

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



Sunday School Lesson No. X – November 6, 2016

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Lesson Text: Revelation 21:1-8

Required Reading: Revelation 20 – 21

Motto Text: Revelation 21:4-5, *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”*

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; Dakes Annotated Bible by Finis Dakes

INTRODUCTION:

Beloved, every day this world brings new challenges to the people of the world. It is as though the question is being asked, “What can happen next?” only to realize any and everything can happen. But those of us who are in Christ look for a new heaven and earth, where righteousness rules. We stand on the promises of Jesus in John 14, *“I go to prepare a place for you”* and the words of the angels in Acts 1:11 declaring, *“this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”* Truly beloved, there is that blessed hope and glorious appearance of our Lord that so many of us anticipate!

John had written of the seven seal judgments, trumpet judgments and vial or bowl judgments. From Revelation Chapters 6 – 20 the world had been reeling like a punch drunk boxer and now the time had arrived to shout about God’s great victory! Dr. Charles Swindoll gives us a preview of what’s ahead in Revelation 21 as we examine part one of **“Shouting God’s Great Victory!”** According to Insight’s Bible Application Guide by Dr. Charles Swindoll, “In Revelation 21, Jesus makes all things new, beginning with heaven and earth. In the garden of Eden, there was no temple, and God walked with Adam and Eve. Now, the New Jerusalem will descend from heaven, God will once again make His home with humankind, and there will nevermore be the threat of death or sorrow (Revelation 21:4).”

Anticipated Power Points:

- **Shouting for the New Found Things. Revelation 21:1-7**
- **Shouting for the Not-to-be Found Things. Revelation 21:8**

Lesson Outline

I. Shouting for the New Found Things. Revelation 21:1-7

A. A new atmosphere and planet. vs. 1

As John sees a totally transformed city descend from God, he realizes that this is the beginning of a new eternity in God! John quotes Isaiah and II Peter: Isaiah 65:17 – *“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”*

II Peter 3:13, *“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”*

This atmosphere and earth will be totally renovated for God’s presence to live and tabernacle with man! Leviticus 26:11-12 tells us, *“And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”* Note as well that there will be no more seas. Three-quarters of the world is covered by water. Out of the seas come hurricanes, typhoons, and awesome storms. The sea

separates people and nations, but in the new heavenly atmosphere there will be no storms and no divisions on earth among people. **ALLELUIA!**

B. A New City. vs. 2. (I'll say more about this next week.) Remember the promise of Jesus Christ in John 14:1-3, "***I go to prepare a place for you.***" The city of God will come down from Heaven like a bride!

C. A New Position. vss. 3-5

God our Heavenly Father will in that day move among the redeemed (as in Genesis we saw God tabernacling among men; so He will again.) NOTE:

1. God with man (Adam and Eve) in the beginning. Genesis 2:15-25
2. Sin drove God apart from man. Genesis 3
3. Through angels God conversed with man in times past. Zechariah 1:12-21; Luke 1:11-13; Matthew 1:20-21
4. Through the law and scriptures God related His truth to man. Hebrews 1:1
5. Jesus is God come down as man. John 1:14
6. The Holy Spirit is God in redeemed man. John 14:26
7. Eternity will again bring God back with man again! Revelation 21:3

When God returns to fellowship with mankind, there will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying and no more pain! Why not? Because God makes all things new. **ALLELUIA!**

D. A New Promise. vss. 6-7

1. It is solidified, once and for all! "***It is done.***" NOTE: "***Heaven and earth may pass away, but God's word shall never pass away.***"
2. It will be fulfilled by the sovereign God! vs. 6 (The Alpha and Omega, Revelation 1:8). God is the only quencher of the thirst of humanity. (Read Isaiah 55:1; John 7:37-38)
3. Its surety is personified. vs. 7
God's relationship to the redeemed will be more than friendship; it will be founded on Sonship. What a joy and blessed assurance. I John 3:1

II. Shouting for the Not-to-be Found Things. Revelation 21:8

Beloved, let us rejoice and shout for the things that will never be found in God's new heaven, earth, or Holy City. According to Dr. Finis Dakes Bible, N. T., page 303:

1. The Fearful – cowards who were ashamed to recognize the Lord and own His cause. (Deuteronomy 20:8; John 1:7; Matthew 8:26)
2. The Unbelieving – infidels and faithless. I Timothy 5:8
3. The Abominable – detestables who lust for the unnatural and immoral! Revelation 17:2-4
4. The Murderer – taker of lives for their own pleasure! I Peter 4:15
5. The Whoremonger – Fornicators. I Corinthians 6:18. 'People who are pornographic and misuse their bodies, addicts of luxury, effeminacy, sexual vices.' Demosthenes says, 'We have concubines for our pleasure, female slaves for daily use and wives for procreation of legitimate children and faithful preservation of our property.'
6. The Idolaters – those who perpetuate false worshippers who deny the true God!
7. The Dogs – Male prostitutes or false teachers or men of impure minds as described in Deuteronomy 23:17-18; Isaiah 56:10-11; Revelation 22:15.
8. The Sorcerers – Greek word from which we get the English word 'Pharmacy' (Rev. 9:21). MacArthur says 'Drugs used to dull the senses for a state of witchcraft, séances, incantations, and cavorting with mediums.'
9. The Liars – perverters and haters of truth. Proverbs 6:17
10. The Lover of Lies – John 8:44 and Revelation 22:15"

CLOSING:

Praise God that the new Heaven, Earth and New Jerusalem will bring about total transformation. That's worth a great eternal shout of worship! We will conclude this lesson next week. Until then, remember I Corinthians 15:57, "***But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***"

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