

I Am Making All Things New – Part 1

Introduction and Review

- We have seen the beauty & perfection of God's creation in heaven & earth
- We have seen the devastation of sin in heaven & earth
- We have seen God's great plan of redemption for creation through Christ
- And now all of creation is waiting eagerly for the return of Christ (Rom. 8:18-25)
- God has promised believers a glorious eternal future (Rom. 8:18)

I. What John Saw (v. 1-2)

A. A new heaven & earth (v. 1)

*Heaven is: 1) the atmospheric sphere of birds (Ps. 8:8), 2) the stellar sphere of planets (Gen. 22:17), and 3) the abode of God (2Co. 12:2). Heaven & earth were both corrupted by sin – must be purged (Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-15; Rev. 12:7-10). “pass away” means to purge or cleanse, not annihilate (Gen. 6:13; 9:11; 2Pe. 3:7, 10; Ac. 3:21; 2Co. 5:17; Rom. 8:20-21). The new heaven & new earth will be cleansed & perfectly holy – no place for sin or sinners (20:10, 13-15; 21:8). “the sea was no more” – represents separation, hostility, turbulence & a place of death. **Purity & Peace (2Pe. 3:13)!***

B. The holy city (v. 2)

The holy city is “New Jerusalem”. The New Jerusalem is spiritual & holy – “coming down out of heaven from God”. The New Jerusalem is filled with God's people ready for an eternal relationship with Christ – “prepared as a bride...”. The holy city & New Jerusalem represent God's people (21:9-11). The imagery of a city represents stability, permanence & security in our eternal relationship with Christ.

John saw a new heaven & earth filled with new people ready to live with Christ forever.