

Revelation 21: All Things Made New! The Beginning of Forever

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

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Revelation 21

- **Rapture:** Done
- **Tribulation:** Over
- **Millennium:** Moves into eternity; i.e. Christ's Reign
- **White Throne Judgment:** Wicked Judged and in Hell [def. of wicked see v8]

All in All: Pre-Sin Conditions

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when **He delivers the kingdom to God the Father**, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷ For "*He has put all things under His feet.*" But when He says "all things are put under *Him*" *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸ Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that **God may be all in all.**

Joy Set Before Him: Jesus wants to be with us...Really!

Hebrews 12: 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the **joy that was set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at

the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 1:10 ...in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one **all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,¹² that we who first trusted in Christ **should be to the praise of His glory**.

I. New Heaven and New Earth: Beginning of Forever

¹ Now I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the **first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.**

- **“I saw...”** John, spectator of awesomeness
- **New Laws for the Universe** [J.V.M]
 1. **Total absence of sin and temptation**
 2. **New Jerusalem:** Earth and New Creation revolves around it [S disagrees]
 3. **Law of Gravity reversed;** i.e. traffic to and from the New Jerusalem!
 4. **No sun;** i.e. the absence of night
 5. **No sea on earth,** no fish but fruit will be the diet of the eternal man/woman
 - Chief characteristics of the New Earth; change in:
 - a) **Climate**
 - b) **Atmosphere**
 - c) **Living conditions**
- 6. **Presence of Christ and the Father** with a Visible Throne
 - **New Heaven:** At least **4 Dimensions!**

Ephesians 3:14 ...I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the **width and length and depth and height**— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [*4th is the Greek word for time*]

THIS IS THE AGE TO COME:

2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Matthew 12:32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him;

but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, **either in this age or in the age to come.** [C.f. Mat. 13:39, 40, 49, 24:3, 28:20, Mark 10:30, Luke 18:30, 20:34, 1 Cor. 2:6, 3:18, 10:11, 2 Cor. 4:4, Gal. 1:4, Eph. 2:7, 6:12, 1 Tim 6:17, Titus 2:12, **Heb 6:5**, 9:26]

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the **heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

Isaiah 65:17 "For behold, I create **new heavens and a new earth**; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Isaiah 66:22 "For as the **new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me,**" says the LORD, " So shall your descendants and your name remain. "

² Then I, John, **saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

- **Holy City/New Jerusalem;** Separated unto/for God and coming down from heaven

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a **heavenly country.** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for **He has prepared a city for them.**

- New Jerusalem *figuratively* here "as a bride" and *literally* "the bride" vv.9,10

Galatians 4:26 ...the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. [?]

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- **Prepared as a Bride**

1. **Undefiled**
2. **Pure**
3. **Awaiting and adorned for her husband: Jesus**

2 Corinthians 11:2 ...I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I **have betrothed you**

to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to **Christ**.

Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**.

Hosea 2:16 " And it shall be, in that day," Says the LORD, " *That* you will call Me '**My Husband,**' And no longer call Me 'My Master,'¹⁷ For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, And they shall be **remembered by their name no more**.

Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And **I will write on him My new name**.

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the **tabernacle of God is with men**, and He will dwell with them, and **they shall be His people**. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

- **Voice from Heaven:** God will once again dwell with man! Intimacy with God was lost in Eden

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, **and they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where are you?**" ¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" ¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- **Intimacy with God** now **restored forever** as was enjoyed prior to fall/sin!

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- **Tabernacle of God is with men**...He shall **dwell** with them

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh** and **dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **Emanuel:** lit. "God with us"
- They shall be His [lit.] peoples: Church and Israel; i.e. all redeemed by His **blood**

⁴ And **God will wipe away every tear** from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

- **Tears, Death, Crying:** Belong to the first age; i.e. the age of Adam and sin

Isaiah 25:8 He will **swallow up death forever**, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

Revelation 7:16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne **will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

⁵ Then **He who sat on the throne** said, "Behold, I **make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these **words are true and faithful.**" ⁶ And He said to me, "**It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ **He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**

- **"He who sat on the Throne..." Alpha/Omega-Beginning/End**

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,**" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last." ¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶ "**I, Jesus**, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches.

