

of leaves, was the prize offered to those who, in ancient times, took part in games. Question about what was sure to happen to these crowns, namely, that they would quickly wither and thus lose their beauty. Now call attention to the fact that it is a crown of "life" which the Golden Text promises, that is, a crown which will never lose its freshness and beauty. Dwell on this picture of the blessings that await the followers of Christ and emphasize the condition on which these are to be obtained, namely, that we shall be faithful to him in all things.

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.

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.).

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 saw 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

Revised Version—1 are; 2 the sea is no more; 3 Omit John; 4 out of heaven from God, made ready; 5 the throne; 6 shall dwell; 7 peoples; 8 and he shall; 9 every tear; 10 death shall be no more; 11 shall there be mourning; 12 nor pain any more; the first things; 13 the Almighty; 14 thereof; 15 hath; 16 upon it; 17 lamp thereof is the lamb; 18 Omit five words; 19 amidst the light thereof; 20 Omit and honour; 21 in no wise be shut by day; 22 the; 23 anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie; 24 only.

LESSON PLAN

I. The City of Joy, 1-4.

II. The City of Glory, 22-24.

III. The City of Peace, 25-27.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The Holy City, Rev. 21:1-4, 9-14. T.—The Holy City, Rev. 21:22-27; 22:1-5. W.—"A city which hath foundations," Heb. 11:1-10. Th.—The city's beauty, Rev. 21:15-21. F.—The city's inhabitants, Rev. 3:7-12. S.—"According to his promise," 2 Peter 3:13-18. S.—This God is our God, Ps. 48:1-14.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 129. What is the last prayer in the Bible? The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS." Ques. 130. What is the last promise in the Bible? The last promise in the Bible is,

13 Almighty and the Lamb are the temple 14 of it.

23 And the city 15 had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine 16 in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the 17 Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations 18 of them which are saved shall walk 19 in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory 20 and honour into it.

25 And the gates 14 of it shall 21 not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and 22 honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it 23 anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but 24 they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

"I COME QUICKLY."

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: The "Great Hymn of the Church"—Primary, 595; Junior and Upward, 438, 105, 129, 52 (Ps. Sel.), 593, 338.

Special Scripture Reading—Luke 2:45-55; given also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quarterlies. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Hymn for Opening Worship—Hymn 28, Book of Praise; given also in Departmental Graded Quarterlies.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1784, The Holy City. For Question on Missions, T. R. 77, Mrs. Morton's Daily Bible Class. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, On Sacred Ground the Site of the Temple; So-called Mosque of Omar from the South (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 417 Fifth Ave., New York City; further particulars, see page 575).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Lesson Setting—The lesson is taken from a passage (chs. 21:1 to 22:5) in which is described a vision of the glorified church and her union with the Lamb.

I. The City of Joy, 1-4.

V. 1. I (John) saw; in a vision of the future. New heaven... new earth. "New" here does not mean brought into existence

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