

Revelation 21

The Holy City

Lesson 24

The millennium reign is over. Satan and those who joined with him to make war against the Lamb have been defeated. The Book of Life has been opened and all have been judged. Time has ended and God's plan for eternity begun. I wonder, what will that be like?

Isaiah the Prophet - (740 - 681 B.C.)

700 years before Jesus' revelation to John, the Lord had given the prophet Isaiah a glimpse into eternity and his vision is recorded in Isaiah 65.

1. What did God reveal to Isaiah about past troubles? (Isaiah 65:16c)
2. In the new heaven and new earth, what did God reveal about former things? (Isaiah 65:17)
3. God called for His people, His joy, to be glad and rejoice. What will be missing in eternity? (Isaiah 65:19)

The New Heaven & New Earth - Revelation 21:1 - 8

4. What did John say happened to the heaven and earth that we know? (vs. 1)
5. What did he notice about the new heaven and new earth? (vs. 1)
6. Then John saw the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. What did he say about the city? (vs. :2)
7. John heard a loud voice from the throne. What did the voice say? (vs. 3)
8. Using vs. :4:
 - What will God do?
 - What will not be a part of the new heaven and earth?

- Why?

9. "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new.'" What were his instructions to John? (vs. 5)
10. What else did He say? (vs. 6a)
11. In relationship to time, how did He describe Himself? (vs. 6b)
12. What will He give to those who thirst? (vs. 6c)
13. What did God promise to those who overcome? (vs. 7)
14. The second death is mentioned again. Who will not be in the new Jerusalem but instead will face this second death? (vs. 8)

The New Jerusalem - Revelation 21:9 - 27

15. "One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came (to John) and said, 'Come.'" What was he going to show John? (vs. 9)
16. The angel carried John "away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high" and he was shown the Holy City. (vs. 10)
 - What is the Holy City?
 - Where does it come from?
 - Who sends it?

17. The city has an unusual brilliance. Using verse 11, how is this brilliance described?

- With:

- Like:

18. The city is surrounded by a great, high wall. What else did John notice? (vs. 12a)

19. John's attention was drawn to the gates. What was written on them? (vs. 12b)

20. Where were the gates located? (vs. 13)

21. What was said about the wall's foundation? (vs. 14)

22. What did this angel have in his hand? (vs. 15)

23. What did John notice about the dimensions of the city? (vs. 16) (12,000 stadia is equal to 1,400 miles or 2,200 kilometers)

24. The wall was 200 feet or 65 meters thick. (Rev. 21:17) What was the wall made of? (vs. 18a)

25. What is the city made from? (vs. 18b)

26. The foundations of the walls were decorated with precious stones. What types of stones were used? (Rev. 21:19:20)

1 st		7 th	
2 nd		8 th	
3 rd		9 th	
4 th		10 th	
5 th		11 th	
6 th		12 th	

27. How were the following described? (vs. 21)

- The gates?

- The street?

28. What did John notice was missing from the new Jerusalem? (vs. 22)

- Why?

29. What else was missing from the city? (vs. 23a)

- Why?

30. Throughout this measuring process, there was an emphasis on the 12 tribes of Israel. Will the new Jerusalem be only for the nation of Israel? (vs. 24)

31. After emphasizing the height and thickness of the walls, what two surprises are mentioned in vs. 25?

32. What will be allowed in the city? (vs. 26)

33. Using vs. 27:

- What will not be allowed to enter the city?

- Who will never enter?

- Who will be received in the new Jerusalem?

Think about it!

34. As you look back over this chapter and reflect on the new Jerusalem, what stands out to you?

35. What encouragement do you take from this?