

A NEW BEGINNING

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Introduction:

- A. One thousand years before this time God's Little Lamb has won the victory over Satan; He has called all His people to Him and has caused them to rule and reign with Him over the whole world.
- B. At the end of that one thousand years Satan was cast into the lake of fire.
- C. The earth and the heaven have fled away – they have passed away – they exist no more.
- D. Jesus Christ has called the whole human race before His Great White Throne and He has judged each person according to his works.
- E. All whose names were not in the Lamb's Book of Life have been cast into the lake of fire.
- F. Now, we are shown a new beginning.

I. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH were PASSED AWAY AND THERE WAS NO MORE SEA. V. 1

- A. V. 1 declares this to be true.
- B. Rev. 20:11 declares that the earth and the heaven fled away.
- C. 2 Peter 3:10-12 reveals something of how this was done.

II. WE WERE FIRST TOLD THAT JOHN SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. V. 1

- A. Verse 1
- B. 2 Peter 3:13 records that *according to God's promise His people look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.*
- C. Isaiah 65:17 *For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind.*

III. WE ARE THEN TOLD OF THE NEW JERUSALEM COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN.

- A. V. 2 Identifies it as a prepared city; a holy city; a city adorned as a bride for her husband.
- B. Galatians 4:26 speaks of the New Jerusalem as the Jerusalem from above.
  - a. Hebrews 11:10 speaks of Abraham looking *for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*
- C. Hebrews 11:16 reveals that God *has prepared for them (His people) a city.*
- D. John 14:13 records Jesus as making this promise to His people.

IV. WE ARE TOLD THAT GOD SHALL DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE IN THE NEW JERUSALEM. V.3

- A. V. 3 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them.
- B. Revelation 7:15 also spoke of this *and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*
- C. Isaiah 65:19 *I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy with my people.*

V. WE SHALL ENJOY AN NEW LIFE WITH GOD IN THE NEW JERUSALEM.

- A. Verse 4; Revelation 7:17 and Isaiah 65:19 all declare that God shall wipe away all tears and that there will be no weeping in the new creation.

- B. Verse 4 also declares that there will be no more death, no more sorrow, no more pain – All these things have passed away.**
- C. Revelation 7:16 also adds – they shall hunger no more, they shall thirst no more, neither shall the sun light on them any more.**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

- A. John summed it up with *He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.***
- B. He that sat on the throne also commanded –*Write; for these words are true and faithful.***
- C. Are you ready for His coming?**

