



CHAPTER 13

THE NEW HEAVEN & THE NEW EARTH

LESSON 117 → Revelation 21:1-27; 22:1-5

The sight of the New Jerusalem as it descended from Heaven was more than Logan could ever have imagined.



I'M GOING TO LIVE THERE!

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. — 2 Peter 3:13

Even as the words, “Worthy is the Lamb,” rang out once more, a great roar came to Logan’s ears. It thundered again and again through the reaches of space with tremendous intensity. Into Logan’s consciousness came a verse learned long ago, “Heaven and earth shall pass away.” It was happening! The sin-polluted earth, all that was in it, and the heavens around it vanished like smoke.

Then, from the Figure on the Throne—the Figure wrapped in all the majesty of the Godhead—came the words, “Behold, I make all things new.”

All earthly concept of time faded from reality as a scene of unequalled splendor unfurled in front of Logan’s eyes. From before the Throne emerged the Holy City, coming down from God out of Heaven. It was even as John the Beloved had described it in the Book of Revelation. It grew and expanded, encompassing a vast area. And it was a marvel of purity and perfection! The City was filled with the glory of God, and was surrounded by massive walls of crystal-clear jasper. No blemish or imperfection marred its heavenly quality. No shadow was there, no touch of darkness lingered, for the glorious light of the Lamb completely illuminated every corner of it. The gates of pearl, the foundation of precious jewels—the City gleamed and shone with such a dazzling beauty that Logan’s wondering eyes could scarcely comprehend its magnificence.

Descending, this beautiful City was united with a new earth, an earth untainted by the touch of Satan or any of his followers. It seemed to Logan that as the new earth took shape before his eyes, even the remembrance of the old earth drifted away from his memory as a wisp of vapor. “All things new”—surely he was experiencing this himself!

Again the Voice from the Throne of Heaven rang out in majesty. “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him

that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”

The water of life—eternal, abundant life with Jesus Christ himself, the Lamb upon the Throne! Logan’s heart once again seemed to well up with joy. As he watched, he saw the river, clear as glass, springing out of the Throne of the Lamb. On each side of it were trees, whose drooping branches were laden with blossoms and many kinds of glorious fruit.

Logan’s wondering eyes could scarcely comprehend what he was seeing, yet it all seemed so perfect, so natural. Purity! Purity! was the word that rang through his mind again and again. There was no shadow of dust, no hint of decay on fruit or flower. The grass, edging the crystal depths of the stream, looked freshly washed by summer rain, and every blade was the brightest green. And all was bathed in the golden glow of the light emanating from the One on the Throne.

In awe and wonderment, Logan turned again to the Throne. A compelling urgency drew him nearer, until at last he knelt before the Lamb of God, the One who had died for him. The greatest joy that he had known on earth was but the faintest shadow of the joy he felt here in the presence of his Redeemer. No sadness, no pain, no disappointments, no misplaced hopes, no unfulfilled longings, no unfinished plans, no night, no storms, no trouble—only light and love and peace and joy forever and ever.

Words poured forth from his full heart. “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!”

**IT'S GOING TO
BE GREAT**

New heavens and a new earth! And John tells us of a holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven! Doesn't that sound exciting? The activity below has some questions, scrambled words, and missing words. Read the verses given and complete the activity. You'll find out about some exciting things awaiting you.

1. Read Revelation 21:4 and list five things there will not be in the New Jerusalem.

2. Light in the holy city will be like which stone? _____ (Revelation 21:11)

3. Why does the New Jerusalem have no need of the sun or moon? _____
_____ (Revelation 21:23; 22:5)

4. What lives in the middle of the city? _____ (Revelation 22:2)

5. The pure river of water of life comes from where? _____
_____ (Revelation 22:1)

6. What was made of gold? _____; of pearl? _____ (Revelation 21:21)

7. R _____ will dwell (or be present) in the earth. (2 Peter 3:13)

8. Unscramble the names of these stones which help to make up the foundation of the wall of the city. (Revelation 21:19-20)

a) DELEMAR _____ d) PHRISAEP _____ g) IJCTAHN _____

b) SERJAP _____ e) LBYRE _____ h) YADSRNOX _____

c) AZTPO _____ f) SATMYHET _____ i) DISRAUS _____