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Unit III: The Great Hope of the Saints

Subject: No More Tears

Text: Revelation 21: 1-9

Key Verse: “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 (Revelation 21: 4, KJV).”

Summer Quarter’s Introduction

We have studied in Unit I “GOD Delivers and restores.” And in Unit II “The Word: The Agent of Creation.” Now we will study Unit III “The Great Hope of the Saints.” This unit is a four-lesson study drawn from the book of Revelation. The lesson study will help us to envision the new home and city God has prepared for the redeemed. In this new heavenly environment, we the saints of GOD will enjoy the new water of eternal life.

Lesson Pointers

- 1) An Eternal Renewal (Revelation 21: 1 - 4)
- 2) Contrasting Destinies (Revelation 21: 5 – 9)

Lesson Introduction

We live in a world where people are being, oppressed and suppressed, and where the horrific resurfacing of racism raises its ugly head. We continue to ask the questions, how long, when will this end, and where is a safe place from pain and suffering? But as believers who reads the Bible, know that declining morality and spiritual carelessness will continue to get worse. Because as, long, as we live in this world unprecedented trouble will occur, tears will continue to fill our eyes; because this is the beginning of sorrow (Read Matthew 24: 8, AMP Bible). God encourages us as believers to endure unto the end for our reward is great (Read Matthew 24: 13; Revelation 2: 10). The very motivation for one to persevere and not to complain or worry but be, overcome by fear is God’s promise of a place prepared for prepared people where tears or sorrow will be no more. This promise is to be accepted and believed because of who made the promise. Believers by living out our spirituality we serve as a visible witness to others to show them that they too can perseverance and have faith in God and HIS promises.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- An Eternal Renewal (Revelation 21: 1 – 4)

God created the heaven and the earth, and it is ideally prepared for humankind. The ideal physical environment and GOD’S intimate relationship with humankind or humanity were, intended to last forever. But because of man’s failure, sin entered and disrupted this relationship and negatively caused creation to be, affected. GOD never intended for sin to reign and continue to block GOD’S eternal purpose for humankind and all HIS creation.

It took the Son of GOD, JESUS CHRIST to defeat sin by dying on the cross and by being, resurrected by GOD the Father, to pave the way, when JESUS CHRIST will make all things new. John said that he saw a new heaven and new earth that replaced the first that had vanished; and there was no more sea (Revelation 21: 1). Transformation takes place when the old is, made new or better than the old, and free from sin's contamination. So, John said that he also saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from GOD, out of heaven, which was prepared as a bride dressed for her husband (Revelation 21: 2). Then John heard a loud voice that announced that GOD will make HIS dwelling with HIS people (Revelation 21: 3). GOD'S promise to abide among HIS people is a reality made possible through the Incarnate Word, HIS Son JESUS CHRIST. This announcement also, came with a dramatic change in the new heaven and earth by stating what will not exist in the new heaven and new earth; no more tears, no more death (Revelation 21: 4). Just as GOD did in the beginning, GOD now speaks the certainty of making all things new.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Contrasting Destinies (Revelation 21: 5 – 9)**

GOD in the beginning, created the heaven and earth and said that all HE had made as good and complete (Read Genesis 1). So, GOD told John to write or record the words spoken as trustworthy and true (Revelation 21: 5). GOD declared that "It is done," because HE is Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end of all things; and he who is athirst, GOD will give him the fountain of water of life freely (Revelation 21: 6). Now, to those who overcome will inherit all things and JESUS CHRIST will be his GOD, and he shall be JESUS CHRIST son (Revelation 21: 7). But the unbelieving and the murders, the abominable, and whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death (Revelation 21: 8). There came unto John one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and the angels showed John the bride (the Holy City itself) New Jerusalem, and the Lamb's wife, the redeemed who shall abide with GOD (Revelation 21: 9). This describes the marriage between GOD and HIS people.

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Nuggets of the Lesson

- 1) The first creation, heaven, and earth shall be, replaced by the new heaven and earth.**
- 2) GOD will dwell with HIS people, made possible through the Incarnate Word, GOD'S Son JESUS CHRIST.**
- 3) Know that there will be a dramatic change in the new heaven and new earth, that there will be no more tears, no more death.**
- 4) The bride is the Holy City itself; New Jerusalem and the Lamb's wife is the redeemed which dwells and abide with GOD.**