

Series: Revelation

Revelation 21:1-22:5 Handout

"In considering the description of the holy city, it must be continually borne in mind that this is a vision in which is set forth a majestic _____ of a great _____ reality. Literally there never _____, is not _____, and _____ will be such a city; but there _____ will be that which the city _____..."

John concludes the last vision of the future with a symbolic _____ of what those whom God has redeemed will _____ and where they will eternally _____, the Consummated _____ of God. He reveals seven characteristics sprinkled throughout chapter 21 and most of chapter 22.

I. The Consummated Kingdom

a. First, John reveals that Christ's return will actually _____ in what is solely God's...His _____!

i. See Revelation 22:3b.

b. Second, John reveals that Christ's return will bring the _____ of evil and the end of the "present _____ age."

i. See Revelation 21:1b,4,8,27;22:3a

1. "...curse..."

a. See Genesis 3:14, 17-19; Deuteronomy 27:14-26; Galatians 3:13

b. No curse because _____ has been dealt with, creation has been _____ and Jesus has _____ the curse of the Law on the cross.

c. Third, John reveals that Christ's return will not only bring the destruction of evil but also the _____ of creation and the _____ of good.

i. See Revelation 21:1a,5,6a,24b,26

1. "...bring their splendor into it...the glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it..."

2. Two possibilities:

a. All people, from every nation, will bring the honor _____ to God alone.

b. All the good in this life that brought _____ to God will be there.

i. Art, music etc.

- d. Fourth, John reveals that Christ's return will bring a "new city", or a _____ made up of the Lord's faithful redeemed.
- i. See Revelation 21:2a,10, 12-14,17-21
 1. "Come I will show you the bride...and showed me the Holy City,..."
 - a. The bride and the Holy City are the same...all the _____ people of God.
 2. "...great, high wall...twelve gates...twelve angels."
 - a. "Twelve"
 - i. the number for _____ God's covenant people.
 - b. "Gates"
 - i. All the redeemed has _____.
 - c. "Angels"
 - i. No longer providing "security" to prevent entrance.
 - ii. Part of the "_____ committee."
 1. See Matthew 24:31
 3. "...names of the twelve tribes...names of the twelve apostles..."
 - a. The 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles represent the covenant people under _____ testaments.
- e. Fifth, John reveals that when Christ returns, God will be _____ and dwell directly with people.
- i. See Revelation 21:3,11,15-16,22-24a, 25;22:4-5a
 1. "...found to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long."
 - a. A _____ measuring 1,400+ on each side.
 - b. See 1 Kings 6:20
 - i. It is cube, just like the Holy of Holies in the temple.
 - ii. The Holy of Holies was God's dwelling place on _____; the Holy City will now be His earthly dwelling place.
 - ii. The multiple usage of the number 12 (3 (divine) x 4 (human)):
 1. 12 gates
 2. 12 angels
 3. 12 tribes
 4. 12 apostles
 5. 12,000 (12 x 1,000) stadia

- 6. 144 (12 x 12) cubits
- 7. 12 precious stones
- 8. 12 crops of fruit
- iii. 12 – God’s covenant people
- f. Sixth, John reveals that when Christ returns, not only God will present and dwell directly with people, but they will enjoy a deep, personal, intimate _____ with Him.
 - i. See Revelation 21:2b,7,9
 - 1. John uses two different analogies to describe the nature of our relationship with God:
 - a. A _____
 - i. A perfect, intimate, everlasting relationship.
 - b. A _____
 - i. Blessed children of a loving Father.
 - 2. It is interesting that both women in Revelation, the bride and the harlot, are both referred as cities.
 - a. See Revelation 17:15, 17
- g. Finally, John reveals that when Christ returns, the reward of God’s people will be eternal life in fellowship with Him
 - i. See Revelation 21:6b; 22:1-2, 5b
 - 1. We will have free access to both the _____ of water of life and the _____ of life and therefore we will live in fellowship With God and His saints _____!

II. What Do We Know?

- a. Our eternal _____ will be GOD’S Kingdom.
- b. _____ evil will be present.
- c. Only transformed _____ and _____ will be there.
- d. It is more about _____ will be there than the _____ and _____ of the Kingdom.
- e. God will be there _____ His people.
- f. We will enjoy a deep, personal _____ with Him.
- g. And all this will never, ever _____!