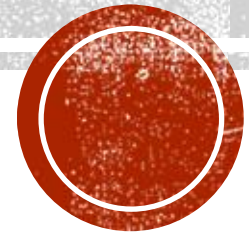


ESCHATOLOGY – WEEK 8

REV. 21-22 – NEW HEAVENS, NEW EARTH, ETERNITY!

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REVIEW – REV. 19-20

Worship in Heaven – Rev. 19:1-10

The Rider on the White Horse – Rev. 19:11-16

The Glorious Appearing!

Armageddon – Rev. 19:17-21, Joel 2, Zech. 12

The Millennial Reign of Christ – Rev. 20:1-6

- Satan bound in the Abyss for 1,000 years, Planetary Peace
- The Saints are ruling the earth with Jesus
- Satan released, deceives the nations, thrown into Lake of Fire for ever and ever

Final Judgment – Rev. 20:11-15.

Wicked Dead Thrown into the Lake of Fire

RE-READ Rev. 20:11-15 TOGETHER FOR CONTEXT



REVELATION CHAPTER 21

A New Heavens and a New Earth

- God now creates a Brand New Heaven & Earth! The first heaven and earth 'had passed away.'
 - See also Is. 65:17, 2 Peter 3:10, Rom. 8: 19-21
- **Satan has now been permanently removed** from influencing mankind.
- The *sea* is no more.
- **The New Jerusalem**, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband, is lowered onto the new earth.
- **God will now dwell with men** – reminding us that God has been aiming at restoring all things since the Fall!
- **No more death, mourning, crying, or pain** – the 'old order' has passed.
- **No more night, sun, curse** – all things are made new.



REVELATION CHAPTER 21

The New Heavens and a New Earth

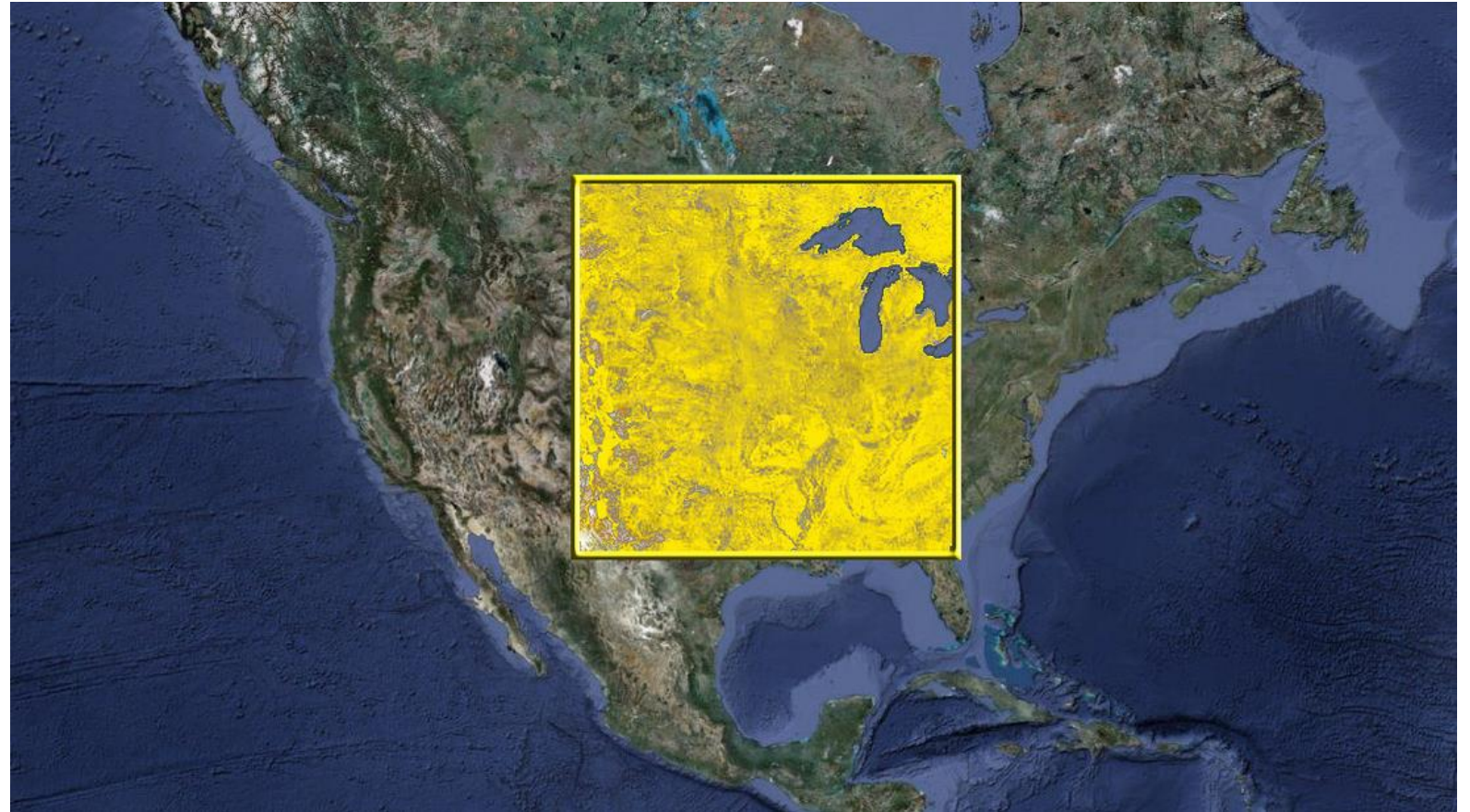
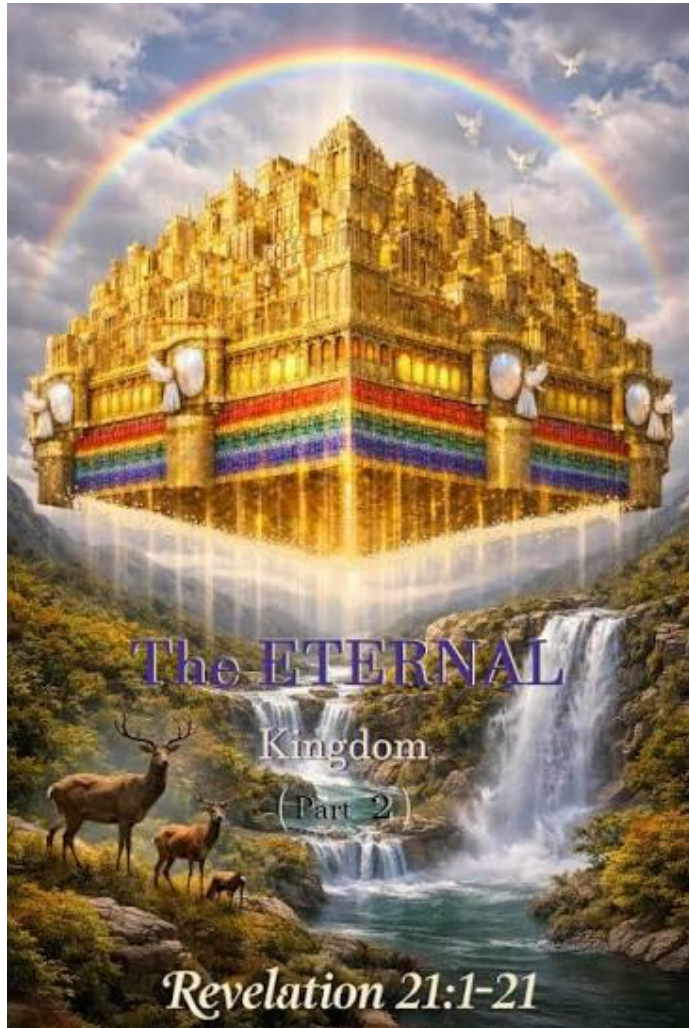
- In vs.6, it sounds as if John is now seeing the resurrected Jesus Christ.
- **Jesus reminds John of the destiny of the wicked** – in the Lake of Fire experiencing the 'second death'
- Then one of the 'Bowl' Angels invites John to come and see the Bride of the Lamb. John then describes what he sees.

