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Unit III: 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).”

Lesson Pointers

- 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 Introduction

Now as believers we know that this world is not our home or our permanent dwelling place. We may be in the world, but we are not of the world, and we are not at home yet. We believers are, commanded to refuse to love this world because both it and its desires are temporary and fleeting (Read 1 John 2: 15 – 17). The LORD GOD has prepared a new city, a new home for all who are HIS children through faith in Jesus Christ. Knowing this, we the believers of the LORD GOD looks forward to being at home with HIM, because there is “No Place Like It.”

Lesson Pointer # 1

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

John said that the angel of the LORD carried him away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, this tells us that John experience was spiritual and not physical; John had been, given a vision to see the great city, holy Jerusalem coming down of heaven from GOD (Revelation 21: 10). John saw holy Jerusalem filled with GOD’S glory and HIS radiant light and the extraordinary attributes (Revelation 21: 11). John said that he saw a wall great and high in holy Jerusalem, and twelve gates, and at the gates were twelve angles, and names written on the gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel (Revelation 21: 12). The wall symbolizes that the city is secure, and it is impregnable. Now the gates’ placement signifies that believer of the LORD has continuous access to the city because the gates are, never shut (Revelation 21: 13). The names on the gates represent the OLD Testament saints, and the names on the foundation stones, are the New Testament saints who will dwell in the city (Revelation 21: 14).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

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

John said that the angel talked with him and that the angel had a golden reed to measure the city, gates, and wall thereof (Revelation 21: 15). John then said that the angel measures the sizes of its length, breadth, and height which were equal measuring 12, 000 stadia, and 1, 500 miles that he had notes (Revelation 21; 16). This says that the city’s shape is a perfect cube, the Holy of Holies’ that represents GOD’S presence with HIS people in the Temple. Then the angel measured the wall according to the measurement of human 144 cubits, or 216 feet; this represents the wall thickness and not the height (Revelation 21: 17).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

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

John said that the city holy Jerusalem walls were, made of jasper stones and the city holy Jerusalem itself was as pure gold, like clear crystal (Revelation 21: 18). John said that The wall’s foundation stones are, adorned with twelve precious stones (Revelation 21: 19 – 20). These stones represent or symbolize the diverse groups who will dwell in the Holy City; also, the Holy City will reflect GOD’S incomparable beauty. Now, John said that he noticed that the twelve gates were twelve pearls, with every gate of one pearl; then John enter the Holy City Jerusalem and beheld that the streets were, made of pure gold, as it were transparent glass (Revelation 21: 21).

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Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) The names on the gates represents the Old Testament saints, and the foundation stones the New Testament saints (the Twelve apostles of Jesus Christ) who will dwell in the city.
- 2) The wall’s foundation stones are, adorned with twelve precious stones.
- 3) These precious stones symbolize the diverse groups who will dwell in the Holy City.
- 4) There are twelve gates in the Holy City, three gates on the east; three gates on the north; three gates on the south; and three gates on the west; and the streets were of pure gold, like transparent glass.
- 5) Jesus Christ the Lamb of GOD will return and the redeemed in Jesus Christ shall dwell with HIM, and Jesus Christ shall be their GOD, and they, HIS people.