I. Chapter 21 cont.

    A. Vs. 4 "*And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;*"

        a. Isaiah 25:8 LXX – "*He will swallow up death in victory, The LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces*" when the marriage feast occurs.

        b. 1 Cor. 15:54 – "*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory'.*"

    B. Vs. 5 "*Look! I am renewing everything … these words are faithful and true.*"

    C. Vss. 6-7 The Father Himself promises:

        a. To give of the "water of life" freely to the thirsty

            1. Baptism = immersion in and drinking in the Spirit/Breath (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:11-12)

            2. The "water of life" is a river supplying the "Tree of Life" (22:1-2)

        b. The one being **victorious** will inherit these things as a son of God.

            1. Rev. 12:11 victorious = faithful to Jesus until death

    D. Vs. 8 The wicked – "Gehenna," the "second death."(Isa. 66:24; Matt. 10:28)

    E. Vss. 9-11 The "Lamb's wife" is restored Jerusalem & her inhabitants

        a. Called "the daughter of Zion" by the prophets

            1. (Zech. 2:10) "*'Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,' says the LORD.*"

        b. John taken to a high mountain **to view same city as Ezekiel** (40:2)

    F. Vs. 10 "*descending out of the sky from God*" an allegory depicting direct, divine intervention

    G. Vs. 11-13 The 12 gates named for 12 tribes (Ezekiel 48:31)

    H. Vs. 14 The 12 foundations named for **12 Apostles of Jesus** (limits to 12)

        a. Paul included (Gal. 1:1) thus Matthias excluded (Acts 1:15-26)

    I. Vs. 15-16 The angel with the "measuring rod" – length ???

        a. σταδίος (masculine) means Greek race course of about 600'

        b. σταδίον (neuter) means **a fixed standard of measure**.

        c. Both are spelled σταδίων in the genitive plural form.

        d. The σταδίον (unit of measure) is deduced from comparing to Ezekiel

            1. Ezekiel 40:5 – 1 Rod = 6 **long** cubits (cubit[19"]+span[5"]) = 24"x 6 = a <mark>12' Rod</mark>

            2. Ezekiel 48:30-35 - New Jerusalem 18,000 **rods**[not cubits] all around = 216,000 ft. (area of 105 sq. miles / 10.2 miles long on each side)

            3. John – 12,000 "measures," (length of Angel's rod **NOT Greek race course**)

               a. Ezekiel's 216,000' / 12,000 rods = <mark>18' measuring rod</mark>

            4. Equal length, width, height = 54,000 ft. (10.2 miles high in elevation)

            5. Possibly a pyramid?