

Revelation Chapter 21 Last week we looked at (88)
the 1,000 year millennial reign of Jesus Christ with

His saints reigning and ruling over those saved people that came out of the 7 year Tribulation period. There will be no non saved peoples there and the setting of this millennial time will literally be like the Garden of Eden. After the 1,000 year period, and satans being cast into the Lake of Fire, where the anti-Christ and false prophet ARE! (Meaning that any false religion claiming that there is no after life are totally wrong, misleading, and even evil in nature; will come a 45 day period where mankind is judged (the wicked) and then the New Heaven and New Earth will come down from heaven. This will be our eternal home.

The New Heaven and the New Earth:

Revelation 21:1 The earth upon which we live is cursed and in a constant state of decay and a Holy and Pure Triune God can not exist on it. It has to be vaporized out of existence, it can not be purified. "the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (there were no other earths) (see Scripture 2 Peter 3:1-13)

Revelation 21:2 There are two things (my opinion) that are beautiful beyond comparison: ① The birth of your child and ② Beholding your bride walking down the isle. This is what it will be like as we stand, and behold, what God has prepared for us!

Revelation 21:3 I don't think words can express how happy both the Triune God, and we will be on that day. God will finally be able to walk among us again after not being able to fully do so for about 6,000 years. Add to that the excitement that we will have at what we see coming down!

Revelation 21:4 "wipe away every tear", "death shall be no more (at least not for us)", "no mourning", "crying", "or pain" anymore. Why? Because when we are changed we will not have the capacity to think evil, be sad, or

feel pain or loss. Those attributes are limited to (89)
our current existence. (Besides, God does not want to

hangout with a bunch of depressed crybabies for the
next 200 GogilianTM years! (see 1 John-earth vaporized and
1 Corinthians 15: 42-54 we will be made perfect and pure).

Revelation 21:5-6 God is telling John to document these
things because they are true ("trustworthy and Guaranteed") and
that He can proclaim them because He knows the "beginning from
the end" (He sees history play out before the foundations of
the world).

Rabbit trail: So why did God create man only to be dis-
appointed by mankind's rejection of Him? Why did He create angels
that also, about 1/3, would betray His love? Because He doesn't
want to be in the presence of robots, machines. He wants to be
in the presence of humans and angels **THAT BY FREEWILL
CHOSE TO LOVE HIM!** That is why He allows Satan to
test and tempt us, but never beyond what we are able
to bear. He wants us to choose between the Tree of Life,
or the Tree of Death (more on that when we enter our study
of Genesis in the next few weeks). He wants us to choose if
we live for Him, or we live for ourselves. And He wants
to spend eternity with those who chose to live for Him.
And as icing on the cake, once we have completed this
test on earth we are not only rewarded for what we did
in glorifying Him in this life but He also removes the
ability to choose in the next life! He makes us unable to
disappoint! Only able to praise Him because we were
chosen before the foundations of the world (in other words;
He saw our life play out and that we would choose Him
before He even placed us in our mothers womb).

In verse 6 He also says that He will quench our every
need for ever and ever ("To the thirsty I will give
from the spring of the water of life without payment.
Our payment was "paid-in-full" the moment we chose
Jesus Christ as our Savior!")

Revelation 21:7-8 (Our choice: live or die): (90)
Throughout our life the Lord will give us hundreds, if not

— thousands, of opportunities to choose Him. And here He says, "to those who conquer (are dressed in the full armor of God and have extinguished the fiery darts of satan's arrows) will be adopted by God and called son (children, not step children, but actual children like our older Brother Jesus).

But to those who have reasoned away, time after time, of the Truth that is Jesus Christ they will be lost.

Revelation 21:9-14 One of the angels that John had seen (past tense) showed John more detail on this "New Jerusalem". Again, it comes down from heaven and as it is set to be inhabited we see descriptors of what the city itself will look like. It was beautifully radiantly precious: "A rare Jewel, Jasper, clear as crystal; probably like a flawless cut seven hundred trillion carat diamond and it had high walls and gates on all four sides. These gates honor God's first

— messengers, the 12 tribes of Israel. But the foundation honors those who first built on that foundation (Rock):

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (10) According to the grace of God given to me [Paul], like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building upon it [us, by our being Disciples]. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus.

Therefore, the foundation/Foundation honors the 12 disciples and that is why I claim that Peter had no authority to replace Judas, especially considering that he did so after Jesus, who had hand picked the original 12, had walked among the 11 for 40 days in His resurrected body and not chose a 12th to replace Judas. I believe Paul's name is among the 12 listed as those disciples names honored on — the Foundation.

Revelation 21:15-21 John is given a glimpse of the size of the city (1500 cubic miles). Its base 2.25 million square.

miles is enough to fit all peoples of all ages not to mention that that is only the ground floor, 1500 miles of 91 additional floors will also be present. Now, I don't think it

~ will be laid out as a hotel with 1500 ^{miles of} floors containing 528 floors per mile, totaling 792,000 floors because we will be in our heavenly bodies and not subject to gravity (unless we choose to) but I am positive that we will not be crowded!

The city will be adorned with 12 jewels and the afore mentioned gates will be gigantic pearls! Too big for a necklace. The streets will be paved with pure gold so refined that it is clear like glass. (Notice, the things that are precious and rare on this earth will be pavement, foundations, gates, and construction material for walls!)

Revelation 21:22 The day has finally come where man no longer has to go to the temple, or church, to be closer to God and His word. No need for that because our Father will always be right there! Our Lord will spend His day with us. Our Holy Spirit will be our energy. No sleep needed. No Bible study needed. No food or drink needed (available to enjoy but not needed).

Revelation 21:23-24 The Sun and the moon (I believe) will still exist but the Scripture says, "the city has no need for it" so that would indicate to me that the glory of the Triune God will be so brilliant that external light is not required. For example, Moses had to hide his face in the cleft of the rock when God passed by but the after glow of the presence of God radiated upon Moses even days after the encounter. So much so that he had to put a veil over his head to keep people from being scared to death.

Revelation 21:25-27 The city will be open 24/7 because it will not need to be protected. All nations will come to the New Jerusalem to worship the Lord. Verse 27 says that, "nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false. Why? Because they don't exist. They have their own city. The city that is a lake burning with fire. Only we, those whose names have not been blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life will be there.