

**FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016**  
**THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY**  
**UNIT THREE – JESUS CHRIST: ALPHA AND OMEGA**  
**“THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD’S CITY IS OVERWHELMING”**



**Sunday School Lesson No. XII – November 20, 2016**

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- Lesson Text:** Revelation 22:1-9
- Required Reading:** Revelation 21:9 – 22:9
- Motto Text:** Revelation 22:2, *“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*
- Reliable Resources:** Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Libronix Electronic Library; Pilgrim Study Bible Notes; Escape the Coming Night by Dr. David Jeremiah; MacArthur Study Bible; Commentary on Revelation by E. C. Gillentine

**INTRODUCTION:**

Beloved, as we conclude this month’s series which focused on “**Shouting God’s Great Victory**” we must examine more high points from Revelation 21 – 22. John is given a wondrous view of the final things, but we must remember that he’s been seeing and receiving so much information that one in the natural world would become oversaturated, but not in the Lord’s glorious realm. There is so much to show and tell as John soaks it all in and squeezes it out in the pages of Revelation. I only ask that you would allow me the privilege to incorporate more from last week’s lesson that was left on the table. Truly, the Bible is right when it declares, *“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”* I Corinthians 2:9

**“The Awesomeness of God’s City is Overwhelming”**

**Anticipated Power Points:**

- **The Awesomeness of the Lord’s Prepared Place. Revelation 22:1-2**
- **The Awesomeness of the Lord’s Perfected People. Revelation 22:3-5**
- **The Awesomeness of the Lord’s Prophetic Pronouncements. Revelation 22:6-9**

**Lesson Outline**

At one of the greatest crossroads of Jesus’ ministry, He made a very important promise. John 14:2-3 reveals, *“...I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”* So John, in our opening power point, picks up in the middle of a conversation concerning the place Christ is preparing for His saints. Let me take you back to the earlier disclosures concerning that prepared place and lead you up to Revelation 22:1-2.

## **I. The Awesomeness of the Lord's Prepared Place. Revelation 22:1-2**

This is a continuation of some of the awesome sights one will witness in the New Jerusalem, but let us look back a bit and view this place. According to some noted theologians, this prepared place is...

**A. "A perfect place in Revelation 21:2, 4-5.** Never will one see or hear of a sin in, even for 100,000,000 years. Why? Because it is a holy city and habitation of God!"

**B. "It's a palatable place where everything is perfect, pretty, pleasing and most precious." (Revelation 21:9-11)**

**C. It's a place of prolific proportion.** Verses 12-23 describe:

1. The dimensions. (A perfect cube or square.)

"1500 miles long, 1500 miles wide and 1500 miles high. Its ground floor alone is 2,250,000 square miles, ten times the size of Germany or France." (Revelation 21:15-17)

2. The description. Revelation 21:12-14

It is a city with great walls and twelve gates overseen by twelve angels, with three gates on each side, each made of a solid pearl!

3. The dazzling. Revelation 21:18-21

This great city has streets of transparent gold and is set on gem-studded, layered foundations, having twelve layers of dazzling stones. Read vs. 19-20 and swoon with amazement.

4. The Divinity. Revelation 21: 22-23

The city is described by its illumination and transformation. God and Christ's presence lights it and lives in it, so that the atmosphere is totally perfect, powerful, pure and perpetual!

**D. It's a place of public praise and worship. Revelation 21:24-27**

**E. It's a place of powerful provision. Revelation 22:1-2**

From the throne which is occupied by eternity's co-regents, the Father and Son become all the provisions necessary to refresh and maintain the lives of all throughout eternity. (A pure river of heaven's eternal living water. John 4:14 and Isaiah 55:1). A return of the Tree of Life which had the power to bestow immortality according to Genesis 3:22. This tree, which can be approached from either side of the River of Life will no longer be off-limits, but is a tree to be used regularly. It will offer a variety of fruit which finds their source in the well stream of God's presence and power. Its leaves will well maintain life and health to the saved nations who will come up into the city forever. (The bride or church has no need, but only an opportunity to eat if she desires.) Note Matthew 26:29 and Luke 24:42-43.

## **II. The Awesomeness of the Lord's Perfected People. Revelation 22:3-5**

Finally, the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:5 will be known to the fullest, "...and with his stripes we are healed." A perfect people in a perfect place...**servicing a perfect God!** Yes, we will serve God throughout all eternity and truly give Him thanks and appreciation. (Read Revelation 7:15). Thank God for all who are in His will and who continue to carry His mark, not a mark of men such as a tattoo or brand, but the marks of a Divine identification. Paul spoke of that in Galatians 6:16-17, by which we who are His are known in this life and throughout eternity!

## **III. The Awesomeness of the Lord's Prophetic Pronouncements. Revelation 22:6-9**

Several things must be clarified as triumphant jubilation arises from God's prophetic pronouncements.

**A. They are reliable. vs. 6a**

**B. They are relevant. vs. 6b**

**C. They call for immediate reaction. vs. 7**

**D. They will rebuke all errors. vss. 8-9**

After receiving so many profound truths, John, for some reason, falls at the angel's feet in awe! But he is rebuked by the angel and set on a proper interpretation. The angel in all his splendor, speech and strength was only a fellow laborer and servant of God. He then tells John and all of us... "**Worship God!**" Beloved, if there is any message that shines through our heavenly visit since chapter 4 with John, it is that everything in Heaven and Earth worships God!

## **CLOSING:**

My final advice is that we go and do likewise. Psalm 150:6, "**Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.**"

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**Looking Ahead:**

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**Revelation 22:12-21**

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