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Revelation

Week 12 – Revelation 21 & 22

Revelation 21:1-5

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God prepared as a bride, beautifully dressed for her husband. And then I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men.

He will live with them and they will be His people and God Himself will be with them and He will be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away. And He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new.' And then He said, 'Write this down. These words are trustworthy and true.'"

Two ways people think about how this will happen

1. There are some people who think that this old heaven and old earth will be entirely wiped out and God just sort of starts over.

2. There are others who think, somehow He's going to take this earth and resurrect it just like He resurrected our bodies.

1 John 2:17

“The world and everything that people want in it are passing away. But the person who does what God wants will last forever.”

Revelation 21:1

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***“Then I saw a new
heaven and a new earth”***

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**On its gates are the names
of the twelve tribes of Israel.**

**On its foundation are the
names of the twelve apostles.**

Two things here...

- 1. Twelve Tribes of Israel –
all the saints of the
Old Testament.**
- 2. Twelve Apostles –
all the saints of the
New Testament.**

How big is heaven?

**12,000 stadia by 12,000
stadia by 12,000 stadia –
a perfect cube.**

**Holy of Holies –
30 feet by 30 feet by 30 feet –
a perfect cube.**

How big is heaven?

There is room enough for everybody and it's God's dwelling place.

What is inside the gates?

**The River of Life –
flows through the
middle of the city.**

What is inside the gates?

The River of Life –

**The most incredible
picture of abundance
they could have imagined.**

What is inside the gates?

**The Tree of Life –
planted right in the
middle of heaven.**

Awesome Parallels

Genesis

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Heavens & earth created.

New heavens & earth.

Sun created.

No need for sun.

Night established.

No more night.

Seas created.

No more seas.

Curse announced

Curse removed.

**Man driven from
the tree.**

**We're restored
to paradise.**

Sorrow & pain begin.

No more sorrow & pain.

Descriptions of Heaven

- **Streets of Gold**
- **Pearly Gates**
- **Dripping with Value**
- **Drenched in Light**
- **Bathed in Beauty**

Philippians 3:20

“But we are citizens of heaven where the Lord Jesus Christ lives and we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our savior.”

Revelation 22:3-6

“There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun for the Lord will give them light and they will reign forever and ever.”

Three things we'll do in heaven...

1. Serve Him

2. Relate to Him

3. Reign with

Him for eternity

**There won't be a
temple in heaven,
because He's going to
dwell with everyone
of us everywhere.**

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Revelation 22:6-7

“The angel said to me ‘These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the Spirit of the prophets sent His angel to show His servant the things that must soon take place’. ‘Behold! I am coming soon. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.’”

Revelation 22:7

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*Jesus says, “Behold
I am coming soon.”*

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***Soon – Greek means
sense of immediacy.***

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Revelation 22:12-13

“Behold I am coming soon. My reward is with Me. I will give to everyone according to what He has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Alpha and Omega

*He's the Alpha and Omega –
The first and last.*

The beginning and the end.

*He's the source (Alpha) and He
is the goal of everything.*

Revelation 22:16

***“I, Jesus, have sent My
angel to give you this
testimony for the churches.
I am the root and the
offspring of David.”***

Revelation 22:8-9

**John, when he hears
all this, falls down to
worship and the angel
says, *“Don't worship me.”***

Revelation 22:9

“Stand up. Don’t do it. I’m a fellow servant with you.” That’s all angels are. He says, “Worship God.”

Revelation 22:14-15

“Blessed are those who washed their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and go through the gates of the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice the magical arts, the sexually immoral, the murders, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.”

Revelation 22:14-15

“Maran-atha.”

It means

“Come, Lord Jesus.”

Revelation 22:20

***“Jesus! As soon as
You can, come! Come
quickly, Lord Jesus.”***

Revelation 22:21

*“The grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ be with
all of God’s people.”*

***“In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth,”
– Genesis 1:1***

***“The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.”
- Revelation 22:21***