



## END TIMES: WHAT'S GOING ON? "New Heaven, New Earth" Revelation 21:1-22:21

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Having explained the "lake of fire" destiny of those whose names are NOT written in the "book of life," John's attention is now directed to what those whose names are recorded might expect in the coming age.

### I. The New Creation. 21:1-4

- A. The passing away of the "first heaven and the first earth."
- B. The disappearance of the sea from whence the beast had arrived.
- C. The "Holy City, the new Jerusalem": old Jerusalem replaced. See Galatians 4:26
  - 1. "Coming down out of heaven from God": entirely God's creation.
  - 2. "As a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." See 19:7-8; Ephesians 5:25
  - 3. "The dwelling of God is with men." See Leviticus 26:11-12; Ezekiel 37:26f
  - 4. "They will be His peoples; God Himself will be with them." 2 Corinthians 6:16
- D. "The old order has passed away" including tears, death, mourning, and pain.

### II. The Message from the Throne. 21:5-8

- A. A statement of purpose: "I am making everything new." see 2 Corinthians 5:17
- B. An affirmation of reliability: "Trustworthy and true."
- C. A reminder of identity: "The Beginning and the End."
- D. An invitation: The thirsty may drink without cost of the water of life.
- E. A promise: Overcomers will inherit all this and much more. See 2:7
- F. A warning: The second death awaits those who do not respond.

### III. The Holy City. 21:9-27

- A. Not a place—a gathering of peoples in the presence of the living God.
- B. Shining with the glory of God; built on the prophets and apostles.
- C. Design: a cube (Babylon a square!); dimensions 1500 miles cube—immense!
- D. Pure gold; precious stones (signs of the Zodiac reversed!).
- E. No need of temple, sun, or moon—it's all about glory of God and Lamb.
- F. The gates stand open; nations will walk by its light, but there's a book of life!

### IV. The River of Life. 22:1-21

- A. From the throne flows "life"; from the trees come abundance; from the leaves come health; and there is no more curse. Paradise restored; Genesis revisited!
- B. God's people bear His name, serve Him worshipfully, and constantly see Him.
- C. Amen, come Lord Jesus!