

## UNVEILING THE BOOK OF

Study Notes  
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PART 18

# Revelation



### My Father's House

#### Revelation 21

"Tomorrow...tomorrow, I love 'ya tomorrow", sang Little Orphan Annie in that great stage play by the same name. Orphaned and wanting nothing more than a father, she got Daddy Warbucks in the end! We will do far better than she when we see the Holy City coming down from God. Chapter 21 describes that city, but best of all it is our Father's House! When the Devil and his minions are finally cast into hell and all the

haters are judged (*Rev. 20:11-14*) we will forever be at home! Until then, we like Annie, must wait. Wait and overcome (*vs.7*) says the scripture.

### Overcome What?

The temptation to call the world our home: 1 John 2:15-17

The temptation to set our minds on earthly things: Philippians 3:18-21

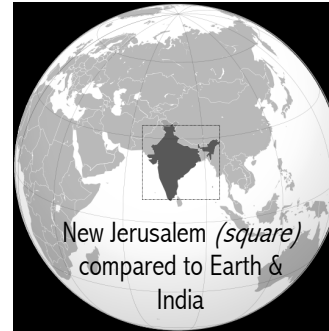
Our Father names some of these earthly things in Vs. 8: 1.) **Unbelief**, Which he calls cowardice because it is the "easy way out" to do what is popular, but it takes courage to go against the crowd. Jesus encouraged us to take the narrow way:

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. *Matthew 7:13*

God also names 2.) **The Vile** (*morally despicable*) and then describes them as **Murders, Sexually Immoral** and those who **practice Magic Arts** (*Lit. Greek: pharmakeia= use and selling of illicit drugs*). Obviously, hell is reserved for people who have not repented of these practices, for we know that God is willing to forgive all sin that one confesses and turns away from (*1 John 1:9*). God also names 3.) **Idolaters** (*those who worship other gods, i.e. anything given homage above God.*) and 4.) and **All Liars**. **A liar is anyone who claims he has no sin.** 1 John 1:8

**We shall overcome if we set our hearts and hope on Jesus. It is He who provides us with the ability to overcome by the power of His Spirit within us.**

**Measuring The City** In 21:16, the angel measures the city with a golden rod or reed, and records it as 12,000 stadia by 12,000 stadia at the base, and 12,000 stadia high. A stadion is



usually stated as 185.4 meters, or 600 feet, so the base has dimensions of about 2225 km by 2225 km, or **1500 miles by 1500 miles**. In the ancient Greek system of measurement, the base of the New Jerusalem would have been equal to 144 million square stadia. **If rested on the Earth, its ceiling would be inside the exosphere.** (*The exosphere is the uppermost layer of Earth's atmosphere extending into space*) *The New Jerusalem will be bigger than Israel which is only 263 miles long, longer than California which is 840 miles long. It will be about the size of India only square.*

**1.1 billion people live in modern day India which is the most densely populated country on the globe averaging about 100,000 people per square mile! It is doubtful that the New Jerusalem will be so crowded.** Many sources mention 2.1 billion Christians in the world (*about one third of the total population of the planet*), but what of God's description of a Christian? "He who overcomes!"

### The River Of Life

#### Revelation 22, Psalms 1

**The River of the Water of Life, as clear as crystal. On "each side" of the river stood the Tree of Life.**

This tree must arch the river and grow above it to fit the singular description and yet stand on each side. Like the old Yosemite Wawona Tunnel Tree that once grew above the road; now



fallen. **There was a Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden too** (*Genesis 2:8-9*) and next to it the *ominous Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil which Eve and Adam ate from and initiated mankind's separation from God.* **This Tree of Life** is likely a seedling from the original and growing in Heaven fed by the Crystal River flowing from God's throne. **This is the great memorial in Heaven. A reminder of Eden and what it was meant to be. A reminder of sin and the fall and the pain and suffering it brought. A reminder of the twelve tribes of Israel (Vs. 2) which carried out God's law and the Twelve Apostles which ministered His grace that was paid for on a "tree" by Christ (the healing of the nations). The Tree lives because it is fed by water from God's throne and so do we. Psalms 1 comes to mind; "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields it's fruit in season". A perfect reminder in My Father's House.**

### A Warning Revelation 22:10-21, Revelation 1:1-3

The words of this book were never meant to be sealed up and the time is as near as the end of each of our days. The Angel reminds John once again to worship God alone and not to be concerned with the spread of evil in the world...Jesus will come soon. **We are to be like the tree. Are you thirsty for Jesus, the River of Life?** The Angel issues a stern warning to all who would dare add or take away from His word. It is exactly as it stands. Be cursed by it or testify to it by saying "yes!" And "Blessed are those who hear it and take it to heart", "because the time is near." **Say you "Maranatha?" (Lit. Greek: Come, Oh Lord) His grace then is with you!**