

THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS

A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 36

In our previous study we began our tour of the New Jerusalem. We looked at the city from without. Today we stroll through the gates of pearl and see the city from within.

Blind Fanny Crosby wrote a song centered around our study:

*Thro' the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tear shall ever fall;
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight,
But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.*

I. SOME QUOTES WORTHY OF OUR ATTENTION PERTAINING TO HEAVEN

- A. *“For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (Abraham; Hebrews 11:10)*
- B. Billy Sunday stated, “If we could get a real appreciation of what Heaven is, we would all be so homesick for Heaven that the Devil wouldn’t have a friend left on earth.”
- C. The Bible speaks of three Heavens:
 - 1. Atmospheric Heaven—We see it by day.
 - 2. Planetary Heavens—We see them by night.
 - 3. Third Heaven—God’s house—We see that Heaven by faith.
- D. Dr. George Truitt was visiting a sick member on his death bed.
 - 1. Pastor Truitt prayed with the man and said, “You will be better in the morning.”
 - 2. The member said, “Pastor, I won’t be better in the morning; I will be well in the morning.”
- E. Someone has said:
 - 1. The light of Heaven is the face of Jesus.
 - 2. The joy of Heaven is the presence of Jesus.
 - 3. The melody of Heaven is the Name of Jesus.
 - 4. The harmony of Heaven is the praise of Jesus.
 - 5. The theme of Heaven is the work of Jesus.
 - 6. The employment of Heaven is the service of Jesus.
 - 7. The duration of Heaven is the eternity of Jesus.
 - 8. The fullness of Heaven is Jesus Himself.

II. THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN IS MISSING (REVELATION 21:22)

- A. Previously the Temple was the meeting place between God and man.
 - 1. God met man in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle.
 - 2. God then met with man in Solomon’s Temple.
- B. We will not go to church in the New Jerusalem; we will be at church!

- C. God will dwell with us and we with Him, therefore there is no need for the Temple. *“For the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.”* (Revelation 21:22)

III. THE SUN AND MOON ARE MISSING (REVELATION 21:23)

- A. The city will be lit with the glory of God and the Lamb! (v. 23)
- B. In the original creation, there was light before the sun or moon was created. (Genesis 1:3; 1:14-18)
- C. In Heaven, there will be light furnished by our Uncreated God. (v. 23)
- D. The light of God shall illuminate the new earth. (Revelation 21:24a)

IV. WHEN NATIONS LEARN WAR NO MORE (REVELATION 21:24)

- A. In unison, the nations visit the New Jerusalem. (Revelation 21:24)
 - 1. There is no social structure.
 - 2. There are no upper and lower class of people.
 - 3. The nations are saved nations. (v. 24)
- B. They bring their glory into the city. (v. 24,26)
 - 1. All human glory dissolves into the glory of God.
 - 2. Some will have special places of honor and responsibility, like kings as a part of their reward for service on earth.
 - 3. They are like the twenty-four elders who cast their crowns before the throne.

V. ONE LONG, SWEET GLORIOUS DAY IN ETERNITY (REVELATION 21:25, 27)

- A. *“There shall be no night there.”* (Revelation 21:25)
- B. There will be nothing *“that defileth”* there. (Revelation 21:27)
- C. There will be no *“abomination”* there. (Revelation 21:27)
- D. There will be nothing that *“maketh a lie”* there. (Revelation 21:27)
- E. The gates of the city are continuously open. (Revelation 21:25)

VI. THE REGISTER OF GLORY IS SEEN (REVELATION 21:27)

- A. It is called *“the Lamb’s book of life.”* (Revelation 21:27)
 - 1. Revelation 3:5—*“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”*
 - 2. Revelation 13:8—*“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*
 - 3. Revelation 17:8—*“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”*

FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND

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4. Revelation 20:12—“*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books** were opened: and another **book** was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the **books**, according to their works.*”
 5. Revelation 20:15—“*And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.*”
 6. Revelation 21:27—“*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's **book of life**.*”
 7. Revelation 22:19—“*And if any man shall take away from the words of the **book of** this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the **book of life**, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this **book**.*”
- B. The individual names are of those who chose salvation 21:27
- C. The only occupants in Heaven are those whose names are in “The Lamb’s book of life.
- D. Two great truths from the foundation of the world.
1. Those names have been known by God from the foundation of the world. (*Revelation 17:18*)
 2. Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world. (*Revelation 13:8*)
- E. If He knew about us and provided for us before we were born, it is evident He will provide for us after we leave this earth!