

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 236--Revelation 22)

Introduction: John continues in this chapter to describe the blessings of the new Jerusalem. The book closes with exhortations that are intended to impress the reader with both the urgency and the seriousness of this revelation; and to encourage the reader to act upon the truths contained in the book.

Lesson aim: To emphasize the need to prepare ourselves so that we may partake of the blessings of the new Jerusalem.

Further descriptions of the new Jerusalem--Rev. 21:1-8

1. What did John see flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb? What was on either side of the river? What was remarkable about this tree?
2. What did John say would no longer exist in the new Jerusalem? What did he say would be in it? What would God's bond-servants do in the heavenly city?
3. What privilege will those who occupy the new Jerusalem have? (v. 4) What shall be on the foreheads of those who live there? What will God's people do there? (v. 5)

The epilogue (words of comfort and warning)--Rev. 22:6-21

1. What assurance did the angel give John concerning the message revealed to him? (v. 6) What promise does God give? (v. 7) What blessing is pronounced?
2. What does John say about himself? What did the revelation cause John to do to the angel who had revealed these things? What was his response to John?
3. What was John instructed not to do in view of the nearness of the events described in Revelation? What did Jesus affirm he would do at his coming?

4. What blessing did Jesus pronounce? (v. 14) Who did Jesus say would be outside the holy city?
5. How does Jesus describe himself in this closing chapter? (v. 13, 16)
6. What invitation is offered by the Spirit, the bride, and those who hear their message? What does it cost to partake of the water of life?
7. What warning is issued concerning adding to the words of Jesus' prophecy in Revelation? Concerning taking away from the words?
8. What does Jesus one last time say he is about to do? (v. 20) How does John respond?