

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

As we saw last week Heaven:

- Is a Real Place
- Is a Readied Place
- A Place of Relationship
- A Place of Relief

Note also:

1. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF REFRESHING

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When you're REALLY thirsty...you want what? Water!

In heaven, every righteous desire that we have will be perfectly and completely satisfied, once and for all!

Here on earth we pursue happiness, but don't ever completely find it, but in Heaven that thirst will be quenched!

In this life we often ask ourselves and others why?

WHY?

By Jack Hyles

I have heard the white-tipped tapping cane,
Which leads a blinded eye.
And then a darkened, lonely voice
Cries, "Preacher, show me why."

I have caught a fiancée's burning tears,
And heard her lonely cry.
She held an unused wedding gown,
And shouted, "Pastor, why?"

I have heard the cancer patient say,
 “’Tis gain for me to die;”
Then look into his daughter’s face,
 And mutely whisper, “Why?”

I’ve heard an orphan faintly say,
 Who gazed into the sky,
“Tho Mom and Dad have gone away,
 My preacher will know why.”

I have sat beside a tiny crib,
 And watched a baby die,
As parents slowly turned toward me,
 To ask, “Oh, Pastor, why?”

I tiptoed to my Father’s throne,
 So timid and so shy,
To say, “Dear God, some of Your own
 Are wanting to know why.”

I heard Him say so tenderly,
 “Their eyes I’ll gladly dry,
Tho they must look through faith today,
 Tomorrow they’ll know why.”

And so I’ve found it pleases Him
 When I can testify,
“I’ll trust my God to do what’s best,
 And wait to find out why.”

Heaven is a Place of Refreshing.

2. HEAVEN WILL BE A RESTRICTED PLACE

Revelation 21:8

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Right here in the middle of this positive, beautiful description of Heaven, God gives us a list of some who won't be there.

Why does God include this info? Perhaps to show that the sin which has cursed and ultimately destroyed this world will NOT be allowed into Heaven.

- The fearful—never accepted Christ, afraid to take the stand.
- The unbelieving—didn't believe at all in Christ or the Bible.
- The abominable—not just sinners...these have committed abominations.

What are some abominations?

- Sodomy

Leviticus 18:22

²²Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

- Astrology and Horoscopes

Deuteronomy 17:3

³And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

- Deut. 18 says consulting a medium, fortuneteller, a wizard, or somehow communicates w/ the dead, they have committed an abomination.
- Prov. 20 says cheating in business is an abomination. “false balance”
- Prov. 12 says compulsive lying is an abomination.
- Prov. 16 says a heart full of pride is an abomination.

We also read of:

- Murderers

Includes all forms of homicide as well as infanticide.

- Whoremongers
- Sorcerers

Could mean witchcraft, but there's a deeper meaning. The Greek word here is *pharmacia*, and I believe it's talking about drugs and other chemical dependences.

- Idolaters

You have an idol if you love something more than God.

- Liars

3. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF RICHES

Revelation 21:9-14

⁹ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; ¹² And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. ¹⁴

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:18-21

¹⁸ And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. ¹⁹ And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; ²⁰ The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Foundations—building foundations are usually underground, and cannot be clearly seen, but this one is visible, and not only visible, but 12 layers thick! And each of the 12 foundations is garnished w/ a different jewel.

These foundations reminds us of the Permanence of Heaven

The walls of jasper

Street of pure gold

4. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF REFUGE

Revelation 21:22-27

²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. ²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did

lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. ²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We read of 4 things that will not be in Heaven.

- No Sanctuary (vs. 22) – Why? Because the sanctuary localizes and confines God to one location, but all Heaven will be filled with His glory.
- No Shadows (vs. 23) – Why? The light will be everywhere, the night will be vanquished.
- No Secrets (vs. 24) – Why? We live in a war-torn time where people meet behind closed doors and there's top secret things discussed. But there will be no secrecy there; all will be out in the open and peaceful.