



The Book of Revelation: Week 19

Chapters 21-22:

“Behold, I Am Coming Quickly”

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Schedule

- Next Wednesday (June 25) = Wednesday is Sundaе!
- *Fire In The Night* and *7-2-7 Prayer* begin this Friday evening
- VBS begins Sunday, June 29th and runs through Thursday, July 3rd

Review

- We spoke about the Lord’s return in glory and power. Christ destroys the armies of the world and Antichrist and the False Prophet are thrown into the Lake of Fire.
- Jesus reigns from Jerusalem with the resurrected saints and the holy angels for 1000 years. Those who had been martyred by the Antichrist are also raised. The Devil is bound and is not allowed to deceive people.
- Much of the curse is removed from the world. The Earth becomes phenomenally productive once again; people live for hundreds of years.
- Israel becomes the leading nation, with Jerusalem as capital and Jesus physically present as her king. All the nations are also commanded to worship Him. It is a perfect kingdom of justice.
- Afterwards, Satan is released one last time to deceive the nations. He is then thrown into the Lake of Fire. Jesus then delivers all authority back to the Father.

Three important things in Chapters 21-22:

1. A description of the new heavens and new earth.
2. A discussion of God's relationship with his people.
3. Warnings to the righteous and the wicked.

Chapter 21

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

- The heaven and the earth have been changed. This means a new kind.
- The most notable characteristics of the City of God are simply that He is there and that He is with us!

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

- God has the power to not only renovate the universe, but to renovate us, too.

6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

- A powerful word of invitation, mixed with a strong message of warning.
- Those who are disobedient to God and His message will know the second death.

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

- It’s one of the angels who poured out the bowls who shows John the city. Only when God brings judgment and purifies can we truly enjoy His presence.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a

square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

- The Bible says, “Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of men the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

1. Where is the New Jerusalem now?

I don't think we know where it is right now, but John saw it coming down out of Heaven.

2. Where will the New Jerusalem be situated?

Will it rest upon the surface of the earth?

3. How big is the New Jerusalem?

In the Millennium, the renovated earthly Jerusalem is 50 square miles. However, the New Jerusalem is 12,000 furlongs (Greek = stadia) on each side: about 1400 miles. John also says it is just as high as it is long.

4. What is the shape of the City?

Its description seems to indicate that it can only be either a pyramid or a cube.

5. What is the construction of the City?

The wall is 144 cubits, or over 200 feet.

The wall is made out of jasper, a precious stone of various colors, possibly diamond.

There are 12 foundations, each decorated with different precious stones.

The actual city itself and the street are pure gold, so pure they are almost clear.

There are twelve gates, each one made out of a single pearl.

It has no Temple, because God and the Lamb are its temple.

It has no need for lighting, because the glory of God lights it, and the Lamb is its light.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

- Those who have served God will be there. Those who have lived wickedly and refused God's salvation will be excluded.

Chapter 22

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **4** They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. **5** There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

- Three wonderful things you're going to see in the New Jerusalem:
 - A pure river of the water of life.
 - The tree of life.
 - The face of God and Christ. *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* (1 John 3:2)

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. **7** "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." **8** Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. **9** Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

10 And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

- Once again, John can't help himself but falls down to worship the angel.
- The unusual verse about being filthy carries the idea that a person who is filthy will go on doing filthy things, and so also with the one who does righteousness.

Final Words from Jesus!

12 “ And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 “ I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen

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