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Revelation 21:1-27

All Things Made New

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The New Jerusalem

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall *was of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate *was* of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

The Glory of the New Jerusalem

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

There is a portion of Scripture that can be especially applied to this part of the book of Revelation found in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit...Ref: Isaiah 64:4

In this 21st chapter of the book of Revelation the apostle John gets to see what the Father has prepared for those that love him! What he sees is a revelation by the Holy Spirit of the coming eternal age in the presence of God and the New Jerusalem. All tears, sorrow, pain and death

are totally removed from every human being because there now directly connected to the source of all life, light, healing and love, God Himself emanating and flowing through every person! There is a new heaven and new earth. The former things have passed away because God has created everything new. John sees the New Jerusalem, a beautiful, divinely built, glorious city to be inhabited by the people of God. It's walls are made of every kind of precious stone, it's gates are of pearl and it streets are pure gold. The entire city is made out of pure transparent gold! No Hollywood movie can compare to this city in it's glory! Not Star Wars, Star Trek, Avatar or Thor can compare to the glory of this heavenly city!

Only the saved are allowed to enter this holy city. Nothing unclean or sinful is ever permitted to enter and for this reason it will never be defiled! The nations will bring all of their riches into it. Finally, the righteous have an eternal refuge free from all the temptations known in a fallen world were demons tempted and oppressed night and day the children of God. Now the people of God are free from the temptations of sin in the flesh because they have been gloriously liberated by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in their eternal bodies. What a glorious state that will be!!! My hope and expectation is to one day be there worshiping God and fellowshiping in an unbroken ring of communion with my Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and all the family of God. How about you, are you looking forward to entering that glorious city, the New Jerusalem? See you at the top!

PRAYER:

Father thank you that you have revealed to us some of the wonderful things that you have prepared for us in the age to come! We ask that the Holy Spirit would make these things real to us according to the written word of God. We pray for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. Father we ask that the hope of heaven fill our souls but help us to be focused on the importance of the work you have given us to do here now to influence people to faith in Jesus Christ. Help us to Live with an eternal perspective that this life is only temporary but that you have glorious new heaven and new earth with the holy city prepared for your people. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

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