

## **The Three Eternal Destinies #150***The Tabernacle of God*

Rev 21:3 – The tabernacle of God is with men. The tabernacle is the dwelling place of God, so the dwelling place of God is the Holy City – the twelve-tribed Israel. This is the wife of the Lamb (Rev 21:9,12), the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:2). This temple of God is the Body of God – His dwelling place. God is Spirit, and God's Spirit dwells in the new man – which is the New Jerusalem, the Holy City. This dwelling place is the very Body of God in His full nature, for Father, Son, and Holy Spirit take up their abode in His (the redeemed by the blood of Yahshua) people.

So Rev 21:3 tells us about the men of the earth who will populate the earth again, as Adam would have in Gen 1:26, but they will do so without fallen nature. This is what we call the nations as Rev 21:24,26 and Rev 22:2 and Mt 25:31-46 speak of. The eternal nations are made up of the Righteous in Mt 25:41 and Rev 22:11, who are judged worthy of a second life in Rev 20:12. This is according to their deeds, which they did while they lived this first life and before they died the first death (Heb 9:27). And in this judgment, it will be determined who these righteous people are as distinguished from the wicked in Mt 25:46 and Rev 21:8.

These “righteous ones” in Rev 22:11 make up the nations in Rev 21:24 and they are “the men” in Rev 21:3 whom the tabernacle of God – or the dwelling place of God – will dwell among. The tabernacle is God's eternal dwelling place – His Body. This Body of God will be placed or positioned in the midst of the people who are called the nations of the new earth and the new universe. This age is the eternal age – the age during which Satan's torment and the torment of all who do not deserve to be the men in Rev 21:3 will go on without end.

The men of Rev 21:3 are those who lived according to their conscience in this present age and who were not led astray by Satan, as Rev 12:9 and 20:3,8 speak of. They kept a good conscience by staying within the boundaries of the everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5-6; Gen 3:16-19).

They are worthy of the kingdom of the nations in Mt 25:34 and their names are found in the Book of Life in Rev 20:12-15. These people stayed within the boundaries of the covenant of conscience in every man's heart (Rom 2:14-16,6-11; Acts 10:35). These people who live by their conscience – who are worthy of a second life – can also, when they hear the good news, transfer out of death and into life (Jn 5:24). That is, they are delivered from the first death sentence of Adam and given eternal life in the Son. “But whoever is forgiven much loves much.”

Rev 21:3 – This is God in His Body or in His City of the Redeemed by Yahweh. They are the people, the Saints, who will reign forever and ever (Rev 22:5). To understand Rev 21:3, we must see that God is in His dwelling place or Body, and the dwelling place or His Body is separate from the men in verse 3, but it is among them. The men are the nations and they become His people and He becomes their God. God was not their God before this; now He is and now they are His people. Now in the eighth day, God has the people of the nations as His people, and the saints are His dwelling place – who will reign forever and ever. God is now in His human body of the Saints, who rule over men of the nations, directing their affairs for an ever-increasing glory – forever and ever in the unlimited universe (Eph 3:21; 4:10; 1:23; 2:22; 1 Cor 2:9-10; Isa 9:5-6).

In Rev 21:3 we must see that it is His tabernacle that is His Saints, His dwelling place is His Saints, or holy ones – those set apart for Him. They are set apart exclusively for Him – His very Body. They are His very own personal Body. But His very own personal Body of His holy ones – or Holy City, the New Jerusalem – is not *in men*, but *with men*. God's dwelling place is with the nations of men. We the saints are His dwelling place – we carry God to the farthest reaches of the universe to direct the affairs of men who colonize the universe.

The Holy City is the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers *for the whole universe*. These wonderful men in Rev 21:3 are those who are as Gen 12:3 or Mt 10:42, who are good to Yahshua's brothers – the saints, the true sons of Abraham who belong to Messiah (Gal 3:28-29). The holy ones are from all races and nationalities of men (Rev 5:9-10). They were formed into a twelve-tribed nation, a royal priesthood (Isa 49:6; 1 Pet 2:9). They took on their Father's heart and made His name great (Mal 1:11).

These wonderful men who were good to Yahshua's brothers (Mt 25:40) will carry out the first mandate in Gen

1:26-28, which had been in abeyance for 7,000 years. Now in the new heavens and the new earth they will procreate descendants from one generation to another forever and ever (Eph 3:21). These men in Rev 21:3 are the “sheep” from which the eternal nations will be made up.

All the men of this eternal age are the righteous still in Rev 22:11-12 who were rewarded for their deeds. They were rewarded for their good deeds, not doing the deeds of the wicked in Mt 25:46 or Rev 21:8. These are the deeds of the wicked that go away into eternal punishment. The righteous were the sheep, not the goats (Mt 25:32-46). All Christians will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Jn 16:1-3; 9:39-41; Rev 19:1-3).