵ And he that sat in the throne, said: Behold I make all things new. And he said to me: Write, because these wordes be most faithful and true. ⁶ And he said to me: It is done, I am Alpha and Omega: the beginning and the end. To him that thirsteth I will give of the fountaine of the water of life, gratis. ⁷ He that shall overcome, ^dshall possess these things, and I will be his God: and he shall be my sonne. ⁸ But ^eto the feareful, and incredulous, and execrable, and murderers, and fornicators, and forcerers, and Idolaters, and all liars, their part shall

^a The Church triumphant.

^b This tabernacle is Christ according to his humanitie.

^c This happy day shall make an end of all the miseries of this mortalitie.

^d He that hath the victorie against sinne in the Church militant, shall haue his reward in the triumphant.

^e All that commit mortal finnes and repent not, shall be damned.

be in the poole burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

⁹ And there came one of the seven Angels that had the vials of the seven last plagues, and spake with me, saying: Come, and I will shew thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. ¹⁰ And he took me up in spirit unto a mountaine great and high: and he shewed me the holy citie Hierusalem descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ ^ahaving the glorie of God, and the light thereof like to a precious stone, as it were to the iasper stone, even as crystal. ¹² And it had a wall great and high, having twelve gates, and in the gates twelve Angels, & names written thereon, which are ^bthe names of the twelve Tribes of the children of Israel. ¹³ On the East, three gates: and on the North, three gates: and on the South, three gates: and on the West, three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the citie having twelve foundations: and in them, twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

THE 7. AND
LAST VISION.

¹⁵ And he that spake with me, had a measure of a reed, of gold, to measure the citie and the gates thereof, and the wall. ¹⁶ And ^cthe citie is situated quadranglewise, and the length thereof is as great as also the breadth: and he measured the citie with the reed for twelve thousand furlongs, & the length and height and breadth thereof be equal. ¹⁷ And he measured the wall thereof of an hundred fourtie foure cubits, the measure of a man which is of an Angel. ¹⁸ And the building of the wall thereof was of iasper stone: but the citie it-self pure gold, like to pure glasse. ¹⁹ And the foundations of the wall of the citie, were adorned with all precious stone. The first foundation, the iasper: the second, the sapphire: the third, the chalcedony: the fourth, the emerald: ²⁰ the fifth, the Sardonyx: the sixth, the jacinth: the seventh,

^a The glorie of the Church triumphant.

^b The names of the Patriarches and Apostles honourable and glorious in the triumphant Church.

^c See S. Hierom *ep. 17.* touching this description of the heavenly Hierusalem, which is the Church triumphant, teaching that these things must be taken spiritually, not carnally.

the chryfolithus: the eight, the beryllus: the ninth, the topazius: the tenth, the chryfoprafus: the eleuenth, the hyacinth: the twelfth, the amethyft. ²¹ And the twelue gates: there are twelue pearles, one to euery one: & euery gate was of one feural pearle. And the ftreet of the citie pure gold, as it were tranfparent glaffe. ²² And ^{a)}temple I faw not therein. For our Lord the God omnipotent is the temple thereof and the Lamb. ²³ And the citie needeth not funne nor moone, to fhine in it. For the glorie of God hath illuminated it, and the Lamb is the lamp thereof. ²⁴ And the Gentils fhall walke in the light of it: and the Kings of the earth fhall bring their glorie and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates thereof fhall not be fhut by day: for there fhall be no night there. ²⁶ And they fhall bring the glorie and honour of Nations into it. ²⁷ There fhall ^{b)}not enter into it any polluted thing, nor that doeth abomination and maketh lie, but they that are written in the booke of life of the Lamb.

Ifa. 60, 19.

Ifa. 60, 3.

Efa. 60, 21.

Apo. 20, 12.

ANNOTATIONS

18 Pure gold.) S. Gregorie (*li. 18. Moral. c. 28.*) faith, the heauenly ftate is refembled to gold, pretious ftone, cryftal, glaffe, and the like, for the puritie, claritie, glittering of the glorious bodies: where one mans body, confcience, and cogitations are reprefted to another, as corporal things in this life are feen through cryftal or glaffe.

The ftate of glorified bodies.

^a Al external Sacrifice which now is neceffarie dutie of the faithful, fhall then ceafe, and therefore there fhall need no material tēple.

^b None not perfectly cleafed of their finnes, can enter into this heauenly Hierufalem.