

GRACIOUS LIVING IN THE NEW JERUSALEM

Introduction

The Eternal Kingdom comes after the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ on this earth. It comes after the old heaven and the old earth are burned up and a new heaven and a new earth are made (2 Pet 3:10-13). It comes after the unrepentant sinners are judged and cast into the Lake of Fire. It is during this Kingdom that the New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven. It will be the center of the universe, because the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it. Jesus promised to prepare this city for those who receive Him as their Savior (Jn 14:2-3). John said that nothing shall enter this city that can defile it or work something abominable or make a lie. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to enter it (Rev 21:27). This is the beautiful city which will be the home of the people of God for eternity.

Aim of the Lesson: Discover the priceless privilege it is for believers to live in the New Jerusalem.

The New Jerusalem is like a bride adorned for her husband, having the glory of God (Rev 21:2, 11)

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Description of the Eternal Kingdom (21:1-8)

1. What will be absent in the new earth? 21:1
2. What will be a new experience for the people of God in the New Jerusalem? 21:3; 22:4
3. What will be absent in the New Jerusalem? 21:4
4. Why can you depend on the things said about the New Jerusalem? 21:5; 22:6
5. What is promised to the overcomer? 21:7 How do you become an overcomer? 1 Jn 5:4-5
6. What is promised to the sinner that refused to receive Christ as his Savior? 21:8

II. Description of the Eternal City (21:9 - 22:5)

7. What is the origin of the New Jerusalem? 21:10
8. What is the beauty of this city like? 21:11
9. What is said about the gates of the city? 21:12, 21, 25
10. Describe the foundations of the walls? 21:14, 19, 20
11. How large is the city in miles? 21:16 (12,000 X 600 = _____ feet.)
12. How high are the walls in feet that are made of clear jasper? 21:17-18 (Cubit = 18 inches.)
13. What is the city made of? 21:21
14. What will replace the temple? 21:22
15. Tell about its source of its light and where it shines. 21:23-25; 22:5
16. Who are the only ones that can enter the city? 21:27
17. Name two things in the city that give life. 22:1-2
18. What is in this city that will make the universe revolve around it? 22:3

III. Description of the Eternal Judge (22:6-21)

19. Jesus' **coming is imminent**, so how should we prepare for it? 22:7, 12, 20, see 3:20; 14:13; 21:7, 27
20. Jesus' **judgments are irreversible**, so how will that affect people? 22:10-11
1. Jesus' **authority is invincible**, so how should we treat His words? 22:18-19

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