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SHOWCASING JESUS CHRIST IN PROPHECY

ALL
THINGS
NEW

EPISODE 18

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Based on Revelation Chapter 21

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MAIN IDEA

We live in a world where pain and destruction seem endless and the universe heartless to hear our cries. But in Revelation 21 we see a God who not only cares but is present in the midst of our pain and devastation. His presence, however, only has the power we let it have. But if we ask Jesus can step into any situation and make it new for you even if nothing seems to change He can turn hell into heaven for you by the power of His presence.

KEY POINTS

What John Sees

- a. New heaven and Earth-Represent an end to both spiritual and physical systems that were broken by sin
- b. No Sea-Represents the end of political unrest and spiritual dissonance

The Tabernacle

- a. Intimacy-Throughout History God has tried to get as close as He could to us without it causing our destruction here are some of the main events in His search to be close to us.
 - i. Wilderness Sanctuary (Ex. 25:8)
 1. The words tabernacle in Revelation and sanctuary here both mean tent
 2. His presence wrapped in animal skins and cloth
 3. Still too distant

ii. Jesus

1. Once again wrapped in skin and cloth this time as a human he can finally interact with us personally without destroying us
2. But he had to leave so He gave us

iii. Holy Spirit

1. Literally the one who walks along side us in our journey
2. Described as downpayment on the world to come!

iv. Epic Love Story

1. Rev. 21 is the Climatic ending of and epic love story
2. God and humanity reunited
3. God lives with us personally
4. He moves "heaven" to earth just to be with us forever-He will never let us go.

Can All Enter?

- a. NO (read vs. 8)
- b. Why can they not enter?
- c. **Deut. 23:14** -God walked among therefore they had to follow certain protocols or else His presence would have to leave, why?
- d. **Gen. 3:8-10** -After sin God's presence became toxic to man and induced fear in our hearts instead of love.
- e. **Heb. 12:29** God's presence is a consuming fire.
- f. Sin causes either us to find from God or God's presence to consume us. Therefore He has to stay away in order to save us.

INSIGHTS

I Am with You Always

- a. Revelation 20 and 21 occur simultaneously
- b. **Zech. 2:5** God is a wall of fire around His people

Rev. 20:9- the city and the saints are on earth with the wicked...and so is God

- i. Therefore the city is on earth while earth burns
- ii. The fire is the presence of God revealed in its true nature
- iii. God's presence is with both groups. One group has been inoculated, the other has not.
- iv. What is hell for one is heaven for the other

What will you choose? Will you let Him in now, let Him step into your situation and turn your hell into heaven.

God is heaven for us, but we are heaven for Him