

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIAH  
#28 - THE NEW EARTH  
THE WINTER BANQUET





Instrumental music played softly setting a mood of elegance and style. The assembly hall was transformed into a palatial wonderland. The seniors couldn't believe that this was their final formal event before they graduated. Jeniah looked at the couples and admired their gowns and matching corsages. Her classmates looked completely different. Amanda took her hair out of the ponytail she always wore. James combed his dark locks and actually looked like a decent human being!

She was lost in thought and was jolted back to reality as Uriah clumsily bumped her, knocking a few of the hors d'oeuvres on the ground.

“You are supposed to be helping!!! She growled through her teeth. “Sorry cousin. I was caught up with all these decorations. It looks like a brand new facility. With the streamers, lights and all these decorations, this place looks nothing like the old assembly hall. If it weren’t for that broken door, I would’ve guessed I was somewhere else. They even repainted the bathroom!” Uriah said in amazement. “I even saw George in a suit! He has worn a t-shirt and jeans everyday for four years. I heard a few of the girls say even he looked cute!”

“Yes. There’s something about the winter banquet that causes people to go all out. The guys look amazing and the girls have outdone themselves with their dresses and fancy hair.” Jeniah replied. “I even saw you looking at Kim. I know you have a crush on her.”

“No way!” Uriah said trying not to blush. “She was my Math tutor and I was just admiring her intelligence from afar!”

Jeniah shook her head and laughed as she prepared to set up the juice station. “You know, with all that’s gone on this year, I wonder if life could ever be like this. Where everyone is getting along. Teachers and students look beautiful and even Principal Cameron is in a good mood... and he NEVER smiles!”

“What if I told you that there would be a place better than this?” Uriah said with an air of seriousness to his voice. “I’ve been thinking... after Benji’s passing and our time on the bus a few weeks ago, I read about a place that would make all this look like the old assembly hall!”

## In this lesson we will study the New Earth.

Have you ever noticed that the first two chapters in Genesis start out talking about the home God prepared for Adam and Eve, and the last two chapters in Revelation describe how God is going to make a new heaven and earth!?” Uriah said confidently.

“Never knew that, but I do know that there won’t be any need for light,” Jeniah replied while lighting the candles on the tables.

- Revelation 22:5 *“There will be no more \_\_\_\_\_. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the LORD God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”*

“Wow. Never thought about that,” Uriah said. “Did you know that the gates will be made of pearls and the streets of pure transparent gold?”

“Got it. So this must be a description of the home Jesus said he was going to prepare?” Jeniah asked.

- John 14:1-3 *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am/”*

“Can you imagine what that will be like? Living in a world without the challenges of sin?” Jeniah asked as she looked across the room as the seniors began to enter. “No one will ever have to go to the hospital or any headaches, depression or cancer!” Jeniah continued.

- Revelation 21:4 *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

“Did you know that we will even keep the Sabbath in heaven?” Mr. Fouché, the guidance counselor, said as he snuck up on their conversation. He was one of the chaperones at the banquet and came over to the table for punch.

“Two of my favorite texts that keep me looking toward our new home are found in Romans and 2 Corinthians,” Mr. Fouché continued. “They let me know that even though things are rough at times down here, God has something better prepared for his children.

- Romans 8:18 *“I consider that our present \_\_\_\_\_ are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”*
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being \_\_\_\_\_ day by day. For our light and momentary \_\_\_\_\_ are achieving for us an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ that far outweighs them all.”*

“Yeah this banquet is really nice, but I’m glad there’s going to be something better!” Uriah said as he went to the kitchen for more refreshments. “I remember the Bible saying it will be like a bride prepared for her husband,” Jeniah responded after Kim happened to walk by.

- Revelation 21:2 *“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a \_\_\_\_\_ beautifully dressed for her husband.”*

Uriah quickly slipped away only to come back and see Kim walking towards and waving in his direction. He blushed as she passed and whispered, “I can’t wait to get to heaven.... I think she’s an angel!” Jeniah and Mr. Fouché laughed as Uriah quickly got back to work with a smile.