

Sunday, 08-14-22

## A New City

**Bible Background: Revelation 21:9-27**

**Printed Text: Revelation 21:9-21 KJV/NLT**

**Devotional Reading: Revelation 10:1-11**

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### Aim for Change (Page 573):

1. **EXPLORE** the possibility of living in a new place
  2. **IMAGINE** the richness and serenity of living in the New Jerusalem
  3. **CELEBRATE** God's provision of a new city for believers throughout eternity
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### In Focus (Page 573):

- Christians, the bride of Christ, can look forward to a wonderful home prepared by our Lord. How does thinking about the Christian's heavenly home affect your daily outlook? – **John 14:1-3**
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### The People, Places, and Times (Page 576):

- **New Jerusalem** – was predicted before the exile ended – **Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:12-14**
    - Without reading the scriptures, how would you envision the New Jerusalem?
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### Background (Pages 576):

- What is the significance of the bride and her relationship to the New Jerusalem? Do you believe what God has prepared for you? – **1 Corinthians 2:9-13**
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### In Depth (Pages 576-577)

1. **Beautiful Bride (Revelation 21:9-11)**
    - a. What are the implications of the New Jerusalem, which is the bride and the church descending out of heaven?
    - b. How secure is your marriage? – **2 Corinthians 4:7-15; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 17:1-3**
  2. **Beautiful Foundations (Revelation 21:12-17)**
    - a. Why does the City of God need walls? To defend from attack? To exclude people from God's presence? – **1 Kings 6; Ezekiel 41**
      - i. The number 12 is used to represent God's power and authority, a perfect number, human government
      - ii. Twelve is mentioned 187 times in the Bible – Tribes: **Ezekiel 48:30-34**; Apostles: **Matthew 10:1**; Memorial stones: **Exodus 28:21**; Unleavened loaves in the Tabernacle: **Leviticus 24:5-6**
  3. **Beautiful Walls (Revelation 21:18-21)**
    - a. What is the purpose of sections of Scripture like this if they are figurative and not literal descriptions of heaven?
      - i. Mimic rainbow – **Genesis 9:11-17**
      - ii. High priest breastplate – **Exodus 28:17-20**
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### Search the Scriptures (Page 577):

- How is John shown to be carried away to his vision of the New Jerusalem? – **Revelation 21:10**
  - Have you ever been carried away by the Spirit, then went and testified to someone about it?
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### Discuss the Meaning (Page 577):

- What is the purpose of scripture? What does this passage tell us about God? – **Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 3:12-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21**

\*\*Note – **Bold/Italicized** scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class\*\*

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