

1 ☐ **The Revelation**

Study of John's Revelation

Chapter 21

2 ☐3 ☐ **Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth**

► In Eternity We will be in a New Creation (v.1)

► The present earth and atmospheric heaven will be gone.

► In the opening statement of this chapter, John confirms for us the reality of the destruction of the earth and atmospheric heavens (2 Peter 3:10-11, Revelation 20:11). This destruction will be powerful and complete. It will evidently take place right after the final battle (Revelation 20:9). This new heaven and earth are not "the old heaven and earth renovated, but an act of new creation." (Walvoord, Revelation 311)

► God will create an entirely new heaven and earth (with no sea???).

► This new earth will be our eternal home with God.

4 ☐ **Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth**

► In Eternity We will have a New City (v.2)

► John called this place "the holy city, new Jerusalem

► It will come down from God out of heaven.\*

► It will be beautiful beyond compare.

► Will this be heaven?

► Believers will be with God in the new earth and holy city. Evidently this will be our eternal heaven.

► God's saints looked for a better heavenly country (He 11:16)

► Jesus went to prepare us a place in his Father's house (Jn 14:1-3)

► A Christian's citizenship is in heaven (Php 3:20)

► God has reserved believers an inheritance in heaven (1Pe 1:3-5)

5 ☐ **Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth**

► In Eternity We will have a New Intimacy (v.3-5)

► At this point, God will begin dwelling with His immortal people.

► He will be with them and be their God.

► He will utterly wipe away all the present things that trouble us (v.4). God will wipe away EVERY tear from EVERY eye.

► He will make all things new (v.5).

► New in contrast with the former troubling things.

► Perhaps new feelings, new emotions, new joys, new memories, etc.

► Any other ideas? ...

6 ☐ **Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth**

► In Eternity We will have a New Future (v.6-8)

► God, who is speaking, is the eternal Alpha and Omega.

► We will never thirst for anything again, John 4:10, 13-14.

► Because we overcame sin by the blood of the Lamb, we will inherit all the new things God has for us.

► As a convicting challenge, God reminds us of the destiny of all who do not overcome by the blood of the Lamb (v.8).

- ▶ Their description is sinners of all degrees, beginning with the fearful (afraid to trust Christ) and unbelieving (faithless).
- ▶ Their destination is the eternal Lake of Fire.

#### 7 ☐ Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth

- ▶ New Jerusalem will be Marvellous (v.9-27)
  - ▶ An angel invites John to see the bride, the Lamb's wife (v.9)
    - ▶ Some think the bride is the New Jerusalem (city and a woman)
    - ▶ Others think the bride is in the New Jerusalem (city for a woman)
- ▶ The city will shine like a precious clear jasper stone (v.11)
- ▶ The city wall is high with 12 gates each named after Israel's tribes. If the city is the Bride, is Israel part of the Bride???
- ▶ Three gates are on each of the city's four sides (v.13)
- ▶ The wall has 12 foundations named after the apostles (v.14)
- ▶ The wall is 144 cubits high (i.e., about 65m) (v.17)

#### 8 ☐ Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth

- ▶ The city is 12,000 furlongs long, wide, and high (i.e., 2236 km) (v.16)
  - ▶ If the furlong was 185 m x 1200 = 2,220,000 / 1000 = 2,220 km, then New Jerusalem is 4,928,400 km<sup>2</sup>.
  - ▶ WA has 2,529,880 km<sup>2</sup>. All of Australia has 7,692,024 km<sup>2</sup>.
  - ▶ Will it be a cube, or a pyramid, or a 12 sided pyramid?
- ▶ The building materials of the city are also precious.
  - ▶ The wall is of jasper (v.18)
  - ▶ The city is of pure gold (v.18)
  - ▶ The foundations are garnished with precious stones (v.19-20)

#### 9 ☐ Chapter 21 – New Heaven & Earth

- ▶ The 12 gates are made from one pearl each (v.21)
- ▶ The street is of pure gold (v.21)
- ▶ The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple (v.22)
- ▶ The glory of God and the Lamb are the light (v.23)
- ▶ The gates of New Jerusalem will always be open (v.25)
  - ▶ There will be no dangers in our new home.
  - ▶ Eternity will be one continuous day!
- ▶ Nothing defiled will ever enter this city (v.27)

#### 10 ☐ Personal Application

- ▶ All those saved by Christ have a bright future!
  - ▶ We will live on a new perfect earth and in a new beautiful city.
  - ▶ We will have constant interaction with God himself.
  - ▶ We will have new feelings, new minds, constant joy, total satisfaction
  - ▶ Our new dwelling place will be beautiful beyond description.
  - ▶ Eternity will be one never-ending day with no night.
  - ▶ All sin and temptation will be gone forever! Amen!
- ▶ If you have not yet been saved by Christ, you can be. Trust Christ without delay!