

Revelation 21:1-8
Rootwork
All Things New

- (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!
- (Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
- (Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!
- BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the “Digging Deeper” conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 21 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website and watch the mini conference. If you the handout, please email me and I will send it to you.
- Review the end of chapter 20 to see where we transition from and to get an overview and reminder of what it contains, and note the timeline and time period we move into when we start chapter 21!
- Read all of Chapter 21, make sure to highlight key repeated words, anything that stands out to you that gives the main thought!

- Review your timeline of the events of Revelation! Review all that we have covered so far throughout the book of Revelation..as you march through it, note what you can remember from memory. You will be amazed at how much we have covered and how beautiful it all flows together! As you look over this, what is the most profound thing your have learned about the character of God through it all?
 - What has encouraged you the most?
 - What has caused you to fall more in love with the Lord as you have dove in and studied?
 - Do you know Him more?
- Read just Revelation 21:1-8 and come up with a section theme for this section!
- We discussed extensively about having an eternal perspective..read Phil. 3:20 (or the whole chapter if you have time) and record Paul’s perspective! Then honestly and soberly compare your own perspective...how similar are they? How different? Why or why not? Spend time with the Lord on this!
- Read Colossians 3:1-2 - (if you can structure them, please do) Write these verses out line by line and focus on every word. Pull out the commands here...what is Paul saying here? What is his perspective and his focus? Think about your day yesterday...your every day routine..did you seek the things above? Did you set your MIND on the things above? Spend some time here with the Lord- ask Him what things need to be altered or changed in your routine, or in your mind so that your perspective is Biblical and fruitful for the Kingdom of God!
- We discussed this quote from C.S. Lewis- write your thoughts on this... “Aim at Heaven and you will get earth “thrown in:” aim at earth and you will get neither.(C. S. Lewis , Mere Christianity, 134)
- Read Matt 6:19-21 and look up each word in the blue letter Bible app. What do you learn about “treasure”, “lay up”, and “destroy”? Does this

help bring this truth to light? How does it encourage you personally to do what this verse commands?

- In class I shared with you the contrast and comparison of creation of the first earth, and the second - what do you see? Look up the verses if you have time! How cool is this? Isn't God's Word incredible? This is the One we serve!! Praise Him!!

- Genesis/Revelation

- -Heaven and earth created (Gen1:1)—New heavens and earth recreated (Rev 21:1)
 - -Sun created (Gen1:16). —No need of the sun (Rev. 21:23)
 - -The night established (Gen 1:5)—No night there (Rev. 22:5)
 - -The seas created (Gen1:10)—No more seas (Rev.21:1)
 - -The curse announced (Gen. 3:14-17)—No more curse (Rev.22:3)
 - -Death enters history (Gen 3:19)—Death exits history (Rev. 21:4)
 - -Man driven from paradise (Gen. 3:24)—Man restored to paradise (Rev. 22:14)
 - -Sorrow and pain begin (Gen. 3:17)—Sorrow, tears, and pain end (Rev.21:4)
 - -The devil appears (Gen.3:1)—The devil disappears (REv. 20:10)
 - The first two chapters the devil is not there, and in its last two chapters the Devil is not there.
- We discussed in Bible study some misconceptions of heaven, what were they?
 - Can you think of any others?
 - What have you personally believed about what heaven will be like?
 - “Satan labors to give people and inaccurate view of heaven- he slanders 3 things- God's person, God's people, and God's dwelling place”(Alcorn) How true this is!! What is satan's plan for each of the things he slanders? How does God completely take care of each area of slander?

- Have you ever been slandered? If so, how did you handle it?
- How does the knowledge of how God handles slander and how this all ends give you comfort and encouragement?
- We discussed many things that we can learn from this chapter about what heaven will be like. We saw from Rev. 20:11 that heaven and earth fled away - so what was the first one?
- Read verse 1, what does John see here?
- We see a “new heaven” and “new earth” - look up the words and record their meaning! Pay special attention to the meaning of “new” what do you see?
- This brings us to the 2nd thing we can know about heaven...what is it?
- At the end of this verse we see the 3rd thing we learn about heaven? What is that? Why do you think this is the case? Notice how we are told what is not there? It is very interesting how this is written- we will see a lot more of that as we continue to travel through the rest of this chapter!
- Look up the following verses that declare and proclaim what will happen during this time! Record what you learn from each, then if you have time try to find as many verses as you can about the new heaven and new earth and record what you learn!
 - Matt. 24:35
 - Psalm 102:25-27
 - Isaiah 66:22
 - Romans 8:21
 - 2 Peter 3:10-18 (what does Peter tell us to do here?)
- Read Isaiah 65:17-19, what do you see about this verse? Some have asked if we will remember anything at all, or anyone at all once the new heaven and new earth are created! See if you can find the answer to this? Look up “former things” what do you find? What is the

encouragement in verse 19? Remember who this is written to as well...what was the Lord saying to them?

