**Lesson XV**

**Revelation Chapters 21 & 22**

**Victory in Christ**

1. **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN THE HOLY CITY** (21:1-8)
2. A refreshing end to a book that has spent so much time dealing with evil.
3. (vs. 1) “No longer any sea.”
4. The beast came from the sea.
5. Isaiah 57:20
6. (vs. 2)
7. The new Jerusalem pictures the redeemed as Babylon pictured the unredeemed.
8. “The holy city” Sin is absent.
9. More details about the church as the Bride of Christ can be found in Ephesians 5:22-23.
10. (vs. 3)
11. Tabernacle draws our attention to the tent of meeting in the Old Testament. It was symbolic of God’s presence with His people. (Leviticus 26:11-13)
12. God’s presence with man in the New Jerusalem is permanent.

1. (vss. 4-6)
2. (vs. 6) Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.
3. God is the beginning and end of everything. He sees the end from the beginning.
4. “Thirst” affirms man’s need for God.
5. God is able to satisfy completely. (John 4:14; Psalm 42:1-2)
6. (vs. 7)

“Each time John uses the word “overcomes” we are reminded that our relationship with God is not something to take for granted. Furthermore, life is a constant struggle and conflict. We are engaged in war to the end and at no time dare we retreat. We are admonished to be faithful to the end and such faithfulness will make us overcomers. It will be worth it all to serve Jesus.”

Glenn Bourne, Tower of Truth, p. 213

WELCOME TO THE WAR!!

1. (V vs. 8) Those who will not make it.
2. Cowardly - too afraid to do God’s will.
3. Unbelieving - refusal to obey the gospel.
4. Abominable - those who engage in pagan ceremonies.
5. Murderers - takers of human life.
6. Immoral persons - sexual misconduct.
7. Sorcerers - Deuteronomy 18:9-14
8. Idolaters - those who let other things come between them and their relationship to God.
9. All liars - including half-truths, fibs, etc.
10. The “second death” is the lake of fire.
11. **A DESCRIPTION OF THE HOLY CITY** (vss. 9-27)
12. (vs. 9) Attention now focuses on the church.
13. (vs. 10) “Carried away to a great and high mountain” - a high level of spiritual understanding.
14. (vss. 11-27) The details of the city.
15. (vs. 11) The church has the glory of God which is brilliant and crystal clear.
16. (vs. 12)
17. A great wall - God’s protection.
18. Twelve gates - Twelve is the number of God’s people. Gates symbolize the entrance into the church. All of God’s people are in the church.
19. Twelve angels - suggest proper credentials are needed to Gideon.
20. Twelve tribes of Israel - used in chapter seven to describe God’s people on the earth. Here it refers to all the children of God.
21. (vs. 13) From all around the earth people respond to the gospel and enter the church.
22. (vs. 14) See Ephesians 2:19-22
23. (vs. 15) Measuring the city underscores the knowledge that God has of those who are his own.
24. (vs. 16)
25. 1 Kings 6:20
26. A picture of perfect fellowship with God.
27. “1500 miles”: literally 12,000 stadia.  
      
    12 (number of God’s people) times 1,000 (number of completeness).  
      
    Another figure stressing all of God’s people are involved in this fellowship.

1. (vs. 17)
2. “72 yards” - 144 cubits. (See 7:4) Another number symbolic of all God’s people.
3. The last part of the verse may suggest that the angel uses language that communicates to man.
4. God always makes sure that man understands Him.

1. (vss. 18-20) Materials of the richest value.
2. (vs. 21) More details about the beauty. (See also Matthew 13:45-46)
3. (vss. 22-23) See 1 Timothy 6:16.
4. (vs. 24) The occupants of the holy city come from every nation. All earthly authority realizes that their glory and authority comes from God, therefore, they return it.
5. (vs. 25) No night means no evil, therefore, no reason to shut the gate.
6. (vss. 26-27)
7. vs. 26 is a re-emphasis of verse 24.
8. vs. 27: Sinners uncleansed by the blood of the Lamb cannot enter the city.
9. **LIFE AND LIGHT IN THE CITY** (22:1-5)
10. In the last two chapters, “life” is symbolized with three words.

BOOK (21:27; 22:19), WATER (22:1, 17), TREE (22:2, 14)

1. See John 7:37-39
2. (vs. 1) God is the source of all life and therefore the water of life, eternal life, comes from the throne of God. (Notice the oneness of God and Christ.)

1. (vs. 2) The tree of life
2. Last seen in Genesis 3:22-24
3. “Twelve” is a symbol for God’s people.

1. (vs. 3) No more curse because there is no more sin.
2. **CONCLUSION** (vss. 6-21)
3. (vs. 7) “Quickly” may mean soon or suddenly. In light of what Jesus said about His appearing the latter is preferred.
4. (vss. 8, 9) A repeat performance of chapter nineteen, verse ten.
5. (vs. 10) To seal the document would be to conceal it. The admonition here, though, is to proclaim the prophecy.
6. (vs. 11) This is a warning for each person to consider carefully his or her course in life.

“Anyone who believes that all people will ultimately be saved must reckon with this verse. Anyone who thinks he will get a second chance needs to ponder this verse a little longer. Today, man has a choice. The day comes quickly when he will live the consequences of his choice. Decision determines destiny. This verse urges careful thought in making your decision in light of decisions results.”

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1. (vs. 14) (see comments on 7:14) “Wash” literally in the Greek it is “keep on washing.”
2. (vss. 15-21)