

Study Notes – Revelation 21, part 1

A New Heaven and a New Earth

- ✚ It is over – the wrath is done! Yeshua’s reign is established. The judgements are completed, and appropriate punishments enacted. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!

21.1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

- ✓ New – (kainos) “New in kind” – Superior in quality to the old.
- ✓ the first earth had passed away – Why destroy the original earth?
 - During the Millennial Kingdom there will be regeneration, but not an entirely new created order.
 - Eden like, but sin remains, and the shedding of innocent blood has corrupted the earth. Mat 19:28, Acts 3:21
 - It will fulfill the establishment of God’s covenant with Abraham concerning his descendants, a rebirth of Israel with Shalom and prosperity of the Gentiles with them.
 - For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Isaiah 65:17
 - Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like gnats, but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness never wane. Isaiah 51:6
 - "For just as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, will endure before Me" - it is a declaration of ADONAI - "so your descendants and your name will endure." Isaiah 66:22
 - In that day the heavens will be dissolved by fire, and the elements will melt in the intense heat. ¹³ But in keeping with His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:12-13
- ✓ the sea was no more – The Sea is the first of the seven (completeness) “no mores” that John said wouldn’t exist in the new creation. Sea, Death, Mourning, Weeping, Pain, Night, and the Curse.
 - But the wicked are like a troubled sea, for it cannot rest, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. Isaiah 57:20
 - The sea in John’s time was often viewed as a place of danger and change.
 - "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And upon the earth nations will be confused by the roaring of the sea and its waves. Luke 21:25
 - Four vicious Gentile powers rose from the Sea in Daniel’s dream.
 - Four huge beasts came up from the sea, each different from the others. Daniel 7:3
 - Revelation 13:1 states the “sea” was the source of the satanically powered antichrist.
 - Referring to wicked men and their shameless deeds.
 - wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. Jude 1:13

21.2 I also saw the holy city - the New Jerusalem - coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- ✓ New Jerusalem – The old Jerusalem will be Yeshua’s capital during the Millennium.
 - The new Jerusalem will be His for all eternity.

- ✓ prepared as a bride – (hetoimasmenon) having prepared – perfect passive participle.
 - The bride simile does not represent “the church”, but an entity with an intimate relationship with Yeshua.
 - The one who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he will never leave it. And on him I will write the name of My God and the name of the city of My God - the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God - and My own new Name. Revelation 3:12
 - The “bride” had no part in the preparation because it’s inanimate: a city.
 - This “Bride” contrasts with the bride in Rev 19:7, who made herself ready.
 - Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready, Revelation 19:7

21.3-4 I also heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is among men, and He shall tabernacle among them. They shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them and be their God. ⁴ He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away."

- ✓ Dwelling / tabernacle – (skene) / (skeno) “to pitch a tent, a booth, dwellings. Where the people were called to meet God.
- ✓ God is among men – Immanuel, God with us.
 - Therefore, ADONAI Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive. When she is giving birth to a son, she will call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14
 - "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which means "God with us." Matthew 1:23
 - And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14
 - For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says ADONAI. I will put My Torah into their mind, and upon their hearts I will write it. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹ And no more will they teach, each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying, 'Know ADONAI,' because all will know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more." ¹³ In saying "new," He has treated the first as old; but what is being made old and aging is close to vanishing. Hebrews 8:10-13
 - I will set My Tabernacle among you, and My soul will not abhor you. ¹² I will walk among you and will be your God, and you will be My people. Leviticus 26:11-12
- ✚ In the New Jerusalem, God is the Temple, the entire city the holy of holies. All redeemed are with Him. “Why is this emphasized by being the first? It’s the greatest blessing found in all of scripture. In this promise is found the culmination of the scarlet thread of redemption which runs from Genesis to Revelation. The purpose of the Kinsman – Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Since the rebellion of Adam, every tabernacle, every Temple, every correspondence between God and man has been the ultimate goal in mind: the restoration of full fellowship between God and man.” Tony Garland, Spirit and truth.org
- ✓ He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes – No more tears. Rev 7:17
- ✓ death shall be no more – No more death. Rev 20:14, 1 Cor 15:26
- ✓ Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain – Gen 3

