

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 21-22 – EVERYTHING NEW

BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW – REVELATION 21:1-22:5

The Bible is clear, mankind is inherently corrupt. We see from the very beginning, and all throughout, that man is a sinner on a personal, ancestral, national, and global level. There is nowhere in scripture when we are not reminded of the innate sinful behavior of mankind and the _____ that his sin has left upon the physical creation. However, here in Revelation 21-22 we are given an open window through which we can peer into the sinless abode of _____.

There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible, Revelation 21 and 22 are its last. The title of this final series describes the theme of these final chapters (*Rev. 21:5*). They contain the most detailed descriptions of heaven. It's ironic that although everyone wants to go to _____, no one wants to die. Maybe by learning more about this wonderful place we will be less fearful of death. Let's be submissive to the Holy Spirit as he takes the word of God and opens our eyes to a glimpse of this glorious site—the eternal place of the redeemed.

1. A new heaven and a new earth – Revelation 21:1

a. Renovated by fire

- God promised he would _____ again renovate the earth by water – Gen. 9:8-17

God always keeps his promises – Joshua 23:5-15; 1 Kings 8:56; Titus 1:2

- God told us he would renovate the earth by _____ – Ps. 97:5; Is. 51:6; Na. 1:5-6; Mt. 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Heb. 1:10-12; 2 Peter 3:7-13

b. Renovation makes everything new

- New is what's needed – Rev. 20:9, 11; 21:1

2. A new Jerusalem – Revelation 21:2-3, 9-22:5

a. The city is a woman

- The antichrist had a woman that was a city – Rev. 17:18
- God has a _____ that is a _____ – Rev. 21:2, 9-10



b. Her description and characteristics

- The Bible says that the city will...

Shine forth the glory of God thru the Lamb, no need for sun or moon – verses 11, 23; 22:5

Have a great wall, 144 cubits high (approximately 216 feet) – verses 12, 17-18

Have 12 gates with 12 angels standing, one at each gate – verse 12

Have the names of the 12 tribes of Israel written, one on each gate – verse 12; Eph. 2:20

Have 3 gates on each side – verse 13

Be positioned so each side lines up with the four points of the compass – verse 13

Have 12 foundations with the names of the 12 apostles, one on each – verse 14; Eph. 2:20

Foursquare, with the length, breadth, and height equally measuring 12,000 furlongs (approximately 1500 miles) – verse 16

Have 12 foundations made of the most rare and precious stones – verses 19-20

Have 12 gates made out of 12 giant pearls, one huge pearl per gate – verse 21

A city and streets made of pure gold, so pure it is like glass – verses 18, 21

Have no temple, because God the Father and God the Son are the temple – verse 22

Receive visitors of all peoples from all nations, they come to honor her and the King as they themselves receive fruit from the tree of life – verses 24, 26; 22:2

Always have her 12 gates open by day and never shut—no night there – verse 25

Never anything unclean within, only those written in the book of life – verse 27

Have the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne – 22:1

The tree of life will bear 12 manners of fruits, and yield her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree for the healing of nations – 22:2

Have no more curse – 22:3

Have God's servants serving him – 22:3

Have Jesus Christ living there; his servants shall be able to see his face, and they will be identified forever with him as his name will be in their foreheads – 22:4

Never have any darkness of night; no artificial light will be necessary, no light of the sun needed, because Jesus will be the light – 22:5

Have God's servants as her inhabitants; they will reign with Christ forever and ever – 22:5

c. Her exact location

- What the Bible does _____ say...

It does not say explicitly that it will be located on earth at the present site of old Jerusalem

- What the Bible actually says – Rev. 21:2a, 10

Could it possibly be a new natural satellite circling the new earth???

3. Everything is new – Revelation 21:4-8

a. A whole new world(s) – verses 4c, 5

- The former things are passed away [forever]

b. Life will be forever changed (eternity future) – verses 4ab, 6-8

- God will dwell with men
- Nothing unclean or dirty
- No more tears
- No more _____
- A place of eternal rest
- No more pain
- No more _____
- No more monotony
- No more disappointments
- No more _____ memories
- No more failures
- No more poverty
- No more danger
- Everyone will live forever without the fear of death and hell
- Everyone will _____, honor, worship, and praise God