

being of pure gold. Its transcendent glory is described by the Almighty and the Lamb being the temple and the light and the glory of it. Its access to all nations in the four quarters of the earth is described by three gates on each of the four sides, and those gates are open continually, that the kings and the nations of the earth may bring their glory and honour into it. Its inhabitants are those who are saved, and whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, being preferable to the Jewish genealogy. As is said of Christ and His Church, thy people shall be all righteous, Isa. lx. 21, so the real Church of Christ is more than denominationalism. The tree is known by its fruits: as described in Gal. v., it is quite certain that all that was revealed to John about Christ sitting on His throne to judge the nations of the Jews, and the dreadful slaughter of the Jews called Armageddon, and the annihilation of the Jewish Commonwealth, and the establishment of Christ's everlasting kingdom, all took place soon after he had the revelation. In Rev. i. 1 it is said, those things were then shortly to come to pass, and in 3rd, the time is at hand. If the metaphors and images are not generally understood, we must believe what comes direct from God, as in xxii. 6, the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants *the* things that must *shortly* be done. The definite article *the* implies the whole; and in the 10th the angel said: Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this Book, for the time is at hand; that is, the time of its fulfilment so near at hand that Christ said, Behold, I come quickly. John was glad to hear his Master say so, for he had been expecting His coming ever since he heard Him say to the apostles, in Matt. x. 23, Verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel till the Son of Man be come; and Matt. xvi. 28, There be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom; and John remembered what was said to Peter, If I will that he (John) tarry till I come, what is that to thee? John xxi. 22; and Peter said, *we*, according to His promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein *dwelleth* righteous-