

All Things New  
Revelation 21:1-27

INTRO: After the final judgment, the Great White Throne Judgment, the judgment of the lost (Rev 20:11-18), eternity future is ushered in. Eternity future is a time of glorious renewal, a time when all things are made new (Vs 5). Think of it: Satan, sin, and sinners are forever removed.

Death and hell are vanquished

Gloom and doom is banished, glory begins

Every divine purpose of God for man's eternal well-being is realized and every divine promise is fulfilled (Eph 2:4-7)

(Adapted, Lockyer 301).

There is a phrase that stands out in this great chapter of the Bible. It is found in verse five: "Behold, I make all things new...." In Revelation 21, we read about a new heaven and a new earth. As a matter of fact, there are six new things found in Revelation 21 with a seventh found in Revelation 22.

1. New Heaven
2. New Earth
3. New peoples—with no depravity, and resurrection bodies,
4. New Jerusalem
5. New Temple
6. New light
7. New paradise.

I. VS 1, THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN

A. "Heaven:" in Revelation 21:1 does not mean the place of God's immediate presence, but the aerial heavens— this means all that is between the earth and God Himself, the astronomical and the atmospheric heaven.

1. The old heaven was where Satan operated from and was therefore not clean in the sight of our holy God.
2. The prince and power of the air, Satan, has polluted the atmospheric heaven.
3. Think about this as well— the space between us and God's abode is so polluted and cluttered with missiles, rockets, satellites, and miscellaneous junk that it will have to be cleansed.

B. The new heaven will be so different from the old; it will be constituted in such a way that the sun, moon, stars, and atmospheric properties will no longer be necessary.

## II. VS 1, THERE WILL BE A NEW EARTH

- A. "A new earth." The word for new here is Rev 21:1 is the Greek word *kainos* meaning, "Fresh, unused, unworn." There will be a brand new heaven (atmospheric) and a brand new earth.
1. The very elements will have been melted and dissolved in fervent heat (II Pet 3:7, 10-13).
  2. Isaiah 65:17 predicts the purging of the old creating the new. So renewed will be the new that "the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind."
  3. One thing that will make the new earth so different is the absence of seas.
    - a. There will be no tropical storms, no hurricanes.
    - b. Families will not be separated by vast bodies of water. There will be no separation.
- B. The old earth must disappear because:
1. It has witnessed the sin and violence of man.
  2. It is soaked with the blood of millions of martyrs.
  3. It has been stained with the Redeemer's blood.
  4. It has been drenched with millions of tears: tears of heartache and pain, tears of godly men and godly women.
- C. The new earth will never experience sin, sorrow, or slaughter.

## III. VSS 2, 9-21, THE NEW JERUSALEM

- A. Vs 2, The new Jerusalem, the Holy City, will descend out of heaven. This city will be eternity's capital. The city is built by God Himself (Heb 11:10, 16).
1. The new Jerusalem descends as a bride adorned in beautiful bridal robes.
  2. The church formed by the work of the Holy Spirit in the wilderness below has been adorned in eternal loveliness since her marriage to the Lamb. "Here comes the bride," will be the song as she descends.
- B. Vs 9-11, It is a heavenly city.
1. It comes down from heaven.
  2. It is for heavenly people.
    - a. It is a prepared place (Jn 14:1-3).
    - b. It is for a prepared people (Eph 4:11-12; Rev 19:7).
  3. The Lamb's bride shines in the reflected beauty and glory of God.

- C. It is a home city.
  - 1. William R Newell said: "It will be particularly the home of the church, the Lamb's wife, Ephesians 5:27-32; others will be there, and many will have access (Rev 21:24-26); but the church will be as the wife in the home" (341).
  - 2. In Rev 3:12, John writing to the church at Sardis speaks of the overcomers dwelling in the New Jerusalem.
- D. Vss 12-14, It is a vast city.
  - 1. The repetition of the number 12 speaks of governmental perfection.
    - a. Vs 12-13, twelve gates.
    - b. Vs 14, twelve foundations– Eph 2:20, the church, the first church (I Cor 12:28).
  - 2. Vss 15-17, the city measured
    - a. 1500 miles four square.
    - b. The walls are 72 yards thick (216 ft).
- E. It is a literal and glorious city.
  - 1. Vs 18, Literal materials for the walls: jasper, the city of gold.
  - 2. Vss 19-20, the foundations garnished with precious stones. Ladies love these: the bride will too.
  - 3. Vs 21, Gates of pearl suggesting the wounded side of Christ. The pearl comes from the wounding of the oyster. The streets of gold speaks of the deity of Christ.

#### IV. VSS 3-7, RENEWED FELLOWSHIP

- A. Vs 3, God will tabernacle or dwell with man again.
  - 1. Before the fall, God visited Adam and Eve in the garden everyday. The sin that broke our fellowship with God is removed.
  - 2. One day, God will again walk with men.
  - 3. Vs 22, "No temple" signifies full and free access to all true worshipers. "The Lamb," the one who suffered for His elect is eternally the God man.
- B. Vs 4, Speaks of things absent in eternity future (Isa 25:8-9).
  - 1. No funeral homes.
  - 2. No drug stores.
  - 3. The curse will be gone.
- C. Vs 5, Every minute detail of all things will be made new. The old nature is gone! The desire for wickedness will be gone.
- D. Vs 6, This speaks of the sovereignty of God. The offer of

salvation is also given here (Isa 55:1; Jn 4:13-14; 7:37-38).

- E. Vs 7, Overcomers inherit all these things (I Pet 1:3-4).
  - 1. Those who are sons are overcomers (Jn 1:12).
  - 2. Those who are saved. We overcome by the blood (Rev 12:11).
- F. Vs 8, 27, Speaks of those who cannot inherit what God has for the Redeemed.

V. VS 22, A NEW TEMPLE

- A. The shadows of the Old Testament give way to substance (Heb 9:23-24).
- B. God will be our true and living temple because we now have Christ as our altar.

VI. VSS 23-24, NEW SUPERNATURAL LIGHTING

- A. Our present sources of light will not be needed.
- B. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (Jn 8:12).
  - 1. To have light in our souls, we must trust Christ.
  - 2. To experience the eternal kingdom, we must be born again.

CONCLUSION: A beautiful place is prepared for God's prepared people.

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