

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study

LET'S STUDY!!

Your Read-Ahead for: 14 August 2022

A New City

Monday-You Shall Be Comforted in Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:6-14)

Tuesday-God's Glory Revealed in Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-22)

Wednesday-City of the Living God (Hebrew 12:18-29)

Thursday-Jerusalem, Joy of All the Earth (Psalm 48)

Friday-The Faithful City, the Holy Mountain (Zechariah 8:1-8)

Saturday-God, Who Dwells in Unapproachable Light (1st Timothy 6:11-16)

Sunday-The Holy City (Revelation 21:9-21)

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Bible Background: Revelation 21:9-27

Printed Text: **Revelation 21:9-21**; Devotional Reading: **Revelation 10:1-11**

Keep in Mind: *“The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” (Revelation 21:14 KJV)*

Focal Verses

Revelation 21:9-21

9 There came unto me one of the seven angels, who had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, “Come hither; I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

10 He carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God. And her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

12 It had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 He that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof and the walls thereof.

16 The city lieth foursquare, and the length is as great as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

¹ Urban Ministries Inc, *Directions* Adult edition, June-August 2022; *A New Home*, 47-51, 07 Aug 2022,

17 He measured the wall thereof: a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 The wall was built of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner 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 separate gate was of one pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were, transparent glass.

Aim for Change

By the end of this lesson, we will EXPLORE the possibility of living in a new place, IMAGINE the richness and serenity of living in the New Jerusalem, and CELEBRATING God's provision of a new city for believers throughout eternity.

In Focus

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?

I. The People Places and Times

New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem was predicted even before the Israelite exile ended (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22). Devout Jews prayed regularly for the restoration of Jerusalem. Eventually, the idea of "New Jerusalem" came to symbolize hope for the Jewish nation. This new city would be a place built by God, where the righteous would dwell with Him in perfect peace forever. When we speak of a city, we are speaking of not only the physical infrastructure, but also the people who dwell in the city. In this sense, the new Holy City of Jerusalem is symbolic of the church as the redeemed Bride of Christ.

II. Background

This text explains Revelation 21:3 in graphic detail, the implications of this glorious statement, “*the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them*”. The rich imagery used here, and elsewhere in the scripture seek to portray in shimmering detail how great the believer’s inheritance is: being with God Himself in all His glory.

III. In Depth

1. Beautiful Bride (Revelation 21:9-11)
2. Beautiful Foundations (Revelation 21:12-17)
3. Beautiful Walls Revelation 21:8-21

IV. In Depth

- a. The Presentation (**Revelation 21:1-2**)
- b. The Proclamation (**Revelation 21:3-4**)
- c. The Promises (**Revelation 5-8**)

V. Take Aways

VI. Announcements

VII. Closing Prayer