

***Benefits of Living
in A Christian Nation***
International Bible Lesson
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“The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it” (Revelation 21:24).

Over the past 2000 years, various nations have been identified or proclaimed to be Christian nations. At one time, if you wanted to be elected as a leader in one of these nations you needed to act as a Christian as well as say you were a Christian. Today, Christians are a small minority in many nations upon the earth. The Book of Revelation looks forward to a time when every nation will be a Christian nation, to a time when all the kings, all the leaders, and every person in every nation will be Christians. In the future, everyone on earth will walk by the light (or by the truth) taught by Jesus Christ through His Church, the Bride of Christ. The earth will be perfect in every way, because “only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life” will inhabit a new earth and the new heavens that God will create (Revelation 21:27). The Book of Revelation gives only a short sketch of how these events will take place. Christians who die on earth go to heaven. When Jesus Christ comes again, these Christians in heaven (the Church as the Bride of Christ) will return to earth with Him. Together, they will form the Holy City where the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb will be the temple, so no believer will ever be away from the glorious presence of God. Newly created Christian nations and all their kings will bring their splendor, glory, and honor into the Holy City. To the glory of God, justice, mercy, righteousness, and peace will be established throughout the earth.

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Thinking Further

1. Who is the wife of the Lamb? Who is the Lamb? What does their relationship mean to you?
2. What is the Holy City, Jerusalem?
3. What precious jewel did John compare to the brilliance of the Holy City? Since John did not tell us, what might the stone’s qualities represent?
4. What did the Holy City’s walls and gates represent since the gates were never shut?
5. What are some of the benefits of the Holy City coming down from heaven to the new earth?