

ALL THINGS NEW (PART ONE)

REVELATION 21

Text: Revelation 21: 5

Introduction:

Human history began in paradise...the Garden of Eden.
And it will all end in paradise...the New Jerusalem.

The last two chapters of Revelation are summed up in
verse 5.

Revelation 21:5

⁵ 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.

In verse six what God began all the way back in the
book of Revelation is now brought to completion.

Revelation 21:6

⁶ And he said unto me, **It is done**. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

<i>Genesis</i>	<i>Revelation</i>
(1:1) – Heaven & Earth Created	(21:1) – New Heaven & New Earth
(1:16) – The Sun Created	(21:23) – No Need For the Sun
(1:5) – Night Established	(22:5) – No Night There
(3:14-17) – The Curse Announced	(22:3) – No More Curse
(3:19) – Death Enters History	(21:4) – No More Death
(3:24) – Man Driven From Paradise	(22:14) – Man restored to Paradise
(3:17) – Pain and Sorrow Began	(21:4) – No More Tears or Pain

I would like for us to consider some facts about The New Jerusalem.

1. HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE – “I SAW”

Revelation 21:1-2

¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Liberals deny the existence of Heave. They say that it only a state of mind, or wishful thinking, but the Lord stated, “I go to prepare a place for you.”

John 14:1-6

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. ⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We note that John “saw” with his eyes a new heaven and a new earth.

Heaven is a Real Place.

2. HEAVEN IS A READIED PLACE – “PREPARED”

Revelation 21:2

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Nothing you see on this physical earth is going to last...nothing will remain. We all like to have nice things and we should enjoy them, but don't get too attached...they are not permanent.

The Lord has spent a lot of time, and is sparing no expense in readying heaven for us.

2,000 years compared to 6 days of creation! And there's some great beauty in this earth...even though it's been cursed!

1 Corinthians 2:9

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

3. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF RELATIONSHIP – GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE WITH THEM

Revelation 21:3

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

This is what makes Heaven Heaven! If the streets were not gold but gravel, if the walls were particle board and not jasper, if mud was knee deep and weeds over our heads, it will still be heaven because the Lord is there!

If you're lost, this thought should terrify you, not just that you would go to a fiery hell, but that you would go somewhere cut off from God.

there we'll see the only "man made" thing in heaven. As we study about all God is preparing for us, let's not forget the paralyzing sight we'll behold in the nail scarred hands and feet of Christ, a constant reminder of how we got there.

Heaven is not a reward for those who are faithful...we can't work our way to heaven. We'll be elated, yes, but only because we're RELATED! Heaven is a place of relationship.

4. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF RELIEF

Revelation 21:4-5

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. ⁵ 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.

Nothing will ruin, rot, or rust. There will be no thirsting, or hungering. No itching, no blindness, no deafness, no diabetes, no cancer, or heart attacks, or scars.

Illustration:

I read the story of a little 5 year old girl who had never stayed the night with a friend before. An though a little nervous, she gave it a try.

She did fine during the daytime, but when it got dark she got nervous being in a strange place. The little girl's friend's mother saw this and said, "Honey, are you getting homesick?" With childlike innocence she replied, "No ma'am, I'm getting here sick!"

And the more you may go thru down “here”, the sweeter heaven will be for you!

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, ²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³ And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? ²⁵ But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

But the truth is the longer we live or wait the more “here sick” we become.

Close:

The song writer said it this way:

(Verse 1)

Somewhere beyond the grave, there is a land
Where Jesus went to prepare by His own hand.
And for the saved by grace, there is a resting
place,
And in a few more days it will be mine.

(Chorus).....

Some call it heaven, oh but I call it home
Some call it dreamin' well, why don't you let me
dream on,
Some call it paradise, somewhere beyond the
skies,
Some call it heaven, but I call it home.

(Verse 2)

Someone said you can't go back home again,
Things will not ever be as good as they've been.
Oh, but I've got good news for you,
When heaven comes into view
Just one glimse and you're gonna know,
The best is yet to come.