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Unit 3: The Great Hope of the Saints

Subject: No Place Like It

Text: Revelation 21:10 – 21

Key Verse:

“The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:14, kJV)”

Key Terms:

1) **Book of Life** – A phrase used to denote a (the) scroll, book, certificate (with sacred connotation) detailing both physical (present) and spiritual (particularly) future existence. (New) Jerusalem – the capital of united Israel and Judah; also, a future heavenly city, the Holy City.

2) **Stone (s) – gemstone(s).**

Outlines of the Lesson:

1) **A Place of Eternal Beauty (Revelation 21:10-14)**

2) **“Plenty Good Room” (Revelation 21:15-17)**

3) **Incomparable Beauty (Revelation 21:18-21)**

Lesson Discussion:

- **A Place of Eternal Beauty (Revelation 21:10-14)**

Revelation 21: 10-11 - He, the person that opened the vision to John, was God’s Holy Angel, who readily execute every commission received from God. John was, taken into a high mountain, not physically, but spiritually. He saw it in a vision. Those who would have clear view of heaven, must get as near heaven as they can, into the mount of vision. We got to want that close relationship, to have eyes to see what God has in vision for us. John informs that the new Jerusalem radiates the glory of God’s character. All the saints of the ages will experience the light of God’s presence. John said the effects of God’s radiating glory, was like the brilliance of a rare, expensive gem, crystal- clear like Jasper. Brilliance refers to “something that radiates light” From John’s description, we can conclude that, dazzling brilliance, is the very presence of God, and wherever God is, there is light.

Revelation 21: 12 - John, tells us about the “exterior” part of the city. The wall and the gates. The wall for security, heaven is a safe place of eternal security. The high wall with twelve gates, each guarded by twelve angels. Each gate bore the name of Israel’s twelve sons, or tribes, to show that they have the right, to the tree of life, and to enter through the gates, into the city. **Revelation 21: 13-** The situation of the gates, the city had four equal sides, answering to the four quarters of the world, so on each side, there are three gates, signifying that there is a free entrance from one part of the world, as from the other. Three gates on the east, north, south, and west. Twelve gates, to the city, Alleluia. **Revelation 21: 14-** Foundation stones were in the walls; they were each inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles. The stones are symbolic of, God’s covenant Relationship with the church, in which the apostles, were its foundation. We see a picture of God’s faithfulness, on all His redeemed people, under the covenant. The New Jerusalem is a place of eternal security for

all those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. The good news is a reason to rejoice, but it is also a “wake-up” call to the saved now. We have a task – it is to reflect God’s glory in this mysterious world today – A Priority Assignment.

- “Plenty Good Room” (Revelation 21: 15-17)

Revelation 21: 15 - John, having seen the city dazzling beauty and its impregnable security – (means it cannot be, conquered or overcome) he notices that his angelic guide, has a measuring rod and will measure the city’s dimensions, it is gates and the wall.

Revelation 21: 16 - The measurement of the city, reveals its shape and extraordinary size. In length, width, and height, equals and suggest the form of a perfect cube. The Holy of Holies exact shape, in Israel’s earthly temple. Symbolically, it suggested that the city’s cubic form represents God’s perfection and continuous presence among His people. The city’s size – if you convert 12,000 stadia to miles, the city is about 1500 miles square.

Revelation 21: 17 - The Angel also measured the city’s wall, about 200 or more feet, by human measurement. God’s presence ensures the city’s security, and no need for a wall of defense. God is our defense and refuge, on earth and in heaven. He is our strong tower; He is the most powerful force surrounding us. Revelation numerology – referring to very many, or a substantial number, is the message that the city has “Plenty Good Room.” A perfect God has prepared a perfect place for a perfect and prepared people, in every detail, large enough to welcome every redeemed soul, of the past, present and future.

- “Incomparable Beauty” (Revelation 21:18-21)

Revelation 21: 18 - This city is great and better, cannot be, compared – “No Place Like It.” John tells of the materials used to construct the wall and the city itself. The walls are Jasper and are transparent, it reveals God’s presence while transmitting His Glory. It is, made of pure gold, like clear crystal. **Revelation 21: 19-20** - The wall’s foundation stones are, adorned with every precious jewel; like a rainbow refracting the sunlight, they refract God’s Glory in an array of beautiful colors from the Holy City. What they do is magnify the city’s un-surpassed beauty. **Revelation 21: 21** - John observe that each gate is a gigantic pearl. Christ Jesus is the pearl – a great price Jesus paid – He paid it all and all to Him we owe. He is the gate; He is our only way to God. John 10:7 and 9, Jesus says I am the door, no one cometh to the Father but by me. The gates are not, designed to keep people out, because they are never, closed, it is free admission to the redeemed or sanctified ones. It is inaccessible to the unsaved. The city’s street is pure gold, it reflects God’s Glory. Every step taken in heaven will bring glory to God, as every step now, we take, should be walked by faith, walked in love, among His people. John’s vision of the holy city tells us that there is “No Place Like It.” Through John’s detailed description, there is a message of hope, a message of encouragement, and a message for a reason to faithfully persevere, in anticipation, of living with God and the redeemed throughout eternity. As believers, we, the Saints of God, must never allow ourselves to forget, that there is life to be, lived “now” in total obedience to God. If anybody ask you, who you are, tell them that, I am redeemed, I have been, bought with a price, Jesus, Jesus -has saved my whole life. We have work to do, our priority assignment is our “Vision Statement,” here at Magnolia – To enhance the Worship experience – Edify and Equip the Saints, through Discipleship, Witnessing, and Evangelism. The Great Hope of the Saints is to live in that New and beautiful Jerusalem. That beautiful City of God. There is “No Place like it.”