



# Hunger For Truth

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**Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12**  
*“Let us Hunger For Truth”*

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## *The Book of Revelation (Chapter 21) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)*

The following is **part 21** of a study on the book of Revelation by Dr. Thomas Strouse who is Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT ([www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org)). It is a syllabus written by Dr. Strouse. It is the HFT editors desire that this study helps you grasp the deep truths within this incredible book! Please look for a chapter from this syllabus posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

*The Book of Revelation / Thomas M. Strouse / Revelation 21*  
**CHAPTER 21**

**Background**

The vision of the details of the eternal state with the new heaven and new earth permeates the next two chapters. The New Jerusalem with the Bride will be predominant throughout all eternity. John saw the holy Jerusalem descending twice in his vision.

**Exposition**

**Rev. 21:1-27**

*The Eternal State (Rev. 21:1-8)*

The eternal state will encompass the new earth with no sea (during the Millennium there will be seas [Zech. 14:8]). The New Jerusalem will host the Bride and the Bridegroom and will exclude all of the unsaved wicked.

*The Description of the City (Rev. 21:9-21)*

The description of the city includes the redeemed inhabitants known as the Bride, and whose representation by the 12 tribes of Israel (including Dan) and the 12 apostles of the Lamb reveal that OT and NT saints will have Bride status. The description also includes the vast dimensions and beautiful construction of the city.

*The Worship in the City (Rev. 21:22-27)*

Central in the city will be the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb who are the temple, and the saved from every nation shall glorify the Lord. The unsaved shall forever be shut out of the city (cf. II Pet. 3:13).

**Theological Concerns**

The marriage metaphor of Bride runs throughout the whole Bible and demonstrates the most intimate relationship the Lord will have with believers. This metaphor is soteriological in nature and not exclusively ecclesiological. Certainly, NT saints in Baptist churches are part of the Bride, but not exclusively so.

**Textual Issues**

Rev. 21:3—the CT and NASV omit the TR “*be their God.*”

**Summary of Chapter Twenty-One**

The divine vision of chapter 21 unfolds the wondrous glories of the new heaven and new earth with the New Jerusalem. The Lamb with His Bride will receive pre-eminence in eternity.

## *Intimacy With Christ (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)*

Text: Phil. 3:1-11

*Without question, the Lord wishes to have an intimate relationship with His children. If you are a Believer, intimacy with Christ is identified as an intimacy that calls for:*

- I. It calls for rejoicing (3:1)
  - A. Happiness is in the Lord
  - B. Joy is in the Lord
  
- II. It calls for being watchful (3:2)
  - A. Of the dogs - the pursuers of your demise
  - B. Of the evil workers - the doers of evil deeds
  - C. Of the concision - the mutilators of truth, dividers
  
- III. It calls for identification (3:3)
  - A. Worshipping God in spirit
  - B. Rejoicing in Jesus Christ
  - C. Having no confidence in the flesh
  
- IV. It calls for a new set of values (3:4-11)
  - A. Regarding one's personal life (vs. 4-7)
  - B. Regarding one's accomplishments (vs. 8)
  - C. Regarding one's righteousness (vs. 9)
  - D. Regarding one's intimacy (vs. 10-11)

Today, do you have an intimacy with Christ?

## *Matthew 18:11 (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)*

***“For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.”***

This is one of the most wonderful and beautiful verses in the Scripture, which speaks to the love of God for the lost man. This verse of scripture is an inspired and preserved verse from God that should bring joy to the sinner who knows that he has missed the mark of God in attaining God's righteousness for heaven, and who knows he has broken the Ten Commandments, coming short of the Law of God. And who also knows that because of his sin and unbelief, he is lost and without knowledge as to where he will spend eternity.

In this wonderful and beautiful verse of promise, the lost sinner can know there is deliverance from sin and hope of heaven. That hope is in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. It is He that has come to save the lost sinner: to give direction, forgiveness, hope, and peace.

Therefore, it is a shameful thing that the Critical Text says that verse 11 is not there and then omits it from all of its Bible versions. The versions that have omitted this wonderful verse of promise for the lost are: *The New International Version*, the *New Living Version*, the *English Standard Version*, the *NET Bible*, and the *English Revised Version*. Not surprisingly, it is also omitted from *The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scripture*, which is the Bible of the Jehovah Witnesses.

