

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"WWWD?"

Revelation 21:1-22:5

INTRODUCTION:

1. **LAST TIME** - "That Heavenly City" - The New Heaven and the New Earth

2. *Revelation 21:1*

a) *"and I saw a new heaven and a new earth"*

b) *"for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away"*

3. **LET'S MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND HEAVEN**

(Where do we go when we die?)

a) **Paradise**

1) **Pre-Cross**

a. *Luke 16:19-31*

b. *Luke 23:41-43*

c. *Ephesians 4:8-10*

2) **Post-Cross**

a. *2 Corinthians 12:2-4*

3) **@ the Rapture**

a. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

b) **The Millennial Kingdom**

1) After the Second Coming -

a. *Revelation 19:11-16*

c) **The Eternal State**

1) *Revelation 21:1-22:5*

4. **Words to describe Heaven**

a) **A Country**

1) *Hebrews 11:15-16*

b) **A City**

1) *Revelation 21*

c) **Kingdom**

1) *"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done"*

d) **House**

1) *2 Corinthians 5:6-8*

I. THERE ARE SIX THINGS THAT WON'T BE IN HEAVEN

A. FIRST - THERE WILL BE NO SANCTUARIES IN HEAVEN

1. Revelation 21:3, 22
2. There will be no temple, or physical tabernacle.
3. Very Important: But God does not dwell in buildings in this age!!
 - a) In the Old Testament God met His people in the Holy of Holies.
 - b) But today He dwells in His people, in the person of the Holy Spirit.

B. SECOND - THERE WILL BE NO LIGHT HOLDERS IN HEAVEN

1. Revelation 21:23
2. 1 John 1:5
3. Genesis 1:3, 14-19
4. There will be no need for the Sun and moon.
5. *"for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb."*
6. Daniel 12:3

C. THIRDLY - THERE WILL BE NO SICKNESS IN HEAVEN

1. No longer will there be need for a church prayer chain.
2. Revelation 21:4
3. But think of it!!!
 - a) NO MORE SICKNESS!!!

D. FOURTHLY - THERE WILL BE NO HEARTACHE IN HEAVEN

1. Vs 4
 - a) *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes"*
2. Cf. Revelation 7:17

a) John saw the Lamb wiping away tears from the saints who had been martyred.

3. Now in **Revelation 21:4**, chronologically this comes after

a) The Judgment Seat of Christ

b) And The Great White Throne Judgment

4. **I Corinthians 3:10-15**

a) The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a great day for some, but a sad day for others.

b) **2 Corinthians 5:10**

5. To disregard Christ's words, and live selfishly is to build foolishly using worthless materials.

6. Believers are not judged as to Salvation @ the Judgment Seat of Christ but as to their faithfulness to Christ.

a) The response of the believer who has done little for Christ will be heartbreaking!!!

7. **Matthew 26:75**

a) Peter wept bitterly over his failure to be loyal to Jesus.

8. Think about all the wasted opportunities, broken promises, words spoken in anger, and sins not repented of!!

9. **Revelation 20:11-15**

10. I think some of us will cry so hard because of failed opportunities, that God will literally have to wipe our tears away.

a) And there will be no tears in the Eternal State.

E. FIFTHLY - THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATION IN HEAVEN

1. We will never again be separated from those we love.

2. John was writing from the isle of Patmos, having been sent there to die by the Roman Emperor Domitian to die of exposure and starvation.

F. SIXTHLY - THERE WILL BE NO SIN IN HEAVEN

1. **Revelation 21:8; 27**

2. *Revelation 22:15*

3. *Revelation 22:3*

a) Cf. *Genesis 3:17-19*

1) When Adam sinned all of creation fell under the curse.

b) But because Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, He now sets us free from the ability to sin.

4. There will be no "bad news" in Heaven.

II. THREE THINGS THAT WE WILL BE IN HEAVEN

A. WE WILL WORSHIP

1. *Revelation 22:3*

a) Revelation contains 14 Songs.

2. Seems clear that singing and Worship was - is - and will be, a priority in Heaven.

3. Worship is a priority!! *John 4:23*

B. WE WILL BE SERVING

1. *Revelation 22:3*

a) The context for serving God and the Lamb, is the THRONE.

b) All who have been used of God here on earth are referred to as servants.

(*Revelation (1:1; 7:3; 10:7; 11:18 etc.)*)

2. What exactly will we be doing to serve God in Heaven?

a) **ANSWER:** I believe we will do exactly what our hearts desire.

b) We will do what we thought *we were made to do*.

C. WE WILL FELLOWSHIP

1. Heaven is going to be the greatest experience of fellowship you and I have ever had.

2. There will be millions and millions of believers.

CONCLUSION:

1. When we die as believers we go to Heaven:
 - a) Paradise
 - b) The Kingdom after Christs return.
 - c) The Eternal State after the Millennium

2. WWWD - What will we do?
 - a) WORSHIP
 - b) SERVE
 - c) FELLOWSHIP