

REVELATION: HELP FOR LIVING, HOPE FOR LEAVING

## **NO MORE NIGHT**

Revelation 21:1-22:5

You often hear children ask "what is heaven like? Our passage gives us the closest description that human terms can use to describe heaven. And it is never enough. Often, the apostle John seemed at a loss for words, describing for example, what a diamond looked like – a gem undiscovered in his time. Heaven really is beyond description. And this is the reality that awaits every Christian – a place that has no more tears, no more pain, and no more night.

The way you behave today is determined by what you believe about your future. How differently would you live today if you realized that this is your guaranteed future?

### **1. THE REALITY THAT AWAITS US – GOD'S ETERNAL CITY [Rev. 21:1-11]**

- God's eternal city, the new Jerusalem, will be located in a new heaven and new earth!
- While the beauty of heaven is indescribable, heaven is heaven because of God: "He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God . . . There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain." Why? Because "I am making everything new!"
- If you are thirsty for hope, not hype; for what is real and not fake, if you will live for what is eternal and not what is passing away, God says "To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the Water of Life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be My son."

### **2. THE PLACE PREPARED FOR US [Rev. 21:12-18]**

- In John 14, Jesus said "I am going there to prepare a place for you." This is the place. A magnificent city with 12 gates, 12 walls, and 12 foundations.
- John describes a pyramid or cube, 1,400 miles all throughout, with diamond walls 200 feet wide, and streets of a kind of gold that is almost transparent.
- Are you building your life on diamonds and gold? What men so highly value here on earth, is just stepped upon and used for walls in the eternal city. What is God telling you about your priorities here on earth?

### **3. NEW THINGS IN HEAVEN [Rev. 21:22-27; 22:1-5]**

- Why are there so many new things in heaven? Because in Rev. 21:5, He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

### **THINGS WE WILL NEVER SEE ANYMORE**

1. V. 22 I did not see a TEMPLE in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
2. Verses 23-24 The city does not need the SUN OR THE MOON, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.
3. Verses 25-26 There will be no NIGHT there.
4. V. 27 Nothing IMPURE will ever enter it, nor will ANYONE WHO DOES WHAT IS SHAMEFUL OR DECEITFUL, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.
5. Rev. 22:3 No longer will there be any curse.

### **WHAT WE WILL SEE FOREVER**

1. V. 1 The River of the Water of Life . . . flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2. V. 2 The Tree of Life
3. V. 3-4 The throne of God . . . His face, and His Name.

### **Final Thoughts:**

Rev. 21:4 says "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" No Christian weeps forever, none! And whether you realize it or not, the way you behave today is determined by what you believe about your future.

This is your future: Rev. 21:5 "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true": We will see Jesus (22:4). We will serve Jesus (22:3). We will reign with Jesus (22:5). Amen and Amen!