A Message from the Throne

21.5-7 And the One seated upon the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new!" Then He said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will freely give from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ The one who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

- ✓ Behold – Pay attention! You need to hear this it is important.
 - He wants us to know that His work is completed.
- ✓ Thirsty – (dipsao) figuratively of spiritual thirst.
- ✓ freely give – (dorean) as a gift without payment; undeserved.
 - Yeshua offers “living water”. John 4:1-26
- ✓ water of life – (Eternal Life) represents the Spirit and the maintenance of spiritual life in eternity.
 - "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost! Isaiah 55:1
 - Yeshua replied to her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴ But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty. The water that I give him will become a fountain of water within him, springing up to eternal life!" John 4:13-14
 - On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Yeshua stood up and cried out loudly, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, 'out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" John 7:37-38 (Sukkot)
- ✚ For those who commit to following God, all the blessings found in the previous 20 chapters of this book belong to us, heirs of God, family, we inherit these, including eternal life and the New Heaven and New Earth.
- ✚ Unfortunately, for those still living in their sinful ways, who have rejected the free gift of salvation, all the judgements found in the previous chapters of Revelation belong to them. A terrible price for rejecting Yeshua; God's wrath, judgement, and eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire.
 - So those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8

21.8 But for the cowardly and faithless and detestable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars—their lot is in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- ✓ the cowardly – (delois) “timid ones” persons showing fear in a shameful way. The word is used to describe a lack of faith.
 - He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became totally calm. Matthew 8:26
 - And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Even now you have no faith?" Mark 4:40
- ✓ Faithless – (apistos) ones without faith.
 - and with every kind of wicked deception toward those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a delusional force, to lead them to believe what is false, ¹² so that they may be judged - all those who did not believe the truth but delighted in wickedness. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
 - He who trusts in the Son has eternal life. He who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36
- ✓ Detestable – (ebdelygmenois) Abhorrent, loathsome.
- ✓ Murderers – (phoneus) to premeditatedly kill, slaughter
 - Do not murder. Exodus 20:13
 - Do not murder. Deuteronomy 5:17

- ✓ sexually immoral – (pornos) Leud, unchaste.
 - But we know that the Torah is good if one uses it legitimately, ⁹ knowing that the Torah is not given for a tzaddik but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and worldly, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, homosexuals, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and for anything else that opposes sound teaching - ¹¹ in keeping with what was entrusted to me, the glorious Good News of the blessed God. 1 Timothy 1:8-11
- ✓ Sorcerers – (magos) witch, magician, wizard, one who practices the art of witchcraft.
 - When you enter the land ADONAI your God is giving you, you are not to learn to do the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There must not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or a fortune-teller, soothsayer, omen reader, or sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who casts spells, or a medium, a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² For whoever does these things is an abomination to ADONAI, and because of these abominations ADONAI your God is driving them out from before you. ¹³ You are to be blameless before ADONAI your God. Deuteronomy 18:9-13
 - But if you are led by the Ruach, you are not under law. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are clear: sexual immorality, impurity, indecency, ²⁰ idolatry, witchcraft, hostility, strife, jealousy, rage, selfish ambition, dissension, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, just as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit God's kingdom. Galatians 5:18-21
- ✓ Idolaters – (eidolotrais) Those who take part in idol-worship or consult false prophets. Rev 2:20, 1 Cor 10:7, 19-20, Gal 4:8-9, 5:20. Worship a false deity, image. Col 3:5, 1 Pet 4:3, Act 15:20, Lev 19:4
- ✓ all liars – (pseudos) to deceive by lies, falsehood.
 - Who is the liar, if not the one who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah? This one is the anti-messiah - the one who denies the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22
 - You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks lies he is just being himself - for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44
 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. In unrighteousness they suppress the truth Romans 1:18
- ✓ their lot is in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone – the second death.
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