

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 25
The New Heavens and New Earth, Forever – Part 2
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Revelation 21:3-4

“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.”

1. God will Dwell With His People

- a. **CLOSE Proximity** – He will DWELL with His People – it will NOT be a long distance relationship
- b. We are **HIS PEOPLE** ... we are Family ... He will not be a stranger to us, and we will not be strangers (foreigners) to Him. Fellowship Relationship
- c. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes (our eyes) ... think how close you have to be to wipe someone else’s tear from their eyes? What does this imply? He later says that there will be **no more crying?** So, why is He wiping away our tears?
- d. **This is Forever:** 1 Peter 1:3-5
⁽³⁾ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁽⁴⁾ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that **does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,** ⁽⁵⁾ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in **the last time.**

2. Everything that Relates to SIN will be done away with and will not exist in the New Heavens, the New Earth, and in the New Jerusalem (in which Righteousness Dwells – 2 Peter 3:10-13)

- a. No More **DEATH**
- b. No More **Sorrow** (suffering, worrying, anguish, regrets ... etc.)
- c. No More **Crying** (but He wipes away our tears)
- d. No More **Pain** (including suffering all that relates to pain)
- e. All the “**D**” words that relate to Devil and to Sin – **will be banished away** (to the Lake of Fire) ... **AND** will never be brought up again ... such as:
DEATH, DOUBT, DECEPTION, DECEIVE, DISTRACTION, DARKNESS, Discouragement, Disobedience, Discontent, Distraught, Division/Divisiveness, Divorce, Discord, Disorder, Disarray, Disruption, Destruction, and Depression, etc.

3. No More Temple – Revelation 21:22-26 thru Revelation 22:1-5

God and the Lamb – are its light ... Light to the Nations ...

No Need for a lamp, the sun or the moon, anymore. Just like in Genesis when God created Light, first on Day One, before He created the Sun, Moon, and Stars on Day Four.

- a. **Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is LIGHT everywhere ... DARKNESS no longer exists.**

- b. **Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is LIFE everywhere ... DEATH no longer exists. (River of LIFE)**
 - c. **Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is JOY and PEACE everywhere ... CONFLICT and REBELLION (SIN) no longer exists. (God and Lamb, along with His People → and They shall reign forever and ever)**
4. **Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star, the Root and Offspring of David, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb of God, The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End ... He is God Why does He keep reminding us?**
5. **Revelation 22:7,17,20 -
The Call of the Church to be Encouraged, the Call of God, through the Church to the Lost ... the Call of Repentance to the Lost by the Holy Spirit ...**

(7) "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

(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.

(20) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

- a. **We are ENCOURAGED because we will, someday be with God, in Glory ... God wants us to be encouraged ... to be INFUSED with HIS COURAGE for the Mission, NOW ... the Great Commission ... calling sinners to Repentance**
- b. **Motivated → Because, How we are Faithful, here, and Now, in Obedience To Christ and to His Cause determines our Rewards in Heaven. It is much more than Stuff, folks, I can assure you of that. It is also Relational ... Closeness to God is the real reward.**

END-TIMES PROPHECY is EVANGELISTIC and MISSIONAL ...

The Goal of All End-Times Prophecy is to Rescue Sinners from the Lake of Fire and to be in the New Jerusalem with Christ (and with us).

- c. **The Lost are Motivated to Come to the Cross of Christ Because of:**
 - i. **The Judgment that is to come. Their sins have been exposed.**
 - ii. **The Goodness, Love, Mercy, Grace, and Forgiveness offered through the Cross of Christ.**

6. **(just for fun – just a little trivia)**

We know, that God speaks Southern:

→ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with y'all. Amen. (Rev. 22:21)