

I. THE NEW TEMPLE

- A. The New Heavens, The New Earth, and The New Jerusalem REV. 21:1-3
 - 1. The old things have truly ALL passed away
 - a. 2 COR. 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
 - b. The SPIRITUAL TRUTH will finally become PHYSICAL TRUTH
 - c. A PERFECT universe
 - 2. There will be no death there, no sickness, no sorrow, no pain REV. 21:4
 - a. You have an ache you’ve grown used to... lived with... no more
 - b. ALL things are made NEW REV. 21:5
 - c. And these new things will be made PERFECT (no more sin)
 - d. And that means no more EFFECTS from sin!
 - e. None of those things will be in that city
 - 3. But today, we will see the NEW things that WILL be there!
 - a. This new world is BETTER than Adam’s world
 - i. Better than the Garden of Eden (how?)
 - ii. Because there will be no risks from the Trees!
 - b. GEN. 2:17 – “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
 - i. Oh, the mental contortions the Calvinists go into here!
 - ii. This verse is PROOF of God-Given Free Will
 - iii. Obey and be blessed / Disobey and be cursed
 - c. All the people in this NEW Earth have already made the choice!
- B. The city made WITHOUT HANDS will have a NEW kind of TEMPLE
 - 1. Every structure we see around us was MADE by a BUILDER
 - a. You look at this building,
 - b. Someone poured the slab, someone put this brick on that one
 - c. Someone ran electrical wiring, built the roof, finished the walls
 - d. Even the greatest buildings, wonders of the world
 - i. There was a person who touched every part of it
 - ii. They had a wife, children, friends, a story
 - iii. We don’t know that story, but God does
 - 2. This New Jerusalem is made WITHOUT human involvement
 - a. Brings a few verses elsewhere in the Bible into a whole new light
 - b. MARK 14:58 – “We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.”

- c. DAN. 2:45 – “Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”
 - d. And as ACTS 4:11 tells us it will “become the head of the corner.”
 - 3. Temple implies a locality, a PHYSICAL place to come worship
 - a. A church is a spiritual organization made up of baptized believers
 - b. Our church’s name comes from the 50’s (confusing today)
 - c. Tabernacle is different – it means “to dwell, to reside, housed”
 - d. A temple is an “edifice constructed, a place for worship”
 - e. This is distinct from REV. 21:3 since the Temple is specific
- C. God Almighty and the Lamb (JESUS) are the Temple of that city
 - 1. No one will need to ask, “Do you go to church anywhere?”
 - a. We will already BE there! God will DWELL THERE
 - b. And God will be the TEMPLE of it
 - c. Therefore, we will ALWAYS be in Worship of God!
 - 2. No Dad’s honking the horn for the kids to get in the car
 - a. Do my shoes match?
 - b. Where’s my comb?
 - c. Who didn’t rinse out their cereal bowl?
 - 3. We will worship and ADORE the Lamb of God
 - a. He is the PLACE of Worship
 - b. He is the OBJECT of Worship
 - c. Might as well start worshipping Him now

II. THE NEW LIGHT

- A. Cities today are lighted with electric lamps
 - 1. That’s the goal of the electrical industry – keep the lights on
 - 2. It takes coal, nuclear, natural gas to create steam and turn generators
 - a. Give me 3 and you’ll get the fourth
 - i. Motion, magnetic field, conductor, and electricity
 - ii. How generators work, how motors work
 - iii. And we use that for light
 - b. Once upon a time we used open flame
 - c. Once we used filaments but now we use LEDs
 - d. But none of those things work without a POWER SOURCE
 - i. God created the Sun for Coal and Gas
 - ii. God invested Uranium with extra atomic potential
 - 3. This new city won’t have a power plant
- B. No electric bills in the New Jerusalem
 - 1. No wires draped across poles going from house to house
 - 2. No nuclear waste, no ash, no sulfur scrubbers needed

3. No mining for coal or uranium. No drilling for Gas
- C. HE is the Light of this City
 1. JOHN 12:46 – “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”
 2. 1 JOHN 1:5 – “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
 3. He said it from the very beginning!
 - a. GEN. 1:3 – “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”
 - b. But now, the light SHOWS the problem
 - c. JOHN 3:19 – “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”
 4. But in this New Jerusalem there will be a New Citizen

III. THE NEW CITIZEN

- A. All the Nations of the Saved are there REV. 21:24 & 26
 1. Those that mentioned in MATT. 25:32 – “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:”
 2. And those that will be Saved during the Millennium
 3. Remember, our Nation is only 250 years old – one QUARTER of that time
- B. They shall bring HONOR and GLORY to God REV. 21:24
 1. The nations? No, the KINGS!
 2. We have no state religion in the US because people can be wrong
 3. Our Founders provided for the fact our imperfect understanding
- C. But in that DAY, we will KNOW Him perfectly
 1. 1 JOHN 3:2 – “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”
 2. No one will have religious debates in that New Jerusalem
 3. Everyone will know the Word of God perfectly and understand it all!

IV. THE NEW TIME

- A. Time shall be no more
 1. What a funny statement – impossible to consider in our minds
 2. We want to ask crazy questions like “How long is eternity?”
 3. Technically like asking “How wet is water?”
 4. “How many is MORE than everything?”
 5. There’s really no answer to that. Not a rational question.
- B. There is ONE ETERNAL DAY – No night in that place REV. 21:25
 1. Also, nothing that defiles (can corrupt or make impure)
 2. No heathen practices, no idolatry, no lies, no sin, no darkness

- C. No calendars, no pocket watches, no Apple watches, no clocks on the wall
 - 1. Always noon, always perfect, no CLOUDS can block that Sun!
 - 2. Don't worry, you won't be bored.

V. THE NEW NORMAL

- A. This is the new normal – the way God intended us to be with Him
 - 1. In TRUE fellowship, in TRUE worship
 - a. A new body without sin and death
 - b. A renewed mind without sin and death
 - c. A renewed spirit without sin and death
 - 2. A perfect triunity of man (body, soul, and spirit)
 - a. Worshiping a Trinity God (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost)
 - b. In a perfect Eternity
 - c. But ONLY for the Saved
 - 3. REV. 20:15 – “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”
- B. Is your name written in that Book?
 - 1. Are you Saved?
 - 2. Do you KNOW it?
 - 3. Are you SURE?
 - 4. Are you PREPARED to meet God?
- C. You can be today!