

## Series: Revelation

### Revelation 21:1-8 Handout

This section begins God's \_\_\_\_\_ to those who asked, "How long?"

Now that the last stages of God's \_\_\_\_\_ against both Rome and its agents, and Satan himself at the "the day of the Lord", John describes, at least partially symbolically, the \_\_\_\_\_ for our faithfulness...our eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

He will spend the majority of these last two chapters painting this amazing picture!!!

#### I. Revelation 21:1

a. "...a new heaven and a new earth,..."

i. John use "kainon" meaning new \_\_\_\_\_ to something old, not "neos" which means something \_\_\_\_\_ new.

ii. God is \_\_\_\_\_ creating something new out of nothing, as in Genesis, but " \_\_\_\_\_ " something that \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_\_ intention.

iii. Why?

1. Because the old has passed away.

b. "...there was no longer any sea."

i. Several possibilities:

1. The realm of the origin of the first beast is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

3. The new earth will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the River of Life (Rev 22:1), so no longer needed.

#### II. Revelation 21:2

a. "...Holy city...prepared as a bride..."

i. A city is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, and in this verse, it is both.

1. See Luke 15:18

2. It is the place where God will eternally \_\_\_\_\_ (tabernacle) with His people. (21:3-4)

3. It is also a people, a bride, His \_\_\_\_\_. (21:9f)

b. Several lessons:

- i. We will be eternally " \_\_\_\_\_ " with Him.
- ii. God comes near to \_\_\_\_\_ (prepared), and we can come near to \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. It is from God
  - 1. See Hebrews 11:10

III. Revelation 21:3

Before the Fall, God communicated directly with man (Genesis 2:16) and had direct contact with him (Genesis 3:8). We have no record of God "dwelling" in the garden, but He was heard, walking in the garden. It is safe, I believe, to assume, if God walked in the garden after they sinned, that He walked there prior to their sin. It has always been God's \_\_\_\_\_ to be with His creation.

Once evicted from the garden, it was not until God directed Moses to construct the Tabernacle, that He would again be with them or "dwell" amongst them. See Exodus 29:44-46 and Leviticus 26:11-12.

Later He would dwell in the Temple in Zion (Jerusalem).

See Psalm 135:21 and Matthew 23:21-22.

When Jesus came, God once again lived among His people.

See John 1:14.

This verse literally says that Jesus " \_\_\_\_\_ " among us.

After His ascension, the individual Christian and the collective church became His internal, dwelling place.

See 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19.

When Christ comes back, the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship will be restored.

- a. "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people..."
  - i. God is " \_\_\_\_\_ " with us again!!!!
- b. God is coming \_\_\_\_\_ us, not us \_\_\_\_\_ Him!!!!

IV. Revelation 21:4

- a. "There will be no more..."
  - i. The things that caused tears, mourning, death, and pain, they were part of what \_\_\_\_\_ the old heaven and earth, and they were removed so the old could be \_\_\_\_\_ into the new.
  - ii. They "passed away."

1. The word is "apelthan" which means to set aside because no longer \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. Revelation 21:5
- a. "...everything new!"
    - i. Jesus said He is making "things new" \_\_\_\_\_ "new things".
- VI. Revelation 21:6
- a. "...It is done."
    - i. God through His grace \_\_\_\_\_ a process, His wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ the process, and His power \_\_\_\_\_ the process.
    - ii. As Jesus said on the cross, "It is \_\_\_\_\_."
  - b. "To the thirsty I will give..."
    - i. There will be no unmet need here.
- VII. Revelation 21:7
- a. "...will inherit..."
    - i. What do we inherit?
      1. See Matthew 5:5
      2. We will inherit the new heaven and the new earth.
  - b. "...all this,..."
    - i. What is all this?
      1. \_\_\_\_\_ from tears, pain, death...
      2. God \_\_\_\_\_ with them.
      3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the water of life.
      4. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. "...be my children."
    - i. Why do we inherit?
      1. We are His children.
- VIII. Revelation 21:8

As John warned the seven churches to remain \_\_\_\_\_, to persevere and not be \_\_\_\_\_, not to live like those around them, not to \_\_\_\_\_ in the immoral religious rituals and worship the Emperor, he closes this section with the same itemized list. All the things that those who followed the beast \_\_\_\_\_.

Their inheritance will be the same as the harlot, the beasts, Satan and death all received, \_\_\_\_\_ to the fiery lake of burning Sulphur.

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