- **It is done! I Am the Alpha and the Omega**

John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- **Make all things New:**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- **Violation of the law of electricity;** i.e. The repelling force of positive charges; equivalent power to hold things together, He will let go and let nature take it's course:

Colossians 1:16 ... by Him [Jesus] all things were created, both in the heavens and on

earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.¹⁷ He is before all things, and **in Him all things hold together**.¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. [NASB]

2 Peter 3:11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of person sought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the **heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

- Believers will inherit **all** things with Christ!
- **Write for these Words are and Faithful and True:** Sounds too good to be true
- **He who overcomes inherits all things**

⁸ But the **cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars** shall have their part in the **lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**"

- After the New Creation the Lake of Fire and the lost have not changed status! Sin and the potential for forgiveness are "shut out" Lake of fire is eternal...the second death...there is **no third resurrection**

Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever.**

1. **Cowardly:** def. Cowardly, Fearful
2. **Unbelieving:** def. Unfaithful, Faithless

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith...**

2 Thessalonians 2:10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they **did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

3. **Abominable:** Foul, to stink
4. **Murderers**
5. **Sexually Immoral**
6. **Sorcerers:** One who uses magical remedies. Gr. Pharmakeus
7. **Idolaters**
8. **Liars**

1 John 1:10 If we say that we have **not sinned**, we make Him a **liar**, and His word is **not** in us.

II. New Jerusalem: The Bride [All in All] in Her Eternal Abode

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told

you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

- Center of the New Creation as God dwell there
- Saved and their dwelling place are both called...**the Bride**

⁹ Then **one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls** filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will **show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

- **One of the Seven Angels:** Previously gave John a guided tour in of **Babylon in "time"** now a guided tour of the **New Jerusalem in "eternity"**; i.e. darkness to dawn
- **Lamb:** Jesus will always be the Lamb; visibly wounded for our transgressions

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as though it had been **slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

¹⁰ And he **carried me away in the Spirit** to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the **holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,** ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

- John shown the New Jerusalem descending out of Heaven having the Glory of God
- **Carried away in the Spirit:**

Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." ² Immediately **I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven,** and *One* sat on the throne. ³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance...

Acts 8:35 ...Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the **Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away,** so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus.

- **Light Most Precious:** Refraction of Light

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with **twelve gates, and twelve angels** at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the **twelve tribes** of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three

gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.
¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb**.

The High Wall of the New Jerusalem has:

- 12 Gates
- 12 Angels at the Gates
- 12 Names on the Gates [Names of the **12 Tribes**] Old Testament
- 12 Foundations
- 12 Names on the Foundations [**12 Apostles** of the Lamb] New Testament

Revelation 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

¹⁵ And **he who talked with me** had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is **laid out as a square**; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

- He who talked with me: Angel
- **Approximately size of the moon**; 1400 miles cubed [cubit about 18 inches] with a base of 1,750,329 square miles [D. Jeremiah] **Wall Height**: 200-250 Feet
- **Measure of a man**; i.e. and angel: Same kind of tape measure

¹⁸ The construction of its **wall was of jasper**; and the city *was* **pure gold, like clear glass**. ¹⁹ The **foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones**: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

- Wall was Jasper
- City was pure gold
- Foundations were 12 Precious Stones; May correlate to 12 Stones on Breastplate of High Priest which earlier correlated to the 12 tribes, [Cf. Exodus 28, 31,39]
- Names of semi-precious stones change throughout the ages

²¹ The **twelve gates were twelve pearls**: each individual gate was of **one pearl**. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

- Each gate a huge pearl; 12 gates WERE 12 pearls
- Streets of gold: Heavenly asphalt

III. Further Description of the New Jerusalem: Our Eternal Dwelling

²² But I saw **no temple in it**, for the **Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.**

- **No Temple** in the New Jerusalem as was in the Millennial Kingdom
- God the Father and God the Son are the Temple; **Intimate** Fellowship

John 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²³ The city had **no need of the sun or of the moon** to shine in it, for the glory of **God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**

- **Shekinah Glory:** God's Work Light; before the sun and moon there was LIGHT:

Genesis 1: 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Matthew 17:2 ...He was transfigured before them. His **face** shone like the **sun**, and His clothes became as white as the light.

²⁴ And the **nations of those who are saved** shall walk in its light, and the **kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.**

- Those who are **saved** shall walk in the light of the New Jerusalem

²⁵ Its gates shall **not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).** ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it

- Gates never shut as day is... always
- Nations will bring Glory and Honor the New Jerusalem; i.e. Gods throne

²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that **defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie**, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Matthew 22:13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into **outer darkness**; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- Righteousness prevails; Life prevails, Perfection prevails

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

1 Peter 1:15 ...He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct

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