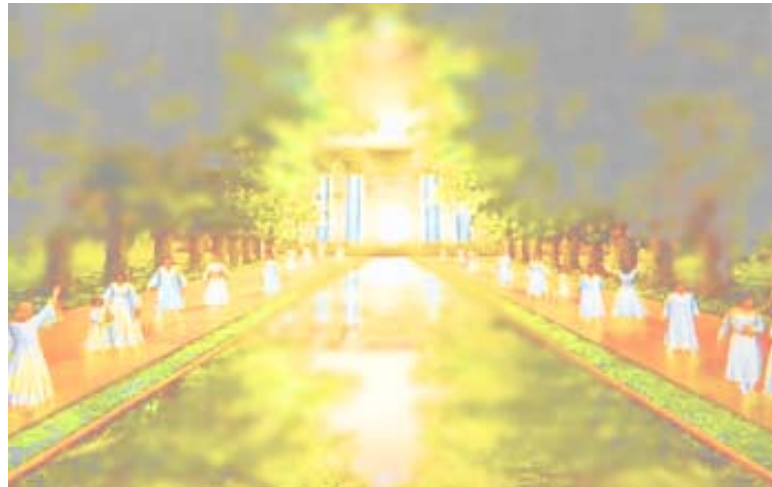


"There is a river," the streams whereof shall make glad the City of God, the Holy Place of the tabernacles of the Most High." Psalms 46:4 KJV



We know, by its very description, that this is no earthly river! It flows into *"the City of God."* We find a description of this City in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 21. It will have 12 jeweled foundations! As to this river: *"And he shewed me a pure River of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."* I'm not sure how long a "month" cycle will be in the New Jerusalem, but the Tree of Life, planted by the River of Life, will have a different fruit every month! I wonder if it's the same Tree of Life that was in Eden? If *"there is a River,"* then there is *"a City of God!"* It will come after the 1000 year millennial Reign of Christ on David's Throne in Jerusalem, because John wrote, *"I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I...saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven."* Believers will watch as God creates a NEW heaven and earth! I imagine earth will be quite a bit larger, because the dimensions of the New Jerusalem, alone, are 1500 miles cubed! (12,000 furlongs: 8 fur. = 1mi. Re. chp. 21:16) Its wall is 210 feet thick! Some Bible commentators claim these dimensions are figurative, but I do not, for the simple reason God will create a NEW earth to accommodate it! Regardless of the grandeur of the City's description, it cannot daunt the power nor ability of The Creator who spoke all that is into existence in six, twenty-four hour days! *"There is a River! There is a City!"* Like Abraham, believers must ignore the limitations of flesh and time and look forward by faith to the great reward of their God! *"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a City which hath foundations, (plural-12) whose Builder and Maker is God. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."* It's good to remember, reflect, and ruminate upon the brief glimpses of eternity that Scripture affords us!

I cannot know the whole foretold,
Of all the wonders to unfold,
For those who trust God's mighty pow'r,
And live by faith for ev'ry hour! ~CGP

When you read the prophecies of Scripture, two words generally reveal if something is figurative – "like" and "as." Since many future things are yet unknown, God uses things known to indicate their characteristics in terms we can understand. But, you can let your imagination run wild in terms of majesty and excellence!

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV