

Orlando Bible Students
Prophecies of the Kingdom – Revelation 21:1-27
Special Study - August 25, 2013



1. We begin in Revelation 21:1, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” Discuss the symbolic meaning of the words (heaven, earth, and sea).
Eccl. 1:4; II Peter 3:13; Mal. 4:1; Isa. 65:17; R2832

2. What is the significance of: “the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride?”
Rev. 21:2; Dan. 7:13,14; Gal. 3:29; Heb. 11:10; John 8:56

3. Why is a reference to a “Tabernacle,” used in our study verses?
Rev. 21:3,22; Psa. 2:8; I Cor. 15:24,25; Eph. 5:25-29
Who is being represented by God?

4. What “former things” will be “passed away” that make it possible for all of the wonderful things mentioned in this chapter to be a reality? *Isa. 35:5-10; Isa. 9:6,7; John 8:44; Rev. 20:1-3; R2331*

5. We have discussed the blessing to be extended to those who are “athirst” and partake “of the water of life freely.” What will happen to those who do not make sufficient progress, and remain out of harmony with God’s law?
Rev. 21:6-8; Dan. 9:24; Matt. 256:41; Eccl. 9:5,6

6. Let us consider the use of several important numbers that are used in several verses of our lesson. Seven vials full of seven last plagues, twelve gates, twelve gates, twelve foundations.
Rev. 15:6; Rev. 16:1; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 7:25-27; I Peter 2:4-8; II Cor. 11:3

7. The holy Jerusalem is described in great detail including the walls, foundations, gates, the dimensions of the city, and even the building material used in its construction (precious stones, pearls, gold). Why is so much detail used in verses 12-21?
Matt. 24:25; Ezek. 9:1-11; Dan. 7:13,14; Rev. 20:4

8. Why will there be no need of the sun or moon in this city?
Rev. 21:23,24; Matt. 13:43; John 1:9; Mal. 4:2; Isa. 60:20