

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

chapter 21

Lesson 22

In Revelation 21, we are introduced to the eternal home of all believers. God will finally dwell with His people. This glorious home will be devoid of the sufferings of this earthly life. He will make *all things new*. May your appreciation and excitement for your eternal home be magnified as you study this chapter.

OBSERVATION: Read Revelation 21

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns.

Key Words: *God, Lamb (Jesus), Spirit, and Book of Life*
3. Underline references to the *New Jerusalem*.
4. Circle words that describe what will **not** be in the *new heaven*.
5. The contrasting word *but* is used four times in Revelation 21. Mark the words and record what is being contrasted.
6. Using the text of Revelation 21, draw (on a separate sheet of paper) what you think John saw.
 - a. What did you observe by drawing the descriptions in chapter 21, that you had not noticed before drawing the chapter?

Read Revelation 21:1-4

1. From Revelation 21:1a, record what John *saw*.
 - a. What happened to the *first heaven and the first earth*? Revelation 21:1b
 - 1.) What attitude should we have concerning these things?
2. What came *down out of heaven*? Revelation 21:2a
 - a. What did it resemble? Revelation 21:2b
 - 1.) Why do you think this is significant?
3. According to Revelation 21:3a, what did the loud voice proclaim?
 - a. What are God's intentions for *His people*? Revelation 21:3b
 - 1.) Link God's intentions with Psalm 16:11 and Isaiah 41:10. What does God have in store for *His people*?
4. What will God do according to Revelation 21:4a?
 - a. How are you blessed by the personal comfort of God?
 - 1.) Share a time God *wiped your tears* away.
5. What things will be *no more*? Revelation 21:4b
 - a. Which of these are you most relieved to see removed?

b. Why do you think the *former things* must be removed to usher in the *new heaven and new earth*? Revelation 21:4c

6. Share why a *new heaven and a new earth* is a cause for rejoicing.

Read Revelation 21:5–8

1. Use Revelation 21:5a to print the pronouncement of *He who sat on the throne*.

a. What *new* things are you anticipating most?

2. According to Revelation 21:5b, why was John told to *write* these things?

a. Why is this important? See Psalm 119:160.

3. Record the three-word declaration God made in Revelation 21:6a.

a. What does this declaration minister to you about God's Word?

4. According to Revelation 21:6b, what is the self-declaration of God?

a. How do these titles speak to you about God's power to accomplish His Word?

5. Link the promise of Revelation 21:6c with Jesus' promise in John 4:10, 14. Share your thoughts.

6. What does God pledge to *he who overcomes*? Revelation 21:7

a. How does this pledge inspire you to be an overcomer?

7. List those whose fate is the *second death*. Revelation 21:8

Read Revelation 21:9-21

1. Who *came* to John? Revelation 21:9a
 - a. What did he say he would *show* John? Revelation 21:9b

2. Where did the angel take John? Revelation 21:10a
 - a. What was John shown? Revelation 21:10b

3. Using Revelation 21:10b-13, describe the *holy Jerusalem*.
 - a. Why do you think it is significant that the *names* of the tribes of Israel were written there? See Isaiah 66:22.

 - b. Use Ezekiel 48:30-34 to verify the names on the city gates of New Jerusalem.

4. How many *foundations* were in the wall of the city? Revelation 21:14a
 - a. Whose names were on them? Revelation 21:14b

5. What did the angel intend to do with the *gold reed*? Revelation 21:15
 - a. *Twelve thousand furlongs* equals about 1,400 miles. According to Revelation 21:16, what will be 1,400 miles?
 - 1.) Identify the shape of *New Jerusalem*. Revelation 21:16

 - b. The wall of *New Jerusalem* is 144 cubits thick which equals about 216 feet. What does this say to you about *New Jerusalem*? Revelation 21:17

6. Use Revelation 21:18–21 to describe the:
 - a. Wall – Revelation 21:18a
 - b. City – Revelation 21:18b
 - c. Foundations of the wall – Revelation 21:19–20
 - d. Gates – Revelation 21:21a
 - e. Street – Revelation 21:21b

- 1.) What is your overall impression of this *city*?

Read Revelation 21:22–27

1. According to Revelation 21:22, why was there *no temple* in the *New Jerusalem*?

2. Why did the *city* not need the *sun* or the *moon*? Revelation 21:23
 - a. Compare the glory of the illumination of *New Jerusalem* with 2 Corinthians 4:6. Share your thoughts.

3. From Revelation 21:24–26, summarize the things that *shall* happen in this *city*.
 - a. Read Isaiah 2:2–4 and comment on what will transpire.

 - b. Why do you think the *gates shall not be shut*? Revelation 21:25
 - 1.) What will not be *there*? Revelation 21:25b

4. What will never enter the *New Jerusalem* built by God? Revelation 21:27a
 - a. Considering all that Jerusalem has endured throughout history, why is this significant?

5. What is the qualification for those who enter *New Jerusalem*? Revelation 21:27b
 - a. What does this reveal about the *nations* and *kings* that enter? Revelation 21:24, 26, 27b

6. Why are you blessed to have your name *written in the Lamb's Book of Life*?

Review Revelation 21

1. What aspects of the *new heaven and new earth* fascinate you most?

*Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."
- Revelation 21:5*

Observation Worksheet

Revelation 21:1-27

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth

amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.