- This brings us to our 4th point on what will heaven be like, what is that?
- We know why our earth needs to be new- but why does heaven need to be new?
- PLEASE READ- DO NOT SKIP THIS POINT 😊 This is where the debate begins and honestly we don't know for sure, but it's important to look at verses the scriptures give us when talking about the new heaven and new earth and compare/contrast that with other verses that talk about just heaven not pertaining to the new heaven and new earth! I will give you the cross references and there are more so please feel free to dig as much as you want! There are many people that hold to the same eschatology view that we do that disagree on this so we do not know for sure! I personally see the best commentator on scripture is scripture, and I see a distinct difference in the Lord's detail of the new heaven and new earth that could very well be completely new! But I understand the wrestling on this, and I may be totally wrong, so go dig for yourself, it is just incredible as you dive yourself into the fullness of the Word of God and get lost in His masterpiece! We will never be able to know what this will totally be like until we get there, but it is so fun to see what we can know from His Word!! Record any new Scriptures you find and share with the other ladies at the Root work night. Here are the ones we covered from class:
 - Job 15:15 (this could very well be just the heavens above in the atmosphere or heavens that we see like the clouds the birds etc..but important to note for either)
 - Rev. 7:17 (notice springs of living water and compare to Rev.21:7)
 - Isaiah 25:8-9
 - Isaiah 51:11 and Isaiah 35:10 (same exact wording)
 - Isaiah 60:20
 - Isaiah 65:19

- Jeremiah 31:12
- Read Rev. 6:9-11 and 1 Cor. 3:10-15 and write out what you see happening in heaven before the new heaven and new earth! Does this sound different than what is described about the new heaven and new earth?
- Read verse 2, what is the 5th point of what we know about heaven?
- Read the following verses and record what you find:
 - Rev.3:12
 - Hebrews 11:10
 - Hebrews 13:14
- What does having a new Jerusalem tell you about God's overall plan? Why is this significant?
- Read verse 3, what did John hear? Who was it?
- What did He say?
- Look up the word "tabernacle" and record what you find!
- Read Exodus 25:1-9 and if you have time read the whole chapter where God gave the details for the tabernacle on earth...His foreshadow of this very tabernacle! What one detail is proclaimed in both descriptions?
- What does this tell you about the character of God? What is His desire?
- What does that tell you about what He did for you, why He did it? How does this define who you are and what you do? Record in your "who is God" journal!
- Look up the word "dwell" and do a word search on it! I love this word- it is so establishing and defines such security in the Lord!!! Record

what you see! How does this encourage you in your walk with the Lord?

- This brings us to the 6th point about what we can know about heaven. What is it?
- Look up 1 Cor. 13:12 and record what Paul says about what heaven will be like!
- Read verse 4, what is the 7th point of what we can know about heaven?
- Notice again this is at the time of the new heaven and new earth! What a day that will be! Can you imagine with me for a minute what that actually will be like...think about our world today, how many things do we go through on a minute by minute basis that has to do with death, mourning, crying, and pain? How many things does the world go through that have to do with those things? There will be no more death, period, for anyone- it is passed away, there will be no more mourning for anyone at all, it is passed away, no more crying for any person at all, passed away, no more pain for anyone at all..it is passed away! That is a crazy thought and one that is very hard for us to comprehend! Oh what a glorious day that will be!!! Record your thoughts on this and share at the Root work night!
- In fact this is so beyond our comprehension that I made an 8th point about it on what we can know about heaven! What is that?
- Read verse 5, who sits on the throne?
- What does He say?
- Look up “all things”, “faithful”, and “true”and record what you find! Why do you think the Lord says this? Why does He make this statement here and with such explanation of His certainty?

- Read 1 John 3:2- record your thoughts on this in light of, “All things new”!
- It is important to note that although we (if we are born again believers) have been made new on the inside- a brand new creation.. there is still residue of the sinful woman we wrestle with because of our sin nature (if you have time, read Romans 6-8 and see what Paul says about the sin nature and the wrestling that happens) We still have this residue until we see the Lord in glory!! We have this awesome hope that when we get to heaven- we shed every bit of this residue and we no longer wrestle with the sinful nature but we get glorified bodies and are resurrected into complete freedom from sin! This happens in us before the new heaven and new earth- this happens the minute we are absent from the body and present with the Lord! Can you imagine what this will be like?! I can not wait!! 🙌🙌
Praise God!!
- Read verse 6, what else did God say? Look up “done” what is He referring to? And then look up every attribute He declares, record the meanings and why they are important and significant to what He is saying!! This is HUGE!! Please do not forget to write these in your “who is God” journal!!
- What does He give and to whom? What does this mean? (Look up any words that will be helpful) This brings us the the 9th and 10th points of what we can know about heaven! What are they?
- Read verse 7, who are those who “overcome” and what does that mean?
- What will they inherit?
- The end of this verse is the biggest blessing! What is it? Here is your 11th point, what is it?

- Look up the following verses and explain why this is so important!! God has said this in 43 different verses (if you want to look up all of them, please do, but I only have a few for you 😊) look up the following and record what you find:
 - Genesis 17:7-8
 - Exodus 6:7
 - Ezekiel 11:20
 - Ezekiel 37:23
 - Jeremiah 7:23
 - Jeremiah 31:33
 - 2 Cor. 6:16-17
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - Revelation 21:3
- What does this tell you about the heart of God? What does He desire? What does He long for?
- Is He fully your God and are you fully His daughter?
- Write this in your “Who is God” journal (Who is God, what did He do? Who are you? What do you do?) Please let me know if you have questions on this- it is way too important to pass up!!!
- Look at verse 8, what is the contrast here between verse 7 and verse 8?
- What is the final and 12th point of what we can know about heaven from verse 8?
- Finish your study time reading all of 2 Cor. 5 and record every single nugget you find, this is for all who believe! Go through this slowly, take your time and really sit on this! What is Paul saying? What response do you have? Does this help in your perspective? Challenge yourself and really ask...is this my heart? Is pleasing the Lord my ambition?

Let Him have is way in you! You will be so so happy you did!! (Don't forget to look up words to get the fuller meaning of the passage)

“Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place. When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!
While we walk the pilgrim pathway,-
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over,-
Not a shadow, not a sigh.
Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.
Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.” (Eliza Hewitt)