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The in-depth study of revelation

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5. God Himself is still speaking.
 - a. God tells John three things.
 1. First – Who will be in the kingdom of God.
 - a. Those who thirst meaning
 1. To know God
 2. To do the will of God
 3. To live the life of God
 4. To long for life with God.
 5. To obey and follow after God in the life they lived.
 - b. Those who thirst shall receive.

John 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

- c. Those who thirst are given the right to cry Abba Father.

Romans 8:14-17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

2. Secondly - Who will not be.

1. Those who did not thirst after the Life of God.

3. Thirdly – The eternal destination of those who will not be.

- a. Their destination is the lake which burns with Fire and brimstone.

1. The reason why.

- a. The lack of thirst.

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

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."

- c. Which is known as the second death.

1. Meaning – The final separation. –(From God)

6. To reject the life of God is to reject God himself.

a. The second death will include all.

John 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

James 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

a. Those who refused to live a life for God.

1. Which includes all of those who.

Luke 21:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

1 John 2 : 15 – 17 - James 4 : 4 – Titus 2 : 12 – 13 – Rom. 12 : 2

11 Cor. 6 : 17 – 18 -

b. Those who murder.

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV)

¹³ "You shall not murder.

Matt. 19 : 18 – Roman 13 : 9 -10 – 1 Pet. 4 : 15 - 1 John 3 : 15

c. Those who whoremonger and sexual immoral.

Exodus 20:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

Matt. 5 : 27 – 28 - Rom. 1 : 27 – Rom. 13 : 14 - Eph. 4 : 19 – 1 Pet. 2 : 11

1 Pet. 4 : 2 – 3 - Ex. 20 : 14

d. Those who practice witchcraft and sorcery.

Micah 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.

1 Chron. 10 : 13 - Isiaha 8 : 19 – 20 – Gal. 5 : 19 - 20

e. Those idolaters. –(The practice of idol worship).

1 Corinthians 10:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Gal. 5 : 19 – 21 – Eph. 5 : 5 – Col. 3 : 5 – 6 – Rev. 21 : 8 – Rev. 22 : 15

Ex. 20 : 1 - 5

f. Those who lie. (all liars – Gossipers – Talebears).

Exodus 20:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ps. 63 : 11 – Prov. 19 : 5 - Isiaha 44 : 25 –

g. Those who support those who do such things.

Romans 1:28-32 (NKJV)

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)

¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

7. John is taken away by one of the angels who held the seven bowls of plagues
To a high mountain.

Revelation 21:9-10 (NKJV)

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." 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,

a. What John is allowed to see is this great city of God descending from the heavens.

1. Where is this great city now?

a. It's in heaven waiting to descend to its final resting place.

1. The New earth –(to eternally always be).

2. It's indescribable

a. Image the difficulty John has trying to describe the city of God.

b. How do you explained God are anything about who and what He is.

c. Then also try to describe God City.

8. John is given the task of describing This city of God.
 - a. He is carried to a high mountain
 1. The word mountain is symbolic for – meditation and faith.
 2. Through-out scripture those who needed a word from God moved To a high mountain to fast and pray.

9. First – John says it has the Glory of God and her light.
 - a. The word light means – for the source of light.
Meaning the city is the source of light not needing anything to reflect light it is the source.
 - b. Unlike our moon and stars that need a light source to reflect
 - c. This city is the light source for its self and the whole universe.

Revelation 21:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light,

 - d. The presence of God makes this city the source of glory-(light)- for the whole universe.
 1. Anytime there was rebellion in the camp of Israel in the Old Testament God would show up in judgment.
 2. God glory does two things.
 - a. Strikes terror in the hearts of those who rebel against God.

Job 34:22 (NKJV)

²² There is no darkness nor shadow of death Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

 - b. Gives hope to those who worship and follow after God.
 1. God is Light
 2. God is the source of light
 3. God is the eternal light
 4. In Him there is no darkness.

1 John 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6-10 (NKJV)

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

3. This city of God will not need any other light source.

- a. No moon
- b. No sun
- c. No stars – God is the light.

Revelation 21:23 (NKJV) 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.

Revelation 22:5 (NKJV)

⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

4. The word light used to describe this city is used nowhere else in the New Testament except in Phil. 2 : 15.

Philippians 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

- a. It is symbolic of the shining or brightness of its divine glory.
- b. In Philippians it is used to describe those who reflect His glory in a perverse world of sin and thirst after God glory.
- c. the church of Philadelphia in Rev. 3 : 12 was promised to be made a pillar within this future city because of their faithfulness to shine God glory.

Revelation 3:12 (NKJV)

¹² 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 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.*

1. The new name could very well be Bride.

10. Secondly - The presence of the saints only brings even more glory-(light)-to the faithfulness of their God.

a. John wrote God is light and we are the light of God.

John 9:5 (NKJV)

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

b. Jesus said we are the light of this world.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

c. We as true believers in Christ Jesus have been promised a part in this New city.

Colossians 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Ephesians 1:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Ephesians 1:11 (NKJV)

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,

Phil. 3 : 1 2- 14 – Eph. 2 : 4 – 7 - Phil. 3 : 12 – 14 – Col. 3 : 24 – Heb. 1 ; 4

11. In our walk with God He should be the all-consuming fire of a life in the light of God.

Hebrews 12:29 (NKJV)

For our God *is* a consuming fire.

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