

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 56 – Rev. 21-22

I. Chapter 21 cont.

A. Vs. 4 *“And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;”*

a. Isaiah 25:8 LXX – *“He will swallow up death in victory, The LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces”* when the marriage feast occurs.

b. 1 Cor. 15:54 – *“So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’”*

B. Vs. 5 *“Look! I am renewing everything ... these words are faithful and true.”*

C. Vss. 6-7 The Father Himself promises:

a. To give of the “water of life” freely to the thirsty

1. Baptism = immersion in and drinking in the Spirit/Breath (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:11-12)

2. The “water of life” is a river supplying the “Tree of Life” (22:1-2)

b. The one being **victorious** will inherit these things as a son of God.

1. Rev. 12:11 victorious = faithful to Jesus until death

D. Vs. 8 The wicked – “Gehenna,” the “second death.” (Isa. 66:24; Matt. 10:28)

E. Vss. 9-11 The “Lamb’s wife” is restored Jerusalem & her inhabitants

a. Called “the daughter of Zion” by the prophets

1. (Zech. 2:10) *“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” says the LORD.”*

b. John taken to a high mountain to view same city as Ezekiel (40:2)

F. Vs. 10 *“descending out of the sky from God”* an allegory depicting direct, divine intervention by God

G. Vs. 11-13 The 12 gates named for 12 tribes (Ezekiel 48:31)

H. Vs. 14 The 12 foundations named for **12 Apostles of Jesus** (limits to 12)

a. Paul included (Gal. 1:1) thus Matthias excluded (Acts 1:15-26)

I. Vs. 15-16 The angel with the “measuring rod” – length ???

a. σταδῖος (masculine) means Greek race course of about 600’

b. σταδῖον (neuter) means a fixed standard of measure.

c. Both are spelled σταδίων in the genitive plural form.

d. The σταδῖον (unit of measure) is deduced from comparing to Ezekiel

1. Ezekiel – Rod = 6 **long** cubits (cubit^{19”}+span^{5”}) 24” x 6 = **12’ measuring rod**

2. Ezekiel 48:30-35 - New Jerusalem 18,000 **rods**^{not cubits} all around = 216,000 ft. (area of 105 sq. miles / 10.2 miles long on each side)

3. John – 12,000 “measures,” (length of Angel’s rod)

a. Ezekiel’s 216,000’ / 12,000 rods = **18’ measuring rod**

4. Equal length, width, height = 54,000’ (10.2 miles high)