

The Revelation

(41) Behold, I am making all things new

The new creation announced...Rev.21:1-8

What impressed John immediately about the new earth? 21:1

The first heaven and earth passed away and the new earth no longer has a sea.

What is important to remember about "passed away"?

This is not a renovated heaven and earth. That's totally gone. This is totally new.

Why is IJn.2:15-27 so appropriate to every believer?

All that's in this world (lust of the flesh/eyes/boasting) is now gone! Focus on new things!

How many heavens are identified in Scripture? IICor.12:2 What are they? Gen.1:20; 15:5

The first, atmosphere. The second, stars. The third, where God dwells (not of this creation)

What does John see as one of the main features of the new heaven/earth? 21:2

He sees the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from (third) heaven to new earth.

What is the glorious truth of this new Jerusalem? vs.3, 4

This will be the tabernacle of God among men. No tears, death, mourning, crying, pain.

And why are all those things gone? vs.4, 5

These are part of the "old", "first" things. That's all gone. Everything is made new...

How does God describe the new heaven/earth? vs.6-8; IJn.5:4-5; Rev.2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21

God has finished it. Over comers will inherit this life. The lost inherit the second death

Further insight into the new Jerusalem...21:9-27

Is the reality of the new Jerusalem a new revelation of Scripture? Heb.11:8-10, 12:22-24, 13:14

No, the City of God, new Jerusalem, is a precious promise to those of faith. Now it's come.

What is John shown next? vs.9-11

He sees new Jerusalem, like a 1500 mi cube of purest diamond, radiating God's glory.

Describe the wall and the (12) gates. vs.12-13

A great high wall w/12 gates, each named for one of the sons of Israel. 3 on each of 4 sides.

Describe the foundation of the city and the dimensions. vs.14-17

Each of 12 foundations has a name of 12 apostles. City is 1500 mile cube. Wall is 72 yards.

What seems to be on eternal display by the 12 gates and the 12 foundations?

Seems to show God's covenant with Israel (OT) and the church (NT). Eternal promises...

What is the material of the wall and the city and foundations and gates? vs.18-21

Jasper and pure transparent gold. Foundations of every colorful stone. 12 1500 mi pearls!

What is the most spectacular aspect of the city? vs.22-26

The glory of God, the Almighty and the Lamb totally illumine it, forever and ever.

And what does vs.27 restate?

This is reserved for the redeemed! Nothing offensive will ever enter this city!