

## Lesson XII.

## THE HOLY CITY

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Revelation 21 : 1-4, 22-27.

Study Revelation 21 : 1-4, 9-14, 22-27 ; 22 : 1-5. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Luke 2 : 13-18.

**Golden Text**—Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples.—Revelation 21 : 3 (Rev. Ver.).



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26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

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.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The apostle John had seen a wonderful sight,—the Lord Jesus himself in all his glory. He had listened to the words of Jesus. He had written the messages that Jesus had given him to write to each of the seven churches.

John was shown another wonderful sight. As he gazed up into the sky, he saw a great brightness and there appeared the holy city,—the new Jerusalem, which is heaven, the home which Jesus has gone to prepare for all who love him.

Our lesson story tells us about this holy city. You have all seen pictures of our round world and our great seas and oceans and islands. You have looked up at the

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.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain : for the former things are passed away.

22 And I saw no temple therein : for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it : for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it : and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day : for there shall be no night there.

great sun which shines upon our earth, and at the starry heavens and the bright moon shining down upon us, making the dark earth light.

Now John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. When John saw the holy city appear, a great voice, the voice of God, cried from heaven and said : "Behold, the tabernacle (or dwelling-place) of God is where people dwell. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

While John was gazing at the glorious sight, the voice of God continued to speak. God

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