

A STREET OF GOLD

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The description of heaven in Revelation 21-22 is simply breathtaking. God used the most beautiful and awe-inspiring elements of this physical realm to illustrate the eternal city of the redeemed. This divine description takes us to the limits of what our finite minds can comprehend, and yet, even then, it seems too wonderful to contemplate. We can only wait with great anticipation to see its beauty and splendor for ourselves.

One of my favorite parts of the divinely-painted picture of heaven is the description of the street: "And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass" (Revelation 21:21) Streets are things we usually take for granted, but they are very important. Old western towns had dirt streets that were, depending on the weather, dusty or muddy. Gravel streets kept the dust down but were bumpy and noisy. In older towns, one can still see preserved brick streets, an early attempt at laying pavement. Now, we commonly use cement and asphalt to pave smooth and durable streets.

I think everyone would agree that a street of pure gold would be the most beautiful street of all. Heaven's street will be beautiful because God paved it, and the feet of the righteous will walk upon it. It will not wear out and develop cracks and potholes. This street is prepared for those who "desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:16)

The road you travel on earth may be difficult and long, but a faithful life will end in a heavenly city with a street of gold. Oh, how I want to see that street and walk upon it! How about you?
