

All Things New (Part 1) – Revelation 21

Last time we saw Revelation 20 describe the thousand-year millennial reign of Jesus Christ on the earth with His saints which concludes with a worldwide rebellion and Great White Throne Judgment marking the finality of two things: 1) a final judgment of mankind and angels 2) the end of time as we know it. The theme of these final two chapters of the Bible is found in v. 5 today...*"Behold, I make all things new!"* Man's sin has marred the entire biblical account until this end of time when things are refreshed, restored, and returned on a permanent level to God's original intentions back at the _____ of the Bible.

A NEW Universal Design of Heaven and Earth – Revelation 21:1-2

1. Original vs. New Design...there is a _____ to God's original design
 - God's original heaven/earth became _____/earth...and now it returns – Gen. 1:1-2, 2:1-2.
 - There was light _____ the sun and that returns also – Gen. 1:3-5, 14-19; Rev. 21:23, 22:5.
 - There is no more sea of separation – v. 2; Gen. 1:6-8; 2 Cor. 12:1-6; Job 38:8-11, 30; Rev. 4:1, 6.
 - Removing the sun, moon, and stars removes their original purpose..._____ keeping – Gen. 1:14.

A NEW People and Way of Life – Revelation 21:3-8

1. God's _____ dwelling will no longer away from mankind, but with us – v. 3; Gen. 3:8.
2. God's physical presence permanently removes tragic things from man's existence – v. 4.
 - God will heal all broken hearts and wipe away all _____.
 - God will abolish _____, sorrow, crying, pain...they will pass away.
3. **The Great Contrast:** There's **ONE way** to inherit eternity and **MANY ways** to fall short of it – v. 5-8.
 - To inherit it one must receive the water of life _____ given by God – v. 6; Jn. 4:13-15, 14:6.
 - To miss eternal life is to choose a variety of sinfulness instead of it... _____, *unbelief, abominableness, murder, whoremongering, sorcery, idolatry, lying...* – v. 8; Jn. 3:19.

A NEW Jerusalem – Revelation 21:2, 9-27

1. New Jerusalem is “new” because it replaces Old Jerusalem. It is called the “*bride of the Lamb*” – v. 9
 - Christ’s bride (the Lamb) is the New Testament church and New Jerusalem is the everlasting home and destination for Christ’s bride – Eph. 5:22-32; Rom. 7:4; 2 Cor. 11:2-3; Jn. 14:1-6; Rev. 3:12.
 - The devil has a bride which is also a city...called Babylon, a mother of _____ – Rev. 17:1-9.
2. New Jerusalem is called “that great city” sitting above in the 3rd Heaven – v. 2, 10; Gal. 4:26.

3. The Physical Description of New Jerusalem – v. 11-23

- It is lit by the glory of God shining through it as a clear crystal stone..._____ jasper – v. 11.
- It has four sides, three guarded gates (*angels*) on each side, a tribe of Israel written above each gate – v. 12-13.
- There are twelve foundations to the walls and in those foundations the names of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ – v. 14.
- The measurements depict a **1,500 mile long cubic** shaped structure to the city – v. 15-17.

Note: The measures were taken from the angel’s measurements, as that of a _____ (v. 17)

- The city is “garnished” with all manner of precious stones in its construction – v. 18-21.

The wall itself is constructed of jasper stone

The city structures are constructed of pure clear gold

The 12 foundations are garnished with 12 precious stones: jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and amethyst

The gates are constructed of _____

The streets are constructed of pure, _____ gold

- There is **no temple** in New Jerusalem – v. 22.
- There is **abundant light** without need for the sun or moon to shine in New Jerusalem – v. 23.

4. The **Function** of New Jerusalem – v. 24-27.

- ***The nations...the kings*** from _____ bring their glory and honor into it – v. 24, 26; Is. 9:6-7.
- Its **gates** are never closed – v. 25.
- It is like no other city ever – v. 27.