The New Jerusalem

- There are 12 gates, with an Angel posted at each gate.
- The 12 gates are named after the 12 Tribes of Israel.
- The 12 foundations are named after the 12 Apostles.
- The city is shaped like a cube, 1,400 miles in each direction, 12 foundations, 200 ft. thick walls. That is VERY curious, isn't it!!??



SIZE OF NEW JERUSALEM



REVELATION CHAPTER 21

The New Jerusalem (cont'd)

- Each foundation is decorated with a different type of precious stone.
- Each of the twelve gates is constructed from **a single pearl!**
- The 'great street' of the city was laid of **pure, transparent gold.**
- **There is no Temple**, as it is not needed any more to be a place for the presence of God. God is already there!
- The city does not need the sun anymore as **God himself gives it light.**
- There is no more night, gates are always open.
- Nothing impure will ever enter the city.



REVELATION CHAPTER 21

A Few Curiosities of Rev. 21:

- Will we have to drink the water of life to live forever? (21:6)
- Will there be a new sun and a new moon? (21:23)
- Who are 'the nations'? (21:24)
- Who are 'the kings of the earth'? (21:25)
- What could it mean when John says that the 'splendor, glory and honor' of the nations will be brought to the New City, as some sort of tribute?
- 'Nothing impure will ever enter it'? (21:27). Why is this even a concern?



REVELATION CHAPTER 22

The River of Life

- John is next shown the River of the Water of Life, flowing down the middle of the 'great street' of the city, from the Throne of God and of the Lamb.
- The Tree of Life seems to straddle the street and river. It produces 12 crops, perhaps a different one every month.
- The Curse is gone!!
- The Saints will finally behold the face of God!!
- His name will be on our foreheads, and we will reign with Him for ever and ever.
- Vs. 22:6 seems to indicate a conclusion to the prophetic visions John was being shown. 22:7 seems to take on a different feel and not necessarily referring to future events.



REVELATION CHAPTER 22

The End of the Prophecy

- Vs. 11 seems to suggest John is back to writing about his present day.
- The angel again turns away worship.
- Those who have washed their robes are given access to the tree of life.
- Vs. 15 is puzzling – aren't all the wicked already in the Lake of Fire?? Is it possible that the Lake of Fire is somewhere in proximity to the New Jerusalem? Seems VERY unlikely.
- John closes the prophetic writing with a solemn warning.



REVELATION CHAPTER 22

A Few Curiosities of Rev. 22:

- “Behold, I am coming soon!” (22:7). What does ‘*soon*’ mean?
- (22:15). How can there be people outside the gates??
- Strong warnings given to anyone who adds to or takes from the words ‘of this book of Prophecy’!



CONCLUSION – Q&A

What are your questions??

