

SERMON NOTES - Revelation 21-22 - All things new

Revelation 21-22 - "1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "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."

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me,

"Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs (1,500 Miles sq). Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Revelation 22:1-21 - "1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more

curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. 6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." 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. 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

The Gemstones and their colours in Heaven: (Similar stones in the breastplate / ephod of the priest Ex 28:15-20/39:10) -

- **TRANSPARENT GOLD** -

- **GIANT PEARLS** -

THE FOUNDATION GEMS:-

JASPER - brick / brownish red

SAPPHIRE - blue but also appears as orange-pink, golden, white, and black

CHALCEDONY - pale blue, yellow, brown or gray

EMERALD - green

SARDONYX - deep orange / red

SARDIUS - orange-red or brown

CHRYSOLITE - sparkling pale green colour ranging from lime, yellow green, and olive green, to medium dark green

BERYL - blue to blue-green, yellow, greenish-gold, red, and pink

TOPAZ - yellow, blue, pink, peach, gold, green, red and brown

CHRYSOPRASE- greenish-gold

JACINTH - orange diamond or dark blue

AMETHYST - transparent reddish purple to bluish purple.

Heaven is in our hearts NOW:

<p>A NEW CREATION, ALL THINGS NEW Rev 21: - "1- Now I saw a <u>new heaven and a new earth</u>, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. 4 "... the <u>former things have passed away.</u>" 5 ... "Behold, I make <u>all things new.</u>"</p>	<p>2 Cor 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creation</u>; <u>old things have passed away</u>; behold, <u>all things have become new.</u>"</p>
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<p>FELLOWSHIP AND CLOSENESS TO GOD</p> <p>Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, <u>the tabernacle of God is with men</u>, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall <u>be My son</u>."</p>	<p>Eph 1:6 - "to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." Jn 1:12-13 - "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Gal 4:6 - "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"" 1 Jn 3:1 - "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."</p>
<p>NO MORE SUFFERING - <u>Rev 21:4</u> "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 <u>former things have passed away</u>."</p>	<p>2 Cor 7:10 - "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, <u>not to be regretted</u>; but the sorrow of the world produces death."</p>
<p>THE BLESSINGS OF HEAVEN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blessing and authority - 22vs5 - Living Water - 21vs6, 22vs1-3 - Inherit All things - 21vs7 - Pure / forgiven - 21vs7 	<p>Eph 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ," Eph 2:6 - "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus," Jn 7:37-38 "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."" Rom 8:32 - "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" 2 Cor 5:21 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 1 Cor 6:17 - "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."</p>
<p>KNOWING HIM AND ALL THINGS FULLY 1 Cor 13:12 - "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known."</p>	<p>1 Jn 2:20 - "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." 1 Cor 2:16 - "For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."</p>

REVELATION OVERVIEW

INTRO Rev 1-5

7 Churches
Rev 1-3

Heaven & the Scroll
Rev 4-5

THE TRIBULATION - 7 SEALS, TRUMPETS & BOWLS Rev 6-11 & Rev 15-16



FINAL SCENES Rev 20-22

Millenium
Rev 20:1-10

Judgement
Rev 20:11-15

Heaven Forever
Rev 21-22

PAUSE 1 Rev 12-14

Recap of the above + extra detail

- Overview of the Cosmic Battle - Rev 12
- The Beast & his helper - Rev 13
- The 144,000 with Christ on Earth, the 3 Angels, Armageddon war - Rev 14

PAUSE 2 Rev 17-19

Recap of the above + extra detail

- Babylon and her fall - Rev 17-18
- Marriage of the Lamb - Rev 19
- Armageddon - Rev 19

TIMELINE OF REVELATION 6-19 - DANIEL'S 70th WEEK

3 1/2 YEARS



THE BEAST & BABYLON

BEAST IS KILLED & RESURRECTED

HALF WAY THROUGH THE 7 YEAR PERIOD

- ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION
- BEAST'S WAR ON GOD'S PEOPLE STARTS
- BABYLON OVERTHROWN
- JERUSALEM INVADDED/JEWS FLEE
- 2 WITNESSES BEGIN MINISTRY

3 1/2 YEARS



MARK OF BEAST & PERSECUTION

RAPTURE & 144,000

THE FINAL 7 TRUMPETS & 7 BOWLS - Rev 8,9,11,16

Increasingly Calamitous
Plagues, War, Heavenly Events
Huge Hail, Earth Changing Earthquake

Concludes in Israel's salvation, Christ's Return, Armageddon & Judgment



Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.