

Chapter 21

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

THE 5. PART.
The final glori-
fication of the
Church.

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

And I faw a new heauen and a new earth. For the firft heauen, and the firft earth was gone, & the fea now is not. ² And I Iohn faw ^athe holy citie Hierufalem new defcending from heauen, prepared of God, as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne faying: Behold ^bthe tabernacle of God with men, and he wil dwel with them. And they fhall be his people: and he God with them fhall be their God. ⁴ And ^cGod fhall wipe away al teares from their eyes: and death fhall be no more. Nor mourning, nor crying, neither fhall there be forow any more, ‘which’ firft things, are gone.

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

⁵ And he that fate in the throne, faid: Behold I make al things new. And he faid to me: Write, because thefe wordes be moft faithful and true. ⁶ And he faid to me: It is done, I am Alpha and Omega: the beginning and the end. To him that thirfteth I wil giue of the fountaine of the water of life, gratis. ⁷ He that fhall ouercome, ^dfhall poffeffe thefe things, and I wil be his God: and he fhall be my fonne. ⁸ But ^eto the feareful, and incredulous, and execrable, and murderers, and fornicatours, and forcerers, and Idolaters, and al liers, their part fhall

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

^a The Church triumphant.

^b This tabernacle is Chrift according to his humanitie.

^c This happie day fhall make an end of al the miferies of this mortalitie.

^d He that hath the victorie againft finne in the Church militant, fhall haue his reward in the triumphant.

^e Al that commit mortal finnes and repent not, fhall 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 heauen from God, ¹¹ ^a)having 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 wal great and high, having twelue gates, and in the gates twelue Angels, & names written thereon, which are ^b)the names of the twelue 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 wal of the citie having twelue foundations: and in them, twelue names of the twelue Apostles of the Lamb.

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 wal. ¹⁶ And ^c)the citie is situated quadranglewise, and the length thereof is as great as also the breadth: and he measured the citie with the reed for twelue thousand furlongs, & the length and height and breadth thereof be equal. ¹⁷ And he measured the wal thereof of an hundred fourtie foure cubits, the measure of a man which is of an Angel. ¹⁸ And the building of the wal thereof was of iasper stone: but the citie it-self pure gold, like to pure glasse. ¹⁹ And the foundations of the wal 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,

THE 7. AND
LAST VISION.

^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.