

# The **REVELATION** of Jesus Christ

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## CHAPTERS TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY TWO – BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

All through the Bible we learn of the depravity of man. We see from the very beginning, and all throughout, that man is a sinner on a personal, ancestral, national and international level. There is nowhere in scripture where we are not reminded of the innate sinful behavior of mankind and the \_\_\_\_\_ that his sin has left upon the physical creation. However, here in Revelation 21-22 we are given an open window through which we can peer into the sinless abode of \_\_\_\_\_.

There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible, Revelation 21 and 22 are its last chapters. The title of this final series describes the theme of these final chapters (Rev. 21:5). They contain the most detailed descriptions of heaven. It's ironic that although everyone wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_, no one wants to die. Maybe by learning more about this wonderful place we will be less fearful of death. Let's be submissive to the Holy Spirit as he takes the word of God and opens our eyes to a glimpse of this glorious site – the eternal place of the redeemed.

## NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH AND NEW JERUSALEM – REVELATION 21:1-22:5

1. New \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 21:1

- A renovation by \_\_\_\_\_
  - God promised he would \_\_\_\_\_ again renovate the earth by water – Genesis 9:8-17  
*God always keeps his promises – Joshua 23:5-15; 1 Kings 8:56; Titus 1:2*
  - God told us he would renovate the earth by \_\_\_\_\_ – Ps. 97:5; Is. 51:6; Na. 1:5-6; Mt. 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Heb. 1:10-12; 2 Peter 3:7-13
- The renovation is apparently revealed in Revelation
  - Revelation 20:9, 11; 21:1

2. New \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 21:2-3, 9-22:5

- What is it?
  - The antichrist had a woman that was a city – Revelation 17:18
  - God has a \_\_\_\_\_ that is a \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 21:2, 9-10

- What is her description?

- The Bible says that the city will:

*Shine forth the glory of God thru the Lamb, no need for the sun or moon – verses 11, 23; 22:5*

*Have a great wall, 144 cubits high (approximately 216 feet) – verses 12, 17-18*

*Have 12 gates with 12 angels standing, one at each gate – verse 12*

*Have the names of the 12 tribes of Israel written, one on each gate – verse 12; Ephesians 2:20*

*Have 3 gates on each side – verse 13*

*Be positioned so each side lines up with the four points of the compass – verse 13*

*Have 12 foundations with the names of the 12 apostles, one on each foundation – verse 14; Ephesians 2:20*

*Foursquare, with the length, breadth, and height equally measuring 12,000 furlongs (approximately 1500 miles) – verse 16*

*Have 12 foundations made of: Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and amethyst – verses 19-20*

*Have 12 gates made out of 12 giant pearls, one huge pearl per gate – verse 21*

*Have a main street made of pure gold, so pure it is like glass – verse 21*

*Have no temple, because God the Father and God the Son are the temple – verse 22*

*Receive visitors of all peoples from all nations, they come to honor her and the King as they themselves receive fruit from the tree of life – verses 24, 26; 22:2*

*Always have her 12 gates open by day – they will never shut since there is no night there – verse 25*

*Never have anything unclean pass through her gates, only those written in the book of life – verse 27*

*Have the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne – 22:1*

*Have the tree of life which will bear \_\_\_\_\_ manner of fruits, and yield her fruit every \_\_\_\_\_, and the leaves of the tree for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ – 22:2*

*Have no more curse – 22:3*

*Have God's servants serving him – 22:3*

*Have Jesus Christ living there; his servants shall be able to see his face, and they will be identified forever with him as his name will be in their foreheads – 22:4*

*Never have any darkness of night; no artificial light will be necessary, no light of the sun needed, because Jesus will be the light – 22:5*

*Have God's servants as her inhabitants; they will reign with Christ forever and ever – 22:5*

- Where will the city be located?

- What the Bible does \_\_\_\_\_ say:

*It does not say explicitly that it will be located on earth at the present site of old Jerusalem*

- What the Bible actually says:

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven – Rev. 21:2a*

*And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God – Rev. 21:10*

3. How all this translates – Revelation 21:4-8

- Revelation 21:4c, 5

*...for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

- What will heaven be like for us?
  - God will \_\_\_\_\_ with men
  - Nothing unclean or dirty
  - No more tears
  - No more \_\_\_\_\_
  - A place of eternal rest
  - No more pain
  - No more \_\_\_\_\_
  - No more monotony
  - No more disappointments
  - No more \_\_\_\_\_ memories
  - No more failures
  - No more poverty
  - No more danger
  - Everyone will live forever without the fear of death and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Everyone will \_\_\_\_\_, honor, worship, and praise God

**NEXT WEEK:** FINAL MESSAGE - Revelation 22:6-21 – Epilogue