

Revelation 21:1-22:5

21:1-8 All Things Made New

2 Peter 3:10 — 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.

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Isaiah 65:17 — For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth...

Romans 8:21 — ...creation itself also will be delivered...

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Hebrews 12:22 — ...you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...

-Galatians 4:26 — ...the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

-Revelation 3:12 — ...the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven...

Hebrews 11:10 — for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

-Hebrews 11:16 — ...Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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Exodus 25:8 — And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

-John 1:14 — ...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

-2 Corinthians 6:16 — I will dwell in them and walk among them...

Jeremiah 31:33 — I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

-Zechariah 8:8 — ...They shall be My people and I will be their God...

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Isaiah 25:8 — He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces...

1 Corinthians 15:54 — Death is swallowed up in victory.

Isaiah 35:10 — ...sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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5- "Write..."

2 Corinthians 5:17 — Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Always on the throne:

Revelation 4:2 — Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

-Isaiah 6:1 — In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up...

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Isaiah 44:6 — Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God."

Isaiah 43:10 — ...understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

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Matthew 5:6 — Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

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"overcomes" = nikaō (νικάω); to conquer, prevail, be victorious

SEVEN PROMISES TO THE OVERCOMER

-He who overcomes... shall eat from the tree of life (Revelation 2:7)

-He who overcomes... shall not be hurt by the second death (Revelation 2:11)

-He who overcomes... will receive the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name (Revelation 2:17)

-He who overcomes... will be given power over the nations and the morning star (Revelation 2:26–28)

-He who overcomes... shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life, but will confess his name before My Father and His angels (Revelation 3:5)

-He who overcomes... I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more, and I will write on him the name of My God, the name of the city of My God, and My new name (Revelation 3:12)

-He who overcomes... I will grant to sit with Me on My throne (Revelation 3:21)

There is no overcoming when there are no struggles/battles.

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8 A sharp contrast with Revelation 21:7.

“cowardly” = deilos (δειλός); fearful, timid, shrinking back

-Mark 4:40 — But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”

“unbelieving” = apistos (ἄπιστος); faithless, without belief

-Mark 9:24 — Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

“abominable” = bdelussō (βδελύσσομαι); detestable, polluted, morally loathsome

“A life characterized by defilement.”

“murderers” = phoneus (φονεύς); killer, one who sheds blood

-1 John 3:15 — Whoever hates his brother is a murderer...

“sexually immoral” = pornos (πόρνος); fornicator, sexually impure person

-1 Corinthians 6:11 — And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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“sorcerers” = pharmakos (φάρμακος); occult practitioner, one involved in sorcery

Is smoking Marijuana a sin?

1) “It’s natural” is not a valid moral defense

-Many harmful things are natural.

-Genesis 1:29 speaks of plants given for food, not intoxication.

2) The issue is not primarily health, but sobriety and control

-Why is drunkenness sin?

- Ephesians 5:18 forbids being drunk because it leads to dissipation(loss of control)
- 1 Peter 5:8 calls believers to have a clear & alert mind.
- Recreational marijuana produces impairment similar to alcohol intoxication.

Under Washington State law, the standard legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for most adult drivers (21 and over) is 0.08 percent.

- This is 2-4 drinks over a 2 hour period for the average adult.
- While marijuana affects people differently, studies have shown that an impairedness similar to .08 BAC can be achieved with as few as 1-2 hits of a joint.

### 3) Spiritual Deception/Oppression

- Revelation 21:8 and 9:21 condemn pharmacia (“sorceries”).
- Historically connected to mind-altering substances and spiritual deception.

### 4) Medicinal Use?

- 1 Timothy 5:23 shows legitimate medical use of alcohol can be appropriate.
- The difference is treatment vs. intoxication for pleasure/escape.
- Also, do we believe that God can heal?

### 5) The ultimate WHY?

- If the goal is impairment or escape, it aligns with walking in the flesh.
- The world seeks fixes through substances, but God’s way is transformation through the Spirit, not intoxication.

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“idolaters” = eidōlōlatrēs (εἰδωλολάτρης); worshipers of false gods

- 1 John 5:21 — Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

“liars” = pseudos (ψεῦδος); falsehood, deception

- Exodus 20:16 — “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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## 21:9-21 The New Jerusalem

The Bride = The Church

Revelation 19:7 — ...the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

- Ephesians 5:25 — ...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...

Do people marry cities?

- What lives in cities?

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Who is the 12th Apostle?

-Judas?

-Matthias?

-Paul?

- John 1:46 — “Come and see.”

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The Holy of Holies was a cube:

1 Kings 6:20 — The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height...

12,000 stadia  $\approx$  1,400 miles

If Grandview WA was the NW corner of the city, the city would go east to Omaha, Nebraska, and south to Guadalajara, Mexico.

The city is about  $\frac{2}{3}$  the size of the moon.

Henry Morris' Work:

-Total human population over all ages — roughly 100 billion people

-About 20 billion redeemed

-If only 25% of the city's total space were used for actual dwelling places...

-Every redeemed person could have a personal “block” (cube space) equal to roughly 75 acres on each face.

-Dykstra Park is only 28 acres, or the Mid Valley Mall property is 24.38...

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144 cubits  $\approx$  216–252 feet

-Ballpark: about a 20–25 story building.

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All these gems are “anisotropic”

-Unlike isotropic gems, these gems split light like a prism.

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“The Pearly Gates”

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“for the glory of God illuminated it.”

Isaiah 60:19 — 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.

1 Timothy 6:16 — who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

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What nations?

Revelation 5:9b — ...And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

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Isaiah 60:11 — Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night...

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Genesis 2:9 — ...The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden...

Twelve fruits ≈ Twelve harvests