

Revelation 21

Revelation Chapter 21 v 1.

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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.

The Bible often speaks about the 'Day of the Lord' as a future event in history. 'The Day of the Lord' is His Day. All that Christ was born for was 'That Day' all that Christ preached and taught about was for 'That Day'. His suffering prior to His death was for 'that Day'. His death on the cross and His resurrection was for 'That Day' which was now getting closer and closer. I can feel the excitement in His heart knowing that 'That Day' was now at hand. When all heaven and earth will be made new, and the believers will be restored to the righteous living that was intended in the Garden of Eden, and all the earth will be perfect and will last in that perfect state forever because sin has been dealt with permanently. Jesus will then pass on events to His Father God as the heavens will be on fire and shall dissolve and all of the old will melt in fervent heat. A new day is coming called the 'Day of God' (2 Peter 3: 12) when a new heaven and a new earth will come wherein pure Righteousness dwells. Our verse says 'for the first Heaven and the First Earth were passed away'. The Greek for this verse is 'parerchomai' which means to pass from one condition to another, it does not mean annihilation. Referring to original Creation which was marred by sin is passed away to make room for the new and restored heaven and earth as it was meant to be. The fact that there will be no more sea speaks of no more separation.

2 Peter 3: 10

*But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved what manner of persons ought we to be in all Holy conversation and Godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the **Coming of the Day of God** wherein the Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.*

John's next vision was one of great wonder, he said,
And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

It is called Holy because nothing shall enter into it that shall defile or work abomination or makes a lie (21:27). It will come down to be the capital of God in the universe but moved the planet earth to be among men..

It is called new, not because of its new existence but because of its eternal freshness, it was promised to the earliest saints so it is as old as heaven itself.

It is called the tabernacle of God because it is and always has been where God dwells.

It is called the Bride the Lamb's wife because it will be the eternal home of the redeemed of all ages and from where ever we are in the world we will be called to the Holy City to worship God once every year. Heb. 11:10-16. 13: 14; John 14: 1-3.

The city will be adorned with all manner of jewels like a bride for her husband. Revelation 21: 18-21

God and His capital city will be among men for ever v-3-7, 24-27.

Visible presence of God the Father on Earth (22: 3-5)

Verse 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.

The earliest manuscripts report this Voice complete with capital letter to come out of the Throne, so it is God speaking and could well be the **Day of God**. He says 'they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them' He said He would wipe away all tears from their eyes in fact there are 12 blessing for men in the new Earth.

1. God dwelling among them (v 4. 7.)
2. God will be their God (3. 7)
3. God shall wipe away all tears (v 4, Isa: 25:8)
4. No more death (v 4; 1, Cor. 15: 24-29)
5. No more sorrow (v 4; 22:3)
6. No more pain (v 4 Gen, 3; 14-19)
7. All things made new (v 5)
8. Water of Life in abundance (v 6; 22: 17)
9. Inherit all things (v 7; Rom. 8: 17)
10. Eternal son-ship (v 7; 1 John 3: 1-2)
11. No more curse (22:3)
12. Freedom from ungodly neighbours (v.8; 22: 15)

I expect when we get there we will find many more!

I believe this is the 'day of God' because now He has put away all sin, the devil, the Antichrist, the false prophet and brought in the new restored the Earth back to its original state before Satan entered the garden and brought the curse upon the earth.

Verse 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.

The Greek says 'every tear drop' referring to tears of sorrow indicating that pain, hurt, death, and all that sometimes brings tears here on earth now will be done away with, so there will be nothing in this new earth with God in control to bring about such sorrow and crying. This Voice said to John *Write: for these words are true and faithful.* And He said to John *It is done; I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*

In the beginning when God made heaven and earth billions of years ago (I

know some believe in a young earth, I respect that) He made it beautiful but Satan came and brought chaos and ruin. God then remade the earth in Genesis and put two people in the garden to manage it. Satan came and brought more chaos and destruction which separated man from God the Father and caused God to make a way back to Himself by the sacrifice of Jesus, God's only Son. It was the death of Jesus on the cross that paid the price to do that. For the past 2000 years we have had the opportunity to accept the fact that Jesus paid the price for our sin and separation from God and give our hearts to Jesus and live for Him. Now over 2000 years later God the Father is having 'His Day' and has restored all things and made them new. Here is what God completed in 'His Day'.

The sinful age of immediate heaven and earth ended, (21:3-7. 22:3)

The renovation of the heavens and the earth (2 Peter 3: 5-13. Hebrews 1: 10-12)

All things made new (21:5)

Man purged of all possibility of rebellion, (21: 3-8 Ephesians 1:10, 2: 7;)

All rebels put down, 1, Corinthians 15: 24-28)

The Curse removed (21: 3-8, 1 Corinthians 15: 24-28)

The Earth turned back to God (Acts 3:21-22, 1 Corinthians 15: 24-28)

Rebels judged and confined to hell (20:11-15, Mathew 25: 41, 46,)

God recognised again as Supreme Ruler of the Universe (21: 3-8. 1 Cor. 15: 24-28)

God's throne and headquarters moved from the third heaven and established on earth (21: 3-22)

Now it is done, now He is the Omega, the end and God's plan of redemption for the whole world is complete.

Throughout our studies we have very often come across the word overcomer, you know this is one of the favourite words of the Lord. He encourages us to be overcomers all the time even through difficult times, times of sorrow, times of hardship, times of illness, times of pain which as you know I know all about pain! Personally I have made great effort to overcome pain. There have been times when I could hardly move from my bed in one room to my study in the next; I have cried with the pain, my wife has prayed for me before I could start these studies. In all this I believe that the Lord wants me to persevere, press in, and be an overcomer in Christ. I have felt the Lord sometimes sitting next to me guiding me and giving me the words to write as I am being sifted by Satan like Peter, and like Peter I know the Lord has prayed for me that my faith fail not and I am beginning to feel I am an overcomer.

To be an overcomer has been my aim because I know I must pass the test of, verse 7

He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My son

What a reward, to be God's son! Wow! I am proud of my two sons, they seek after God with all their heart, they put Him first in all things, and they work

hard, they are both successful in business. Yes I am proud of them, but God looks on me in the same way. He is interested in all that I do, because although I am adopted into the family of God, He treats me the same as He would His son Jesus. All that we have studied about the end times does not frighten me it excites me. What does it do for you, are you sure of your salvation? Don't be left behind!

Be Blessed

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