

Heavenly Jerusalem

Revelation 21.9 "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."^[g]¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy^[h] Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God.

No confusion here. The Bride of Christ has no carnal components, no earthen elements of brick and mortar. No illumination to compete with the stars but from original, unparalleled Glory of the Almighty. She descends forth from Heaven having the Glory of God, clothed in the righteousness of the saints who carry out the will of the Father. Which is? The eternal gospel. These are all invisible to the carnal senses being "the Kingdom prepared from the foundations of the world, the place we are called to. "Follow me, that where I am you may be also". To follow Him you must be like Him. You must put Him on. You must be found "in Him".

Just like a diamond is seen best in the contrast of a black cloth, so too the eternal city of God, which is fitting for God, being bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh of ythings unseen, that has no beginning or end, being uniquely fitting for us who put on our New nature of attributes displayed in the Only Begotten of the Father. We see Her as contrasts of visible things. And this is the purpose for the contrasts of creation, that we the elect may see clearly from the things that are made, heavenly things that are not made but exist in there eternal glory of always being new with God outside of human perception, but always within reach.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.