

John's Vision of the New Heavens, New Earth and New Jerusalem - 21:1 - 22:5

A. Old Testament Prophecies (the New Heaven and Earth are NOT "new" truth in Scripture:

1. Psalm 102:25,26 -
2. Isaiah 65:17-18 (blended together with millennial kingdom) -
Isaiah 66:22-23 (blended again) -
Isaiah 51:6 -
Isaiah 60:19-20 (again blended) -

B. New Testament Reference:

1. 2 Peter 3:9-13 -

C. REVELATION 21-1 - 22:5

1. The New World with ALL Things NEW (21:1-8)

God's Sovereign Purpose and Promise Realized!! (v. 3; cf Lev. 26:11f; Jer. 24:7; Jer. 31:33; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Rev. 21:3; JB Smith lists 27 occur.)

Foremost blessings summarized:

2. The New Jerusalem (21:9-27)

- The place Jesus Christ has prepared for **His bride** (all those "in Christ") -
- The glory and radiance of the City is the glory and radiance of God Himself (cf. 21:10-11; cf. 4:3)
- The purpose of the wall is not to defend the city, but a constant reminder of the city's eternal security (RT, 462)
- The city's gates are actually "gate-towers." The word for "gate" resides within the Gk. word used.
- 12 gate-towers speaks of open access (cf. Ark, Tabernacle, Temple) -
- 12 angels are not for protection, rather they signal the divine presence -
- The City memorializes God chosen nation. (v.12; cf. the 12 tribes/gates) -
- The City rests on the Earth, indicated by its foundation (not suspended)
- The foundation is likely horizontally diverse with precious stones (vv.19)
- The City is a cube of 1400-1500 miles each direction. The wall ~220 ft -
- The Wall radiates the glory of God as well (like Jasper), the City of gold that resembles transparent glass
- No Sun, no moon, no night, nothing unclean - only those in the Bk of Life