

ALL THINGS MADE NEW

- we have finally arrived at the end of human history
 - Remember – History is really His-story
- John now begins to describe the eternal state of believers
- the eternal state of those who have rejected God and His Son was described in [Revelation 20.11-15](#)
- as we have been reminded each week during our study, this is the only book of the bible that promises a blessing to those who read and heed ([1.3](#))
- now that we are at the end of all things, it would be a good idea to review the outline ([1.19](#))
 1. The things which you have seen = John's vision of Jesus
 2. The things which are = the Church Age
 3. The things which will take place after these things
 - a. The Rapture of the Church
 - b. The Great Tribulation
 - c. The Second Coming of Christ
 - d. The Millennial reign of Christ
 - e. The Great White Throne Judgment
 - f. The New Heaven and the New Earth

(21.1-8) NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

- ([1](#)) the earth as we know it will vanish
 - Predicted by Isaiah – [Isaiah 65.17](#) = “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
 - The word “create” is the Hebrew word “bara,” the same word used in [Genesis 1:1](#), which means “to create out of nothing”
 - [2 Peter 3.10-11](#) – But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- like we used to say back in the day – “It’s all gonna burn!”
- it is a new creation, not a re-creation
- ([2-4](#)) the ultimate reality of God dwelling with His people
 - We have seen this from the beginning
 - Adam walking with God in the Garden of Eden
 - God telling Moses to build a tabernacle so that He could dwell among His people

- The Temple of Solomon
 - Finally, in the fullness of time, Jesus came and dwelt among us.
 - Don't you know that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit
- All sadness, hurt, and disappointment – no more tears – because we are with Jesus
- all of the former things will pass away, and we will remember them no more
- [Isaiah 65:17](#) = “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- (5-7) this is so fantastic that we have a hard time believing it, so John is told to write that the Word of God is faithful and true – you can bank 100% on that
- it is done – can you think of anything grander?
- Jesus is the beginning and the end – the alpha and the omega
- this speaks of an intimacy with the Lord unlike anything we could ever experience this side of heaven
- (8) a reminder that those who have rebelled against God will spend their eternity in the lake of fire
- We are on the road to one of two destinies – which road are you on?
 - Jesus laid it out plainly in the Sermon on the Mount – [Matthew 7:13-14](#) = “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- notice the list of life-styles that will not inherit the kingdom of God

(21:9-21) NEW JERUSALEM

- (9-11) Here comes the Bride
- the city descends out of the sky, but nothing is said of it landing on the earth
- it hovers between heaven and earth
- the jasper stone, clear as a crystal, more radiant than a sparkling diamond
- (12-14) Twelve gates and twelve foundation stones
- the number 12 is prominent in these last two chapters
- 12 gates ([12](#)) 12 angels ([12](#)) 12 tribes of Israel ([12](#)) 12 foundation stones ([14](#)) 12 apostles ([14](#)) 12 thousand furlongs is length ([16](#)) 12 times 12 cubits is walls width ([17](#)) 12 kinds of fruit ([22:2](#))
- Abraham was looking for a city whose builder and maker was God
- [Hebrews 11:8-10](#) - By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents

with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

- what are you looking for this morning?

- Remember – we are only pilgrims passing through

- ([15-17](#)) Measurements of the New Jerusalem

- the dimensions are staggering

- It is in the shape of a cube
- Approximately 1500 miles wide, long and high
 - three billion square miles in size
- the walls encasing the city are 144 cubits thick
 - that is about 72 yards!

- ([18-21](#)) All kinds of precious stones

- streets of gold

- this is where we get the idea of the pearly gates

(21.22-27) THE GLORY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

- ([22](#)) No need for a Temple

- there will be a Temple in Jerusalem during the Tribulation and the Millennium, but not now

- the Temple was always the symbol of God's presence, but now God dwells with His people

- ([23-26](#)) No need for the sun and moon

- In the Millennium of chapter 20, the moon will be as bright as the sun is presently, and the sun will be seven times brighter than it is now

- [Isaiah 30:26](#) = Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of seven days, In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound.

- In the New Jerusalem, there will be no need for the sun or moon at all because the glory and brilliance of the Lord will illuminate the entire city.

- this was also foretold by Isaiah

- [Isaiah 60:19-20](#) = "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.

- ([27](#)) A place for only the redeemed of the Lord

- the requirements to enter the city are specific = only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life

- Is your name recorded there?

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