

“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.’” – Revelation 21:3

**Overview:**

John now sees a new heaven and a new earth because the first has passed away. John doesn't give us a lot of description of the new but what he does say is pretty exciting. We are told that there will be no more sea (v.1), a new Jerusalem (v.2), the tabernacle of God is with men (v.3), God will dwell with man (v.3), God will wipe away every tear (v.4). No more sorrow, crying, or pain (v.4). Imagine always being in the presence of God and experiencing His love. To never again experiencing pain, sorrow, or watching the people we love die.

All of earth's history is speeding to a point of time in the future that God will say, “It is done!” Until then, God offer of the gift of salvation goes out. As believers, we need to recognize the times we live in and share God's offer to our family, friends, and coworkers. (Romans 10:11-15)

**References:**

**Rev 21:1** – Now I saw (Revelation 1:19) – Outline of Revelation:

- The things which you have seen (Revelation 1)
- The things which are (Revelation 2-3)
- The things which will take place after this – (Revelation 4-22)
  - The Tribulation – (Revelation 4-19)
  - The Millennium Kingdom – (Revelation 20)
  - The New Heaven and New Earth – (Revelation 21-22)

**Rev 21:1** – A new heaven and a new earth – (Isaiah 65:17-19, Isaiah 66:22-23, Psalm 102:25-26)

**Rev 21:1** – For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away – (Romans 8:21-22, 2 Peter 3:10-12)

**Rev 21:2** – The Holy City – (Hebrews 11:10, 12:22, 13:14, Galatians 4:26, Revelation 3:12)

**Rev 21:3** – The tabernacle of God

- God gave Israel the copy – (Exodus 25:9, Hebrews 9:24)
- God gave Jesus to the world thru Israel – (John 1:14)
- Pictured in Israel thru the law – (Leviticus 20:11-12, 3-4)

**Rev 21:5** – Behold, I make all things new – God makes all things new – (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**Rev 21:6** – It is done! - Revelation 16:17

**Rev 21:6** – The beginning and the end – (John 1:3, Colossians 1:16)

**Rev 21:6** – The water of life – (Jeremiah 2:13, Zechariah 14:8, John 4:10, John 7:37-38)

**Rev 21:7** – He who overcomes shall inherit all things – (1 John 5:5, Revelation 2:11)

**Rev 21:7** – I will be his God and he will be my son – (John 1:12-13)

**Rev 21:8** – Which is the second death – (Revelation 20:6, 14) – It goes on forever – (Revelation 20:10)

**Questions:**

- \* If you could have everything described in this section of Revelation but God wasn't there, would you take it? Why?
- \* If someone asked you what it means to “overcome” what would you tell them?

**Additional Study:**

**Rev 21:1**

- \* Passed away – (*parerchomai*)

**Rev 21:2**

- \* Bride adorned (*cosmeo*) for her husband

**Rev 21:3**

- \* Behold the tabernacle of God
  - Hebrew (*mishkan*) – dwelling place, tent
  - Greek (*skenoo*)

**Rev 21:4**

- \* Nor sorrow (*penthos*) – sorrow because of depressing circumstances or condition of others
- \* There shall be no more pain (*ponos*) – pain and suffering marked by both continuity and intensity
- \* The former things (*prota*) have passed away

**Rev 21:5**

- \* I make all things new – (*kainos*) new, fresh, completely different, not a new version of the same old thing: a completely new thing

**Rev 21:6**

- \* It is done! (*gegone*) – it has happened it is come: nothing more to be developed
- \* The beginning and the end (*arche, telos*)

**Rev 21:8**

- \* Cowardly (*deilos*) – timid, one who runs away
- \* Unbelieving (*apistis*) – no faith
- \* Abominable (*vile, abhorrent*)
- \* Sexually immoral (*pornos*)
- \* All liars (*psuedes*)