

A New Heaven and Earth **Rev. 21:1-8**

Introduction

1. Chapters 21-22:5 is an incredible revelation of the spiritual reality of the bride of Christ.
2. A new heaven and earth are revealed with the primary focus on the wonderful truth that God dwells with His people.
3. The first vision of Chapter 21 is of a new spiritual reality that begins when one is born again, but is consummated at the end of this age. The old has passed away.

A new heaven and earth are revealed. 21:1

1. The first heaven (surrounding the earth) and the earth are passed away.
 1. The first heaven and earth will be destroyed by fire. 2 Pet. 3:10, 13
 2. The people (the sea) of the earth are also passed away.
2. A new heaven and earth are revealed.

A new Jerusalem is revealed and she symbolizes the church, a bride made ready. 21:2

1. This new Jerusalem is to be distinguished from the old physical Jerusalem.
2. Paul described the new Jerusalem when he wrote the Hebrews (2 Pet. 3:14-16; Heb. 22-24).

“Behold! God dwells with his people. 20:3

1. The tabernacle of God is among men. The church is God’s tabernacle. 2 Cor. 6:16-18
 1. This truth began with the coming of Christ and continues with the church during the gospel age.
 1. John taught this in his gospel. John 1:14
 2. Paul taught this in 2 Cor. 6:16-18.
 2. This is also an eternal truth.

The first things have passed away. 21:4

1. Although God dwells with us now while we are in tribulation, we have the hope of a time to come when these first things pass away.
 1. He will wipe away every tear.
 2. Death will no longer occur. Why?
 3. There will be no more mourning or crying.
 4. There will be no more pain.

God promises to make all things new. 21:5

1. Peter recorded this promise. (2 Pet. 3:13)
2. Isaiah 65:17 was the source of this promise.

Jesus promises to give life without cost to anyone who is thirsty. 21:6

1. Rev. 7:16-17 spoke of the same promise being fulfilled in the saints.
2. What is the water of life?
 1. Rev. 22:1 The water of life comes from the throne of God and is from the Lamb.
 2. John 7:38-39 John said the water of life is the Holy Spirit.
3. And it is free to the thirsty!

God promises these things to him/her who overcomes. 21:7

1. "These things" -
 1. Fellowship with God.
 2. Comfort.
 3. Drinking from the Holy Spirit
2. The promise? He will be his God and he will be his son.
3. Who is the recipient of such blessing? He who overcomes.
 1. The harlot which is _____.
 2. The beast of _____.
 3. The beast of _____.
4. This is recorded often in the letters to the churches. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:12, 21

Who will not overcome to receive these things? 21:8

1. This is a description of those whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life. (20:14-15).
2. Their description.
 1. Cowardly
 2. Unbelieving
 3. Abominable
 4. Murderers
 5. Immoral
 6. Users of drugs and witchcraft
 7. Idolaters
 8. Liars
3. Their portion: the lake of fire which is the second death.

The call to overcome the enemies of God transcends the millinea. We must overcome.

1. It is a call to endurance. Heb. 10:39
2. The practices of the wicked are condemned.