

I Am Making All Things New – Part 4

Introduction and Review

- Heaven & earth were both purged or cleansed from sin & its effects (21:1)
- The holy city & new Jerusalem represent God's people (Rev. 21:2, 9-11)
- In the new heaven & earth God will dwell with his people personally & eternally (Rev. 21:3; Ezek. 37:27; 2Co. 6:16; 1Co. 13:12)
- God & His people will dwell on the new earth forever (Rev. 21:3)

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

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

SEE REVIEW ABOVE!

B. The holy city (v. 2)

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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

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B. God & His people dwelling on earth

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

III. What God Will Do (v. 4-5a)

A. In judgment/punishment

Unbelievers & fallen angels will face judgment & eternal punishment (2Pe. 2:4; 3:7). This judgment occurs after the resurrection (Jn. 5:26-29).

Unbelievers will receive their eternal sentence of agony & misery (Mt. 25:31-32, 41; Rev. 20:11-15). There will be varying degrees of punishment – based on knowledge of the truth (Mt. 11:20-22; Lk. 12:47-48; Rom. 1:18-20). This will be for God's glory (2Th. 1:5-10).

B. In reward

Believers must also face a judgment for our actions, words & thoughts (2Co. 5:10; Mt. 12:36-37; 1Co. 4:5). This judgment will also occur after the resurrection & will determine a believer's reward (2Tim. 4:8; 1Co. 3:11-15).

Rewards are often called crowns. There will be varying degrees of rewards – based on use of sp. gifts & faithfulness (Lk. 19:11-18; 1Co. 3:11-15). Reward = capacity to work, worship & enjoy life on the new earth (Eccl. 5:18-19; Eph. 4:7)!

God will perfectly punish unbelievers & reward believers for His own glory!