

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
**The Book of Revelation**  
**Lesson 28**  
**Chapter 21**

- Our study this evening takes us to one of the most thrilling and inspiring chapters of all the Bible
  - In Chapter 21 we find that God's judgements have been completed, and God's wrath upon the sin and wickedness of this world has been totally and thoroughly poured out
  - Our view now takes us to a place that no human eye has ever seen
  - v. 1 tells us John saw, "a new \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Remember, the Bible speaks of 3 heavens
    - The dwelling place of the \_\_\_\_\_
    - The dwelling place of the \_\_\_\_\_
    - The dwelling place of \_\_\_\_\_
  - God is NOT going to destroy the earth and fashion a new one, but He will gloriously transform the world as we know, into the world that He originally designed!
  - Much the way the God transforms men/women who come to Jesus confessing their sins and seeking salvation . . . God does not destroy us, but gloriously transforms us and redeems us!
- 1) Why does John see a new heaven and a new earth?
    - a) v. 1 says, "for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more \_\_\_\_\_."
  - 2) v. 2, John sees the "holy city, New \_\_\_\_\_"
    - a) This city is, "coming down out of \_\_\_\_\_ from God"
    - b) This will be a glorious site, one that John likens to seeing a bride coming down the aisle!
  - 3) v. 3, John hears a voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ 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."
    - a) This tabernacle is unlike the tabernacle the Hebrews had in the wilderness
    - b) v. 22, tells us that there is no temple in this city, "for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."
  - 4) v. 4, Note the things that will and will not be present in the New Jerusalem
    - a) "God will wipe away every \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes"
    - b) "there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor crying"
    - c) "there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_"
    - d) How is it that all these things can be true . . . v. 4, "for the former things have passed away" They have moved beyond the horizon and are forever removed from our presence!
  - 5) v. 5, Who is speaking in this verse . . . \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) v. 6, Then Jesus proclaims, "It is done! I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to Him who thirsts"
  - 7) v. 7 tells the saints of their inheritance, "He who overcomes shall inherit \_\_\_\_\_ things, and I will be His God and he shall be My son"

- 8) v. 8 tells the sinners of their inheritance , “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the \_\_\_\_\_ and brimstone, which is the second death.”
- 9) v. 9, The one of the “seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the last seven plagues” invited John to come behold, “the \_\_\_\_\_, the Lamb’s wife”
- 10) v. 10, John is carried away by the angel to a “great and high mountain” and is shown, “the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God”
- 11) v. 11-21, Notice how John describes the New Jerusalem
  - a) “having the glory of \_\_\_\_\_”
  - b) “Her light was like a most precious stone, like a \_\_\_\_\_ stone, clear as crystal”
- 12) v. 12, “a great and high wall, with \_\_\_\_\_ gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on the them”
  - a) Whose names are written on these gates, “the names of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of Israel”
- 13) v. 14, “the wall of the city had twelve \_\_\_\_\_, and on them were the names”
  - a) Whose names are written upon the foundations, “the names of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb”
- 14) v. 16, “the city is laid out as a \_\_\_\_\_; its length is as great as its breadth.”
  - a) The city’s measurements are in v.16-17 and depending upon your translation, you will find differing units of measure, but each equaling the same
    - 1) NIV – 12,000 stadia      NKJV – 144,000 cubits    KJV – 12,000 furlongs
    - 2) All of these are equal to \_\_\_\_\_ miles, that’s the distance from Maine to Florida
  - b) Criswell says, “It is so vast in its length, its breadth, and its height that the city would cover all of Ireland, all of Great Britain, all of France, all of Spain, all of Germany, all of Austria, al of Italy, all of European Turkey and half of European Russia.”
- 15) v. 17, “its wall, seventy yards” (NAS) = approximately \_\_\_\_\_ feet high
- 16) According to v. 18, the wall is made of “jasper” and the city is, “pure \_\_\_\_\_, like clear glass”
- 17) v. 19 tells us the “foundations of the wall” will be covered with, “all kinds of precious stones”
- 18) v. 21, The twelve gates will be made of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) What John sees is so beautiful, he describes each gate as being an individual pearl!
  - b) The streets of the city will be, “pure gold, like transparent glass”
  - c) John makes some other interesting observations about the New Jerusalem . . .
  - d) “the city has no need of the \_\_\_\_\_, or of the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine in it”
  - e) How shall we see? “for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is the light”
  - f) “It’s \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no light there)”
- 19) The last phrase of v. 27 is again, a word to the people of our day, “But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, by only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”