

REVELATION

THE HOPE OF JESUS REVEALED

Part 14: Everything New

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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. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

The Beginning...

Sun is created
Satan wins
Sin enters
People hide from God
Grief and sorrow are common
Earth is cursed
The tree is untouchable
Paradise is lost
Death is victorious
Eternity is closed

...and The End

Sun replaces sun
Satan loses
Sin is banished
People are welcomed forever by God
Grief and sin are gone
Earth is blessed
The tree and its fruit are healing
Paradise is open
Life is victorious
Eternity is available to all who believe

Revelation 21:6-7

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

The Hope of Heaven

God will be our everything (vs. 3)

Our pain will pass away and make sense (vs. 4)

Everything will be made new (vs. 5)

Our thirst for God will be quenched (vs. 6)

A Grave Warning

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

– *Revelation 21:8*

The Promise of Heaven

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. – *Revelation 21:22-27*

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| 1) Full <u>presence</u> | 4) Full <u>access</u> |
| 2) Full <u>illumination</u> | 5) Full <u>purity</u> |
| 3) Full <u>unity</u> | 6) Full <u>connection</u> |

The Promise of Deliverance

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” – *Revelation 22:12-13*

What is he waiting for?

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – *2 Peter 2:9*

Next Step

Read Revelation 22

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you miss the rain? Why or why not?
- 2) How do you picture heaven?
- 3) Do you long for heaven? Do you hope God waits for a while? Why?
- 4) Heaven is the fulfillment of everything! Which of the “full” statements listed above are you most looking forward to? Why?
- 5) Who is God waiting for in your family? Pray for them!
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?