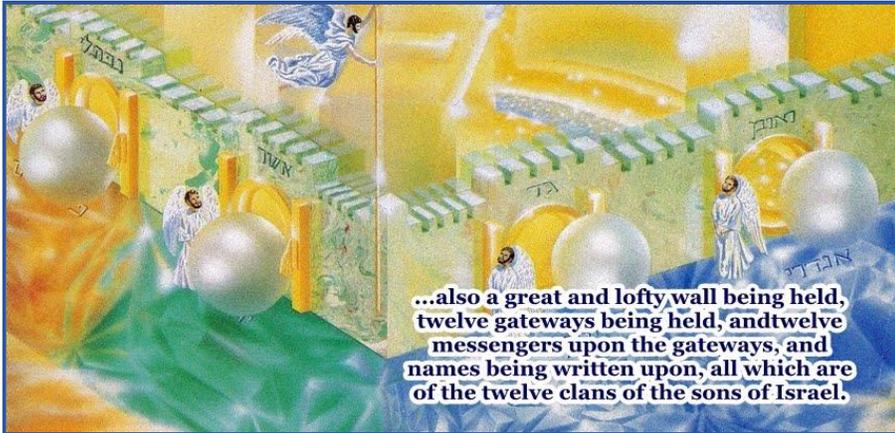


**FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016**  
**THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY**  
**UNIT THREE – JESUS CHRIST: ALPHA AND OMEGA**  
**“SHOUTING GOD’S GREAT VICTORY! PART II...**  
**THE GREAT CITY”**



Sunday School Lesson No. XI  
 November 13, 2016

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Lesson Text: Revelation 21:9-27

Required Reading: Revelation 21:9 – 22:5

Motto Text: Revelation 21:22-23,  
*“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”*

**Reliable Resources:** Revelation (Clarence Larkin); Willmington’s Bible Handbook by H. L. Willmington; Revelation (E. C. Guilentine); Escape the Coming Night (David Jeremiah); Standard Lesson Commentary; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Revelation (M. R. DeHaan); Tim LaHaye Prophecy Study Bible; MacArthur Study Bible; A collage of several other Godly writers

**Introduction:**

Praise the Lord or *ALLELUIA!* beloved as we continue our studies on final things! Words are not adequate to describe the things that our Lord has prepared for them that love Him and who live in tiptoe anticipation of his soon return! John gives us more light on the subject of the new heavens (that is, the atmospheric heaven, not the home of God) and the renovated new earth that will be a place of righteousness, peace, and able to receive the very presence of the Almighty God! (Read Leviticus 26:11-12; II Peter 3:10-13). Because of this, we can shout ALLELUIA! But beloved, there is so much more to be seen and talked about as I would like to focus on describing this week, “The New City”, where the saints will live and God’s presence will be made known!

**Anticipated Power Points:**

- **It is a Place Being Prepared for Us. John 14:1-4**
- **It is a Perfect Place. Revelation 21:2, 4-5**
- **It is a Palatable Place. Revelation 21:9-11**
- **It is a Place of Prolific Proportion. Revelation 21:12-23**
- **It is a Place of Public Praise and Worship. Revelation 21:24-27**

**OUTLINE**

**“SHOUTING GOD’S GREAT VICTORY! PART II...THE GREAT CITY”**

**I. It is a Place being Prepared for us. John 14:1-4**

Jesus promised this during His earthly ministry, before He was crucified. It is a specially prepared domain that is not the Heaven of Heavens which is the domain of God the Father, but it is being prepared there by Jesus Christ to be the home of the Church, the bride of Christ. *“...I go to prepare a place for you.”*

**II. It is a Perfect Place. Revelation 21:2, 4-5**

According to verse 2, it is a “holy city”, that is, a place with no evil, sin, or shame. A perfect place where never in 100,000,000 years or more, or forever, will there ever be a foul word, or evil thought, or any jot or tittle of sin!  
*ALLELUIA!*

**III. It is a Palatable Place. Revelation 21:9-11**

Where the citizenry and the city itself are one...perfect, pretty, pleasing and precious in the presence of the Father and the Son!

#### IV. It is a Place of Prolific Proportion! Revelation 21:12-23

When one tries to describe beauty and splendor, we use adjectives, but, what adjectives can be conjured from the vocabulary of man to describe the great prolific proportions of the New Jerusalem?

##### A. Note its description. vss. 12-14. Several authors describe the city as such:

The city has a great wall surrounding it on all sides, and twelve gates, three on all sides, and the gates have an angel at each entrance. What a welcome sight! The gates will have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, which gave us Jesus Christ our Saviour (Acts 4:10-12). And there are twelve foundations on which the walls of the city are constructed. In them we note the names of the twelve apostles on which we received the doctrine of the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ himself, being the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20-22). And the gates are made of a solid pearl each, with the walls of jasper, about 250 ft. high!

##### B. Note its dimensions. vss. 15-17. Some authors give its dimensions as:

12,000 furlongs in length, height, and width. Dr. H. L. Willmington states, "Translating that to our daily measurements, the city is cube in shape (1500 miles long, 1500 miles wide and 1500 miles high). If you want to compare that, think of it as long, high and wide as the distance between New York and Denver, CO, or from Boston to Miami." Beloved, this city's dimensions would cover enough space to encompass 3,375,000,000 cubic miles. The ground floor alone would be about 2,250,000 square miles, or as another author states: "10 times the size of France and Germany, and 40 times the size of England. Remember, that's just on the ground floor. With the shape being four square, or cubical, this great city which will come down from Heaven of Heavens, and be suspended in the atmosphere over the earth, will be beyond description!"

##### C. Note its dazzling. vss. 18-21

The prolificacy of this city is only rivaled by its dazzling beauty. Again, using only the adjectives in his limited vocabulary, John tries to describe the dazzling beauty of the city. We don't have words to describe the beauty of jasper walls, like a diamond bracelet. Sheets of a purer gold that is unlike anything we know, so pure that it is transparent. The foundations of the walls are layered on top of each other in an extraordinary color combination in the stones described. Finis Dakes describes the stones as:

1. Jasper – a stone as clear as a diamond
2. Sapphire – a blue stone
3. Chalcedony – bluish white
4. Emerald – green
5. Sardonyx – bluish-white and red
6. Sardius – blood red
7. Chrysolyte – dusky green and yellow
8. Beryl – bluish-green
9. Topaz – pale green and yellow
10. Chrysoprasus – yellowish-green with bluish hue
11. Jacinth – red mixed with yellow
12. Amethyst – purple or violet." Again, John describes the gates as a single pearl each, which is impossible by man but only a command from God! vs. 21

##### D. Note the Divinity. vss. 22-23. God's Divinity as seen in the eyes of some authors:

John describes the presence of God and the Lamb as the fullness of worship. No need to go to church or a place of worship, because God's presence is everywhere! That presence will make for total illumination within the Holy City, New Jerusalem, at all times. He who first said "*let there be light*" is forever present!

#### V. It is a Place of Public Praise and Worship! Revelation 21:24-27

Time will not allow me to give much more detail, but it is a fact that the nations who will reside on the newly renovated earth will have access to come up to the New Jerusalem and worship, fellowship, eat, and be forever healed because of the presence of the Father and the Lamb!

#### Closing:

Reservations are presently being taken to enter and live in the New Jerusalem. I would not wait or take any other chances. The Lord Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-28, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*"

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**Looking Ahead:                      November 20, 2016                      Revelation 22:1-7**

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