The major flaw of these translations is the underlying manuscripts, or **Critical Text**, which are based upon human intelligence and academics rather than faith. It does not follow the biblical pattern of receiving (Exodus 24:27; Deuteronomy 31:9,19; Matthew 4:4; John 12:48, 17:8; Colossians 4:16) and the faith to believe that God will preserve His words to all generations just as He gave them (Psalm 12:6-7; Isaiah 40:8; John 8:26-27; Titus 1:2, 2 Timothy 3:16). It is wonderful to know that the **King James Authorized Version** of the Bible follows the "received pattern" of the Scriptures in using the **Textus Receptus** (New Testament Greek manuscripts) and the **Masoretic Text** (Old Testament Hebrew manuscripts). We must always remember the Lord's warning in Revelation 22:19: "*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*" Therefore, you need to be careful which Bible you are using, making sure you are reading a Bible with all of God's words.

**"Whoso despiseth (to show disrespect for) the word shall be destroyed (fig. pervert): but he that feareth (shows reverence to) the commandment shall be rewarded (made safe)." Proverbs 13:13**

*Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)*

**Whosoever Means You?**

**"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." – Romans 10:13**

**WHOSOEVER means YOU! First, YOU must realize that Jesus Christ had to die and shed His blood for YOU. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 1:7)**

**WHOSOEVER means YOU!** Where will YOU spend eternity, in Heaven or Hell? Open your heart now and invite Jesus Christ to be YOUR Savior: In your own words pray to God and tell Him that:

- You know you are a sinner
- You deserve the fires of Hell
- You are unable to save yourself
- You believe God loves you, and that He sent His son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for YOUR sins.
- You are willing to repent or turn from your sins and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save you right now.
- Thank God for saving you.

**MY FRIEND:** If your prayer was sincere, you can now answer affirmatively: “Yes, I am going to heaven to spend all eternity with my Savior Jesus Christ, and I am now a member of His family.”

1 John 5:13 – These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life...

*:) Children For Christ :)*

### **Whosoever Means You**

**Memory Verse:** “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” – Romans 10:13

Please use the “Only Jesus Saves” column and fill in the blanks below:

**WHOSOEVER** means \_\_\_\_\_! First, YOU must realize that \_\_\_\_\_ had to die and shed His **blood** for YOU. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 1:7) *[\(Please read these verses in your Bible\)](#)*

**WHOSOEVER** means YOU! Where will YOU spend eternity, in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? Open your heart now and invite Jesus Christ to be YOUR Savior: In your own words pray to God and tell Him that:

- You know you are a \_\_\_\_\_.
- You deserve the fires of \_\_\_\_\_.
- You are unable to save \_\_\_\_\_.
- You believe God loves you, and that He sent His son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.
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## *Consider This: (Quotes)*

**“The Holy Spirit inspired New Testament writers did not speak of going to heaven so much as going to be with the Lord. It is not the “other shore” that charms me so much as Jesus on that shore! “Today shalt thou be with me” is what cheered the dying thief more than merely going to be “in Paradise.”**

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**“Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.”**

**- George Washington, 1732-1799 1st President of the United States**

## *Praises and Prayer Requests*

### Praises

- Praise God for Pastor Brad Brandon who will be the new Assistant Pastor at First Bible Baptist Church!

### Prayer Requests

- First Bible Baptist Church street preaching ministry (Salvation, spiritual growth, Jose – a young man recently saved during preaching in New Britain!) (Giovanni – Salvation, Spiritual needs)
- Pastor Brad Brandon and family moving to CT on 3/16 to begin serving at FBBC! (Moving from Minnesota) (A family of ten) (Please pray for this faithful servant of God and his family)
- Mike Jordan (Being discipled by Bro. Lacroix)
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
- Kelly Freeman (Cystic Fibrosis)
- Job needs for Brother Craig
- Sarra Family (Missionaries to Zambia Africa) (John – Health needs – back, liver) (Coming to the states on furlough 3/22/15! Please pray for a safe flight and for the six months of liver treatment for Bro. John)
- Wisdom regarding developing the new location for Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA center.
- Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues)
- Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015
- Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)
- Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer)
- Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer
- Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Needs of the body at First Bible Baptist Church of Plainville, CT
- Needs of the body at Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA
- Needs of the body at Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA
- Needs of the body at Race Street Baptist Church of Catasauqua, PA
- Needs of the body at Heartland Baptist Church of Alliance, NE
- Needs of the body at New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA
- Needs of the body at Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA

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***Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!***

***His Servants,***

***Craig Glickman      Andrew Lacroix***

***Prov. 3:5-6***

***1 Thes. 5:18***

