

“Revelation #23”

Revelation 21:1 – 27 (A New Heaven and a New Earth)

Review: Chapter 19:17-21 and 20:1-15

- Chapter 19:17-21 The beast and his armies make war with Jesus...
- They are captured and cast into the lake of fire.

Chapter 20:1-6 Thousand years (Millennium / Latin meaning 1000)

- Depending on your view or interpretation...
- This can be a literal 1000 Yrs. When Christ is on earth reigning on earth and Satan is totally bound. (Premillennialist)
- This can be a literal 1000 Yrs. Where Satan is totally bound but Christ is not here but still reigns from heaven. (Postmillennialist)
- This denotes this present age, and the 1000 yrs. Simply signifies a long period of time, no one knowing the exact time then Christ comes... (Amillennialism) Satan is bound insofar as we bind him, we have authority to bind... he still deceives.

V's 7-10 Satan is defeated and cast into the lake of fire...

V's 11-15 Great white throne judgment, The books are opened (Two Books)

- The dead (unsaved) are judged according to their deeds or works. (Book of deeds)
- The saved or born again are judged according to Jesus' works. (Book of life)

Text 21:1-8 Read. (ESV)

- V1, sea was no more... V4, death shall be no more...

13:1 *“I saw a beast rising out of the sea.”* (This represent Antichrist coming from the midst of the people)

J.I. Packer: *“The absence of the sea in the new creation does not mean there will be no bodies of water; rather, it means that the enemies of God associated with the sea will be no more.”*

- (V5) *“He who is seated on the throne said, Behold, I am making all things new.”*

- He is not re-creating He is restoring earth and heaven. **(New Jerusalem coming down to earth)**
- Notice the language: (V2) New Jerusalem prepared as a bride. **(Bride is the church, which is the Ecclesia)**
- (V3) ***“Behold the dwelling place of God is with man... They will be His people.”***

(V4) He will wipe away all pain, all tears, all suffering. ***“For the former things have passed away.”***

(V7) ***“The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”***

Lets take a look back at this recurring theme... **Chapter 2:7... 3:12-13... 3:21-22... 7:13-17.**

Text 21:9 – 11 Read. (ESV)

- This is familiar language:

“I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb... He showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down from heaven from God... having the glory of God.”

- All are synonymous with each other. ***(The same)***

Text 21:12 – 14 Read. (ESV)

- Twelve gates with the names of the tribes of Israel...
- Twelve foundations with the names of the twelve apostles...

This represents or symbolizes the unity of God’s new covenant people... **God’s ultimate purpose for Jews and Gentiles alike.”**

Ephesians 2:14- 18 Read. (NKJV)

Text 21:15 – 21 Read. (ESV)

- Here we have the measurement of the holy city...
- 12.000 Stadia... about 1,380 miles, length, width, and height the same. **(Perfect cube, 607 feet per stadia)**
- Walls 144 cubits... about 216 feet thick, built of Jasper. **(18" per cubit)**

Text 21:22-27 Read. (ESV)

- No temple... for God and the Lamb are the temple of the holy city.
- And the glory of God gives it light and it's lamp is Jesus!
- And there will be no night.