

Revelation 21:9-27
Rootwork
The New Jerusalem

- (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!
- (Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
- (Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!
- BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the “Digging Deeper” conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 21 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website and watch the mini conference. If you the handout, please email me and I will send it to you.
- Review Rev. 21:1-8 to see where we transition from and to get an overview and reminder of what it contains, and note the timeline and time period we are in!
- Now read all of chapter 21, make sure to highlight key repeated words, anything that stands out to you that gives the main thought!
- Now focus on Rev. 21:9-21 and record a theme for this section!

- How drastically has the world changed in your lifetime? What are some examples of such changes? How do these help you imagine the difference between our time and the new creation?
- Look at verse 9, why do you think this angel is the one that shows John the new Jerusalem? Why do you think the Lord had him point out who it was and have him write that down?
- Record your thoughts on the further detail we get about the bride of Christ (us) why does He use this title? What is the significance?
- What does this tell you about the character of God? Our Savior? What He did for you?
- As we traveled through the last part of chapter 21, we recorded 13 insights or descriptions about “what will the new Jerusalem be like?” What was the first one from verse 9?
- Read verse 10, can you find all the other times John was “carried away in the Spirit” in the book of Revelation? Record when and what happened each time?
- What did the angel show John and what description do we get from this verse?
- Look up the following verses and read them in context, what do you learn about the new Jerusalem from these?
 - Hebrews 11:10
 - Hebrews 12:22-24
 - Hebrews 13:14
- We discussed in extent about how this will be a city, so in a city there will be people and action and community. Take a minute to record what you think an active community of people working together in a city will be like without the thought or residue of sin?

- What is the closest we can get here on earth as to what that will be like in heaven? To have perfect unity, to walk in the fullness of this gift from the Lord that only comes down from heaven? Can you imagine it?
- As you think about this....ask the Lord to reveal where you need to walk in the Spirit more and that you need to fully die to self - die to that old sinful nature, so the Spirit of God can move and work in a beautiful way in you and then through you! Spend some time here and really lay it down before Him and walk in the beauty of God's forgiveness and grace!!
- Read verse 11, what is the second description we see about what the new Jerusalem is going to be like? What do you think the Lord means by this? What do you think it will look like?
- If you have time see what you can find on the purest form of Jasper!
- Read verses 12-13, in these verses you can find #3 and #4 of what the new Jerusalem will be like. What are they?
- What does this tell you about God's Character?
- Read Genesis 12:1-3 and record what God promised to Abraham and what does that have to do with this verse?
- What significance does the number 12 have in scripture? Why is that important here?
- Read verses 14-15, record the 5th insight of what the new Jerusalem will be like!
- We now have the 12 tribes of Israel, and the 12 apostlesWhy do you think the Lord does this?

- Write out your thoughts on how this scripture displays this quote by Swindoll, “The city will be the dwelling place of the united people of God—Old and New Testament believers—whose salvation rests on the completed work of Jesus Christ” (Insights, 283).
- What message is He giving us? Read Ephesians 2:19-20 and record what you find!
- Foundation is everything when building a house, it is also everything when building a life! Look up the definition of “foundation” and record it!
- So, what does the foundation look like in your own life? Not the foundation you want to have, or the one you know you should have, but what is it in reality? Stop here and ask the Lord to really reveal what He wants you to do!!
- Read verse 16, record #6 of what is this new Jerusalem going to be like. Can you imagine what this will actually be like? The height is unimaginable!
- Write your thoughts on what Henry Morris said, “Guessing that there will have been 100 billion people in the human race through history, and that 20% of them will be saved, calculated that each person would have a “block” with about 75 acres on each face to call their own. This is highly speculative, but illustrates the point that there is plenty of room in the New Jerusalem”
- Read verse 17, what is the 7th “what is the new Jerusalem going to be like?”
- Read verse 18, what is the 8th What is the new Jerusalem going to be like?”

