

I Am Making All Things New – Part 2

Introduction and Review

- Heaven & earth were both corrupted by sin – must be purged (Rev. 12:7-10)
- “pass away” means to purge or cleanse, not annihilate (Gen. 9:11; 2Co. 5:17; Rom. 8:20-21)
- The new heaven & earth will be cleansed & perfectly holy (Rev. 20:10, 13-15; 21:8)
- The sea represents separation, turbulence & death – “the sea was no more”
- The new heaven & earth is a place of purity & peace (2Pe. 3:13)

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

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

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

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.

II. What John Heard (v. 3)

A. God dwelling with His people

God’s presence with His people in the OT: Shekinah glory, fire & cloud (Ex. 3:1-6; 33:12-23; 40:34-38; 1Ki. 8:10-11). In the NT Christ came to be with His people temporarily (Immanuel – Mt. 1:23; Jn. 1:14). The Holy Spirit has come to dwell in His people individually (1Co. 6:19). In the new heaven & earth God will finally dwell with His people personally & eternally – eternal fellowship (Lev. 26:11-12; Ezek. 37:27; 2Co. 6:16; 1Co. 13:12; 1Jn. 3:2).

B. God & His people dwelling on earth

Heaven & earth are no longer separated in the new heaven & earth. The place where God dwells in is the same place His people dwell. The new heaven & earth are joined together eternally with no separation – Paradise will be restored (Mt. 6:10; 2Pe. 3:13; Rev. 11:15). Abraham & all true believers [true Israel – Rom. 9:6-8] will finally inherit the land that God has promised (Heb. 11:8-16).

John heard that God would come to dwell on the new earth with His people forever!