

ETERNAL LIFE

Revelation 21 and 22

We love to hear of the arrival of a newborn, it's a wonderful time, we Congratulate the parents and grandparents. But it is also true that this Wonderful milestone is the beginning of a process that ultimately ends In a word that most don't want to repeat--DEATH. Recall Hebrews 9: 27. Mankind has always been obsessed with the idea of immortality. We are currently engaged in a sermon series around the book of Exodus. We Get a glimpse of life in Egypt under the Pharaohs . The mere existence of The massive pyramids represented a testimony of belief in the afterlife. The king would be entombed there along with much of his treasure and objects

To be with him during eternity. But as believers, we have not only the hope But the promise of eternal life with Christ our king.

A new "everything"

A prepared place for prepared people

"Face to Face"

A new "everything" Revelation 21: 1-5

What happens just before vs. 1? The devil is finally defeated. See Revelation 20:10.

Now--vs. 1-2. A new heaven and earth. Recall what God had said just After the first acts of creation were completed. See Genesis 1: 31. ("very good"). Notice term "no more sea". "Sea" stood for chaos, separation. Also recall that Antichrist came up from the sea.

Look in vs. 2, the new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven like a bride In wedding garb. (As believers, we are described as the Bride of Christ).

vs. 3. "the dwelling of God is with men...He shall live with them".

Later in Exodus we will study about the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat. See Exodus 25: 10-22. But in the new Jerusalem, we will Be with God.

vs. 4-5. There will be no tears, death, grief, pain. WHY? Because Sin and Satan has been defeated, replaced with perfection. Just like Things were in Eden before the Fall.

A prepared place for prepared people Revelation 21: 6-8.

vs. 6. The promise of “living water” was given in both the Old and New Testaments. OLD--see Isaiah 55: 1.

NEW--see John 4: 13-14.

vs. 7. Who are the conquerors? Recall Romans 8: 36-39. We are the conquerors through the power of Jesus Christ! And as prepared people, we can look forward to a prepared place. See John 14: 1-3.

vs. 8. John here contrasts the dwellers in the New Jerusalem with those whose fate has already been sealed. Recall Revelation 20: 11-15.

“Face to Face” Revelation 22: 1-5.

vs. 1. Although the old Jerusalem was pretty dry, the new Jerusalem was well watered, just like Eden. See Genesis 2: 10. The Old Testament Prophets Ezekiel and Zechariah wrote about a river flowing from the temple, looking forward into the future.

vs. 2. John saw the tree of life, bearing different kinds of fruit, and leaves for healing. The absence of any kind of physical want. Recall Genesis 3: 22-24, the last time the tree of life was mentioned in the Bible.

vs. 3. QUESTION? What is the “curse”? see 1 Corinthians 15: 54-57.

vs. 4. Throughout the Old Testament, men were not allowed to see God, even Moses. (He hid in the cleft of the rock as God passed by him) But in the new Jerusalem, we will see God. Recall 1 John 3: 2.

vs. 5. No need for the light of the sun, God is the light, and there will be no night.

“In the land of fadeless day, lies the City, four square.

It shall never pass away, for there is no night there.

God shall wipe away all tears,

There’s no death, no pain, no fears.

And they count not time by years,

For there is no night there”.

As Billy Graham used to say, “God bless you, real good”

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