- This is so hard to imagine and comprehend because we have never seen anything like it! Feel free to look up what people have tried to put into a picture format! It is fascinating to try and piece together something so foreign to us!
- Read verses 19-20, what is the 9th description of what the new Jerusalem going to be like?” And look up each stone and record what descriptions you find! See if you can find what these stones will look like in their most purest form in the most direct light? That is just a glimpse of what we will see!!
- Read verse 21, #10 and #11 are in this verse, what are they?
- Read Matt 13:45, what did Jesus say about pearls? What do pearls represent in scripture?
- Write out the process of pearl making and what Jesus did for us! How do they compare? Don't forget to write this in your who is God journal and spend some time praising Him!!
- Why is this significant to verse 21? Why do you think God does this?
- Read verse 22, what is the 12th description of what the new Jerusalem will be like?
- What does it mean that God and the Lamb are the temple in the new Jerusalem?
- Think throughout scripture and do a word search if you need to, but what role or part has the temple played throughout the ages of God's plan?
- What are the parallels between the most holy place in the Old Testament and the new Jerusalem? What do these parallels tell us about this city?

- How has the Lord throughout time pointed to this very moment here in Revelation 21?
- How has God dwelt or tabernacle with man in the past? Look up the following verses and record what you find:
 - Genesis 3:8
 - Leviticus 26:11-12
 - John 1:14
 - 1 Cor. 6:19-20
 - Revelation 13:6
 - Revelation 15:5
- Read verse 23, record #13 and #14 of what the new Jerusalem will be like! What does this tell you about God? Write it in your “who is God” journal!
- How does this give further Insight to the following verses?
 - John 8:12
 - Psalm 119:105
- Read verse 24, record the 15th description of what the new Jerusalem will be like!
- What do you think this is going to be like?
- Why do you think we would need nations and kings during this time?
- Read verse 24, record #16 of what the new Jerusalem will be like, why do you think the Lord adds this detail?
- Read verses 26-27 and record #17 of what the new Jerusalem will be like.
- Why does the Lord say this?
- Who is He speaking to?

- What questions do you wrestle with about the doctrine of heaven? Does the Bible give clear answers to your questions? Hints? Is it silent?
- Spend some time going through and thinking about the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem! When we get to heaven none of our joy, beauty, or knowledge will be based on created things, but only on the Creator. Our full identity, our full peace, our full security will be completely satisfied in the Lord and not in anything else! We still battle in discouragement and defeat sometimes because we try so hard to get those things from someone or something else besides the Lord. Think about this quote ...”The extent to which you set your heart on the things above is the extent to which you will be free from defeat and discouragement!” (Unknown) how is this true?
- How is this true in your own life personally?
- What are you building your life on?
- Where is your heart set? What is your joy found in?
- What is your hope based on?
- In order to trust God so completely - you have to know Him intimately but here is where the problem lies with so many believers: The more you know God in His Holiness - the more you see you, your sin and your wretchedness.. the deeper your conviction and mourning over your sin..And that is wonderful, in fact necessary, but if it stops there- you are in trouble..you are defeated and discouraged....that is because your hope and joy is in you and not in the finished work of Christ. Your hope and joy is in your performance and not in what Christ Jesus has already done on your behalf! The faster you realize that you are way more wretched than you think you are, (a worm or a parasite 🐛) the more desperate you will be the grace and forgiveness of our God... then you will begin to walk in freedom and peace, you will begin to find joy apart from you and only in Christ!

- Think about this, do you struggle to grasp such a freedom?
- Do you battle with your identity and security?
- Do you really find your source for everything only from the Lord? If not, why do you think that is?
- Spend some time seeking the Lord on these things and really evaluating your heart! Ask Him to reveal what hinders you, what you are really battling with and what He says in His Word for you to do about it! Surrender is the most beautiful, refreshing gift to the Lord! Take some time and do that now!! Thank the Lord for wrapping you in HIS beautiful white robe of righteousness! Then get on your knees and worship the Him, adore Him for He alone is worthy of our worship and praise!!