

# Revelation 21

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## SERMON NOTES

### Revelation: The Hope of Glory

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Setting All Things Right

#### 3 Views of Time:

- **Cyclical** - endless and meaningless
- **Chronological** - naturalistic atheistic view, linear, temporal, no meaning or purpose
- **Covenantal** - chronological with a divine *telos*

*“The biblical story began, quite logically, with a beginning. Now it draws to an end, not quite so logically, with a beginning. The sin-ruined creation of Genesis is restored in the sacrifice-renewed creation of Revelation.”*

- Eugene Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*

*“The city shown to us here is what we shall be in the age to come, what in a sense we already are, on the level of ‘the heavenules,’ and what in our earthly experience God is presently making of us.”*

- Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Revelation*

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- The holy city, the bride, the wife of the Lamb (v. 2)
- Filled with the abiding presence of God (v. 3)
- Emptied of all sorrow and suffering (v. 4)
- All things made new (v. 5)
- Having the glory of God (v. 11)
- Made precious and pure (v. 12-21)
- God and the Lamb are the focus of all worship (v. 22)
- The eternal hope of the glory of God (v. 23-27)

*“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in:’ aim at earth and you will get neither.”*

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*“The term apocalyptic has become synonymous for catastrophic, but its real meaning is not catastrophic but ‘unveiling.’ The catastrophic element will certainly be present at the end times, because the Bible warns realistically that, contrary to the Enlightenment creed of steady improvement, the forces of diabolical evil will persist and even rise to a horrifying crescendo toward the end of history - the ‘final evil.’ But that same catastrophic climax will end in both victory and a dramatic unveiling. It will be the moment when the whole world will marvel as they see God unveil the meaning of history and the cosmic purposes that he has been working toward from the beginning.”*

- Os Guinness, *Carpe Diem Redeemed*

*“May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together - spirit, soul, and body - and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass!”*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (The Message)