

A DESCRIPTION OF HEAVEN

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TEXT: [Revelation 21 & 22](#)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Finishing Revelation: the basis—
 - a. Persecuted Christians
 - b. [Revelation 1:1](#) to show things which must shortly take place
2. Final Lesson is our Final Destination: Heaven

DISCUSSION:

I. REVELATION 21

A. [Revelation 21:1](#)--"a new heaven & a new earth. "

1. [2 Peter 3:10](#)—the heavens & the earth will be destroyed by fire
2. It is replaced by what is new.
 - a. Jehovah's Witnesses believe the earth will be renovated.
 - b. New and different, not of the same kind.
 - c. [1 Corinthians 15:42-44](#)—The physical no longer applies

B. "The sea is no more. "

1. [17:15](#)—Humanity as we know it, will not continue.
2. During the book man has slowly come closer to God.
 - a. [4:6](#)—Man was separated from God by the sea of glass.
 - b. [5:2](#)—The redeemed stood on the sea.
 - c. [21:1](#)—The sea disappeared & the righteous are with God.

C. "New Jerusalem" coming "down from God out of heaven. "

1. This one is superior to the one of old.
2. Unlike the one of old, this one is spiritual & not physical.
3. [Romans 7:4](#)--that you may be married to another— to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

D. [Revelation 21:3-7](#), "I will be their God..."

1. [V. 3](#)—This sound much like the church
2. [V. 4](#)—He will dwell in the midst of the righteous
3. [V. 5](#)—The alpha/omega, the beginning/end-- Authority
4. [V. 6](#)—Water of life is the promise of eternal life.
5. [V. 7](#)—Rewards to the faithful
6. [V. 8](#)—Punishment to the unfaithful

E. Then follows that beautiful description of the New Jerusalem.

1. God's angel of wrath from Revelation 16.
2. [V. 11](#) light emphasizes God's presence
3. [V 12-13](#), the great city surrounded by high walls & 12 gates.
 - a. Designed for total, perfect, or complete protection
 - b. Many gates stress generous opportunities for the righteous
 - c. [John 14:2](#)—In my father's house are many mansions.

4. 12 gates, by tribe names, 12 foundations by apostle names
 - a. Obviously for all God's people Old AND New
 - b. TRUE Israel [Galatians 6:16](#)

F. [Revelation 21:15-17](#) the city

1. Measurements describe its spaciousness
2. The walls were 144 cubits. symbolizing the perfect size.
3. Precious metals & gems portraying unparalleled beauty
4. God is the temple, the light, the glory

G. [Revelation 21:24-26](#) those who dwell within the city.

1. The "nations," since God called men from every nation.
2. All glory belongs to God.
3. Gates are left open show no reason to fear any enemy.
 - a. All abomination & unrighteousness are forbidden.
 - b. only those written in the Lamb's book of life

II. REVELATION 22

A. A pure river of water of life. . . "

1. [John 4:10](#)—Jesus spoke of living water (woman at the well)
2. Expressive of eternal life.
3. "clear as crystal," referring to its purity comes from God.

B. [Revelation 22:2](#) "The tree of life."

1. What was lost in the Garden of Eden will be regained.
2. Perfect "12" manner of fruits for all the righteous to eat.
3. God grants the blessing of heaven through His Son Jesus.

C. [Revelation 22:3](#) "No More curse"

1. Death brought on by sin, which is abolished in this text.
2. Curses pronounced in the Garden of Eden
3. All Curses are gone in Heaven.

D. [Revelation 22:4](#) "And they shall see His face"

1. [1 John 4:12](#) No one has seen God face to face.
2. [Matthew 5:8](#)—"the pure in heart shall see God"
3. [Exodus 33:20](#) God said, "no man shall see Me, and live."
4. His name on their foreheads—they belong to God.

E. [Revelation 22:5](#) God is light

1. [1 John 1:5](#) "& in Him is no darkness at all."
2. [Exodus 34](#) Moses' face glowed after being in God's Presence.

F. [Revelation 22:6](#) "the things which must shortly come to pass. "

1. [v. 10, 12, 20](#) Emphasize—Rome will fall, Christ will prevail SOON.
2. [V. 10](#)—so, don't prevent anyone from knowing this

G. [Revelation 22:11-20](#)

1. There is a line between the righteous & unrighteous.
2. We warn people of hell, many don't stay unconcerned
3. "WHOEVER THIRSTS LET HIM DRINK FREELY"