



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION - PT 11

All Things New
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1. Revelation is a series of 'windows' – it's not in **CHRONOLOGICAL** order.
2. It's not 'What happens next?' – it's 'What does John **SEE** next?'
3. It cannot mean for us what it did not mean for **THEM**.
4. Everything in Revelation has already been **INTRODUCED** in the bible.
5. Apocalyptic writing is meant to stir **EMOTION** in us.

Revelation 21:1-7

THE REALITY OF HEAVEN

1. **We don't go UP to heaven, heaven comes DOWN to us.**

I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

If these are the beauties afforded sinful men, what does God have in store for those who love him? – Augustine

2. **We have PHYSICAL bodies in this new reality.**

Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. (Revelation 21:3)

3. **There is no PAIN in this new reality.**

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

4. **There are no ENEMIES in this new reality.**

Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there. (Revelation 21:25)

5. You cannot ESCAPE the presence of God in this new reality.

I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. (Revelation 21:22)

6. God's glory is fully REVEALED in this new reality.

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. (Revelation 22:4)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

7. Everyone is INVITED into this new reality.

Both the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears, say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)

See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)

YOU ARE NOT NEUTRAL – YOU ARE ON A SIDE.

SO WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides, sealed with seven seals. I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'... When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands. They said with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them say, Blessing and honor and Glory and power be to the one seated on the throne and the Lamb, forever and ever! (Revelation 5:1-5, 8a, 11-13)