

THE FINAL DWELLING PLACE OF THE REDEEMED  
REV. 21:1-8

Introduction:

- A. The saved dead are not in their final dwelling place.
  - 1. They are at this time in Paradise. Luke 24:42-43,  
"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."
  - 2. paradise = paradeisos - The Septuagint uses it to describe the garden of Eden. A large pleasure-park, with a garden, of an eastern monarch.
  
- B. Much lies between us and our final home.
  - 1. Death, then the resurrection of our bodies.
  - 2. Rapture, then our instant metamorphosis.
  - 3. Judgment Seat of Christ.
  - 4. The 1,000 year reign of Christ and His saints.
  - 5. What will this final place be?

I. THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. V1

- A. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."
  - 1. New = kainos = new, newly made; not merely recent, but different from that which had been formerly; new as coming in the place of a thing that was formerly, and as not yet used.
  - 2. heaven = ouranos - the over-arching and the all embracing heaven beneath which is the earth and all thereon.
  - 3. earth = ge - the earth, land, as cultivated.
  
- B. "for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."
  - 1. first = protos - first, the first in time and place.
  - 2. passed away = aperchomai - to go away, to depart.
  - 3. II Peter 3:10-13.

4. God does not tell us why there is no sea. Since the earth was originally watered with a great dew, perhaps this one will to end there won't be the process of evaporation and condensation.

## II. A NEW WORLD CAPITOL. V2

- A. "And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven."
  1. holy = hagian | city = polin.
  2. coming down = katabaino - to descend.
- B. "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
  1. prepared = etoimazo - to make ready. The perfect passive participle indicated, "to have been prepared, and to stand ready." Same word in John 14:2-3, "I go to prepare a place for you," "and if I go and prepared a place for you I will come again and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."
  2. adorned = kosmeo - to set in order, prepare.
  3. Not the same as Babylon! Decked, Rev. 17:4.

## III. A NEW PRESENCE. V3

- A. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men," "...and he shall dwell with them."
  1. tabernacle = skene - any covered, sheltered place, a tent.
  2. The tabernacle of God is set up among men."
  3. dwell = skenoo - to remain, to dwell, to stay in a tent, God sets up His place of dwelling and then He dwells in it. God come to live on the new earth.
- B. "and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

1. We have never had it thus before!
2. In Eden, Adam and Eve, "heard the voice of the Lord God."

#### IV. A NEW ORDER. V4

- A. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."
  1. wipe = eksaleipho - to smear out, to wipe away.
  2. tears = dakruon - tears, every single tear.
  3. This happens after judgment and 1,000 year reign.
  
- B. "and there shall be no more death."
  1. death = thanatos = the natural end of life.
  2. It is truly, everlasting, eternal, life!
  
- C. "neither sorrow, nor crying."
  1. sorrow = penthos - mourning.
  2. crying = krauge = crying in grief or in anxiety, outcry, shouting in grief and sorrow.
  
- D. "neither shall there be any more pain."
  1. pain = ponos - labour, travail, hence sorrow, pain, or anguish.
  
- E. "for the former things are passed away."
  1. former = protos - the first.
  2. passed away = aperchomai - depart, go away.

#### V. THE GUARANTEE OF THIS NEW PLACE. V5,6a

- A. "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."
  1. I make all things new.
  2. New = kainos == newly made, something not yet used.
  
- B. "And he said unto me, Write, for these words are true and faithful."

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1. write = grapho - to grave or cut in.
2. true = alethinos - that which has truth for its base
3. faithful = pistos = worthy of confidence.

C. "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

1. It is done = gegonai - It has occurred.
2. They have come to pass.

#### VI. AN INVITATION TO THIS NEW PLACE. 6b,7.

A. Those who have drunk at the fountain.

1. "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of life freely."
2. athirst = dipsao - to be thirsty.
3. fountain = pege - spring of [soes] life.
4. freely = donean - freely, without cost.

B. The invitation of Jesus earlier.

1. John 7:37-39, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink,"
2. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the Bride....."
3. Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye buy, and eat, yea, come, buy wine, and milk without money and without price."

C. Those who have overcome. v7

1. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."
2. overcometh = nikao - to be victorious.
3. inherit = kleronomeo - to be a receiver of a portion, to receive a share of an estate.

#### VII. THOSE WHO WON'T BE THERE. v8

A. "But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers."

1. fearful = deilos = cowardly, timid, especially the inward sensation of fear.
2. unbelieving = apistos = disbelieving, distrustful, faithless.
3. abominable = bdelusomai = to turn away through loathing or disgust.
4. murderers = phoneus = murderer.

B. "and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars."

1. whoremongers = pornos = a sodomite, one who practices sexual immorality.
2. sorcerers = pharmakos = one who mixes and uses drugs which were used in magic practices.
3. idolaters = eidololates - one who worships idols.
4. liars = pseudes - false, deceiving, lying.

C. "shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

1. part = meros = part, part of a whole, a portion.
2. burneth = kaio - to be lighted, to burn.
3. fire and brimstone.

D. "this is the second death."

1. second = deutenos - second, of number, order, place or time.
2. death = thanatos - the natural end of man.
3. This is the final, eternal separation.

#### VIII. HOW TO HAVE THE HOPE OF DWELLING IN THIS PLACE.

A. You must believe that God is.

B. You must believe that God has revealed Himself.

C. You must accept God's provision.

