

Revelation's HOPE

Lesson 19: Love Wins & The Controversy is Ended!

I. Introduction

- What is Heaven really like?
- 2 Peter 1:19
- Where do we look to for answers about Heaven? We look to the Bible as a rule of faith.

II. Heaven in the Book of Revelation

- **Revelation 21:1** – When does the transformation of our world happen?
- **Acts 3:20-21** – We experience heaven WHEN Jesus comes. It will be the RESTORATION of ALL things to what they were originally intended to be.
- Eden will be restored as many looked forward to seeing. Including Abraham (Hebrews 11:10), Moses (Hebrews 11:24-26), and others (Hebrews 11:13-16).
- **What has Jesus been doing since He left? Preparing to take ALL who believe in Him home (John 14:1-3)**
- Hebrews 11:16 – Jesus is preparing for us a city!! But what will it be like? Do we have any hints?
- 1 Corinthians 2:9 - **Many beautiful places in our world, but they pale into insignificance! What will it be like?**

III. Hints of What Heaven/The Earth Made New Will be Like

A. Hints from Revelation

- **Revelation 21:2** – Like the most beautiful celebration we could ever imagine in happiness, but also in splendor!!
- **Revelation 21:14** – Foundations of splendor with the names of faulty human beings on them. If they can make it, so can we!!
- **Revelation 21:16** – Huge city beyond compare because Heaven's goal is to get as many people in as possible!! Estimates are that two billion people could be housed on the ground floor of the City! And this is a city as large as the state of Colorado! As well as being miles high!!
- **Revelation 21:21** – "Like" transparent glass. He can only say it is "like" or comparable to something because he cannot fully describe it!!

B. The Earth Made New

- **Isaiah 35:1** – Formerly arid lands will blossom and be fully of life! The beauty of Eden will be restored!
- **Philippians 3:20-21** – Our bodies will be transformed as well! They will be like Jesus' body!! We will recognize one another by our mannerisms, voice intonations, personalities, etc.
- **Isaiah 33:24** – We will be complete in body as well as every other aspect of our being! We need to hear this over and over again!! We need to

encourage each other continually and be the kind of people who are preparing for that place!

- **Revelation 21:4** – No more death, sorrow or pain! Why? Because the LIFEGIVER Himself will be there!!
- **Revelation 22:1** – Jesus will be there!
- **Isaiah 11:9, 40:31 and 65:17-22** – Many changes will take place. The Earth/world will be totally transformed!

C. Fellowship and Friends

- **Matthew 8:11** – We will gather together at the table Jesus prepares for us!
- **Isaiah 66:23** – The time to come before the Lord will remain. Each Sabbath we will come together as an earthly family to sit at Jesus' feet! To worship Him! To remember and keep (cherish) the day as Holy!
- Revelation 21:3, 22:4 – Jesus will be our tabernacle and His ways will be our ways! This should effect our lives now and prepare us for these great events in the future!

IV. Future of Healing and HOPE!

- **“And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb [MHP], ² in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him. . . ⁴ and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. ⁶ And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass[Dan. 2]. . . ⁷ And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. ⁸ And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. ⁹ And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God. . . ¹⁰ And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand” (Rev 22:1-10 ASV).**
- Revelation begins to wrap up with one main emphasis: Worship God for the time is short!
- We will continue from here next time with Revelation's Last Call.

- For now, let's be glad that Jesus is preparing a place for us and soon we will see Him face to face!
- **What will it be like – eyes of trust now** til the last tear falls!
- This is Revelation's HOPE! Jesus whom we love WILL come and receive us, that where He is, there we shall be also (John 14:1-3)!