

Revelation 21-22

CLOSING SCENES

- The purpose of Revelation is to give a vision of the world from the church age to eternity.
- The scenes of Revelation are:
 - Initial vision & purpose of the book (1:19)
 - The church age (Rev. 2-3)
 - The rapture and the scene in Heaven (4-5)
 - An overview of the Tribulation – 7 seals (6)
 - The preparation for the Tribulation – the 144,000 (7)
 - The events and personalities of the Tribulation – Trumpet judgments, bowl judgments, Antichrist & False Prophet (8-19)
 - The millennium, binding of Satan, release of Satan, Final judgment (20)
 - The eternal state & last words (21-22)

1. **THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH** (read 21:1)

- The entire universe will be destroyed so that it may be cleansed from all the effects of sin (II Peter 3:7, 10)
- This is a fulfillment of Old Testament & New Testament prophecy (Psalm 102:25-26; Isaiah 65:17; 66:22-23; Luke 21:33; Hebrews 1:10-12)

2. **THE NEW JERUSALEM** (read 21:2-8)

- It is holy (2) – the antithesis of earthly Jerusalem
- It is not Heaven; it comes down out of heaven (2)
- It appears this city had already been created and was coming to earth (John 14:3)
- The Holy city is over the earth during the millennium and descends to earth in eternity (**Isaiah 65:17-25**)
- God will dwell with His people (3)
From creation God has wanted to dwell with His people. The new creation will permit this
- God will wipe away every tear (4)
- There will be no more death (4)

- This is the inheritance for overcomers, i.e. those who believe (4-7)
(I John 5:4-5)

3. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE HOLY CITY (read 21:9-22:5)

- It is the residence of the Bride of Christ (2, 9-11)
- It has 12 gates, 12 angels at the gates, names of 12 tribes of Israel (12-13)
- It has 12 foundations w/ the names of the 12 apostles (14)
The apostles were the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20)
Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker was God (Heb. 11:10)
- The city measured 12,000 by 12,000 by 12,000 furlongs
- The wall is 144 cubits high (216 feet)
- The wall is made of diamond & the city is gold like clear glass (18)
The mention of transparency indicates the city will transmit the glory of God
- The foundations are adorned with precious stones (19-20)
The foundations are layers built upon each other, extending around the city
- The 12 gates are 12 pearls – each gate is one pearl (21)
- 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 pearls, 12 kinds of fruit. The width of the city is 12,000 furlongs. Its wall is 12x12 cubits thick. This refers to perfection of government
- Streets of transparent gold & transparent glass = God's transparent holiness
God has no shadow (James 1:17)
- There is no temple (22)
The Lord is the temple. A temple won't be needed, because we will be in the immediate presence of God
- The city is illuminated not by the sun & moon but by the glory of God. The Lamb is the light (23)
- The nations of those who are saved shall walk in the light (Millennium) (24)
- There shall be no night there (25)
- The New Jerusalem is the new capital of the world (25-26)
The New Jerusalem will be the center of a completely new universe
- Everyone there has his name in the Lamb's book of life (27)
- The river (22:1) is a symbol of the pouring out of the H.S.
- The tree of life is for the healing of the nations during the Millennium (22:2)
- Jesus will be there (3-5)

4. THE LAST WORDS (read 22:6-21)

- I am coming quickly
- My reward is with Me
- I am the Alpha and Omega
- Blessed are those who keep His words
- An invitation is given from Jesus, the Spirit, and the Bride (16-17)
- A warning is given against adding to and taking away from the word (18-1)
- Closing words – Even so, come, Lord Jesus (20)
- Grace be with you (21)