

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 21:9-27

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. Who now speaks to John? What did he show him, and how does it compare to Revelation 17:1?
- 2. In verse 10, how is John carried away? Where is he taken, and what is he shown? (Revelation 17:3)
- 3. What did the city have, and how is the light described (verse 11-14)? (Ezekiel 40:2-3, Ephesians 2:19-20)
- 4. What is the significance of the measurements in verses 15-17? (1Kings 6:19-20, Ezekiel 41:4)
- 5. The walls, gates, and streets will have precious metals and jewels (verses 18-21). What does this symbolize? (Exodus 28:16-20, Ezekiel 28:13)
- 6. What is missing in the city? Why? (verses 22-24)
- 7. Who will enter the city (Isaiah 60:3-5)? What will never enter into the city? (verses 24-27)

Additional Resources

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⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

For younger children:

Ask: What are do you notice that will be different about the new Jerusalem compared to the world today?

Ask: Did you notice there will be no night? It will always be light. What is the source of the light? (Vs. 23-25)

Ask: Did you notice the gates will always be open? (Vs. 25)

Ask: When do we close our doors and lock them? Why?

Ask: Why do you think the gates of the new Jerusalem will not be closed or locked?

Ask: Who and what make you feel safe? Talk about a time when you felt really safe. Who were you with? What were you doing?

Activity: Do a little research about pearls. Where are they found? How do they develop? What do they look like? Read Revelation 21:21 again. Try to imagine a pearl the size of a city gate.

