

#1459 Building the Temples of the *Christian* New Israel and the *Jewish* new Israel – The true, genuine New Testament Church of Jesus Christ as a City and a Temple

A point of refinement that we want to make before we move on, then, is that . . .

Key Understanding: In our studies surrounding the building of (i) the City, (ii) the Wall, and (iii) the Temple, the true, genuine New Testament Church of Jesus Christ is both a City and a Temple, with the meanings of each being rather equivalent.

A City on a Hill



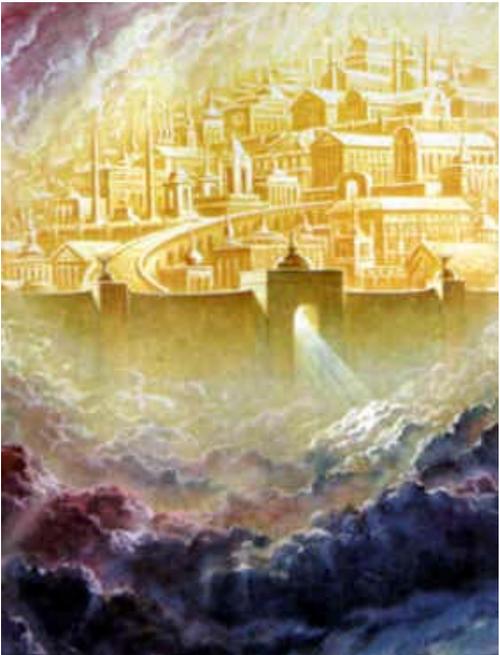
Matthew 5:14 (KJV) YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY THAT IS SET ON AN HILL cannot be hid.

The Temple of the Living God



2 Corinthians 6:16 (KJV) And what agreement hath THE TEMPLE OF GOD with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Citizens of the heavenly New Jerusalem [reference Unsealings #1422–#1424]



In the description of New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:1-3, the intermingling of the concepts of the heavenly New Jerusalem representing a city and yet also representing the people of the city is clear (just as the earthly Babylon the Great represents a city and yet essentially also represents the people of the city).

*Revelation 21:1-3 (KJV) And 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.
2 And I John saw THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

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