

13: Revelation Final Chapters - All Things Have Been Made New

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CHAPTERS 21-22

All Things Have Been Made New

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THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

21:1

- John sees all things made new (Isa. 65:17, 66:22-23)
 - New Heaven
 - New Earth
- For the first heaven and earth had passed away
- Also, there was no more sea (unlike the flood of Noah)

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THE NEW JERUSALEM

21:2-4

- John sees the holy city, New Jerusalem
 - Coming down out of heaven from God
 - Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Isa. 52:1)
 - A loud voice declares that the tabernacle of God is now with men
 - God Himself will dwell with them
 - God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
 - Death, sorrow, crying, and pain have ceased
 - The former things have passed away

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ALL THINGS ARE MADE NEW

21:5

- God declares that He has made all things new
 - He instructs John to write for these words are *true* and *faithful* (same words used of Christ in 19:11)
- It is done!
 - God is the Alpha and the Omega
 - The Beginning and the End

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THE BLESSINGS AND THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

21:6-8

- Those who overcome
 - God will give freely of the fountain of the water of life to all who thirst (Isa. 12:3, John 4:10)
 - Overcomers will inherit all things as heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:15-17)
- However, the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murders, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars by denying God's word (1 Cor. 6:9-10, Eph. 5:5)
 - Shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone
 - This is the second death (19:5-6)

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THE NEW JERUSALEM

21:9-15

- One of the angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues comes to John
 - Shows him the "bride" the Lamb's wife – Holy Jerusalem

- Descending out of heaven from God
- Has the glory of God, shining like a precious jasper stone
- Has a wall with twelve gates
 - Twelve angels at the gates
 - The names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel written on them
 - With twelve foundations with the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb written on them (Eph. 2:19-22)

7 **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:16-17

- The angel measures the city with a gold reed; based on human standards of measure
 - Twelve thousand furlongs (1,400 miles, 75-day journey on foot to walk the length of one wall)
 - laid out as a square
 - Height is equal to the length of the sides
 - Each wall is 144 cubits (216 feet) (height / width?)

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9 **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:18-21

- The wall is constructed of jasper
- The city and street was pure gold, like clear glass
- The foundation is adorned with all kinds of precious stones
 - Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, and amethyst
 - The twelve gates were each a single pearl

10 **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:22-25

- There is no temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple (Eze. 48:35)
- No need for sun or moon to shine for the glory of God illuminates it – The Lamb is its light (Isa. 60:19-22)
 - The nations of the saved shall walk in the light
 - The kings of the earth bring their glory and honor to it
 - There is no night there

11 **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

21:27

- Its gates are always open
 - Open all day
 - There is no night there
 - Glory and honor of all nations enter the city
 - Nothing that defiles or causes abomination is permitted
 - Only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life
 - The only ones who are permitted have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life

12 **THE RIVER OF LIFE**

22:1-2

- The angel shows John the river of the water of life (Zech. 14:8-9)
 - Clear as crystal
 - Proceeds from the throne of God and the Lamb
 - It runs down the middle of the street
 - The tree of life is planted alongside the river
 - It bears twelve fruits, one fruit for each month
 - Its leaves are for healing the nations
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13 **LIFE IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

22:3-5

- There is no more curse
- His servants shall serve Him
 - They shall see His face (impossible until now – Ex. 33:18-23)
 - His name will be on their foreheads
 - They shall reign forever and ever

14 **THESE EVENTS MUST TAKE PLACE "SHORTLY"**

22:6-9

- The words are *faithful* and *true* (the Bible, like Jesus is perfectly faithful and true)
- The Lord God sent His angels to reveal this to John because the events, once started, will all soon occur
 - Christ is coming quickly- Blessed is he who keeps the words of this prophecy (cursed is he who does not?)
- John falls to his face in worship again, and is told the exact message as before "Worship God!"
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15 **THESE EVENTS MUST TAKE PLACE SHORTLY**

22:10-11

- John told not to seal the words of the prophecy (Daniel told to seal them 8:26)
 - For the time is at hand (the next event will be the end)
 - When the end does come
 - He who is unjust will be eternally unjust ...
 - He who is righteous will be eternally righteous

16 **THESE EVENTS MUST TAKE PLACE SHORTLY**

22:12-14

- The Lamb is coming quickly and His reward is with Him to give to everyone according to their work
- Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last
- Therefore, blessed are those who do God's commandments for they have the right to the tree of life

17 **THESE EVENTS MUST TAKE PLACE SHORTLY**

22:15

- Those who remain outside are “dogs”
 - Sorcerers
 - Sexually immoral
 - Murders
 - Idolators
 - Those who love and practice lies against God

18 **CLOSING THE PROPHECY**
22:16

- Jesus has sent the angel to testify to John so that His words will be testified to in the churches
 - Churches should be testifying of Jesus’ return in glory as the Lamb of God
 - He is the Root and Offspring of David (the long-promised Messiah)
 - He is the Bright and Morning Star (2 Pet. 1:19)

19 **CLOSING THE PROPHECY**
22:17

- The [Holy] Spirit and the bride say “Come!”
 - Let him who hears say “Come!” – every believer is called to witness to the unbelieving world
 - Let him who thirsts come – whoever desires, let him take freely of the water of life.
 - God does not limit who will come into eternal life with Him
 - Humanity limits itself by refusing to come to Jesus, the Lamb of God, for their salvation
 - The water of eternal life is freely given to all who receive Jesus by faith

20 **THE FINAL WARNING**
22:18-21

- John speaks to all who hear this prophecy
 - If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book
 - If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away
 - His part from the Book of Life
 - From having access to the holy city
 - And from the blessings offered in this book
- Christ Testifies that He is coming quickly
- John agrees: “Amen, even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

21 **GENESIS-REVELATION**

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| • New heaven and earth | 1:1 | 21:1 |
| • Sun created for daylight – not needed | 1:16 | 21:23 |
| • Darkness called night – no night there | 1:5 | 22:5 |
| • Waters called seas – no sea there | 1:10 | 21:1 |
| • Rivers supplying water for earth | 2:10-14 | 22:1-2 |
| • Sin enters – sin defeated | 3 | 21-22 |
| • Curse pronounced – curse ended | 3:14-17 | 22:3 |
| • Tree of life guarded – free access | 3:24 | 22:14 |
| • Sorrow and suffering – no more sorrow | 3:17 | 22:4 |

22 **GENESIS-REVELATION**

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| • God in the midst of His people | 3:8 | 21:3 |
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| • Babylon rise and fall | 10:8-10 | 17-18 |
| • Flood to destroy wicked – chosen | 6-9 | 12 |
| • Bride selected for Abraham’s seed | 24 | 19 |
| • Marriage of 1 st Adam – Last Adam | 2:18-23 | 19 |
| • Satan’s rule begins – ends | 3:24 | 20:10 |
| • Death enters – destroyed | 3:19 | 21:4 |