

Revelation – The Big Picture

Revelation 21:1 – 22:5

I am making everything new!

1. The finish line is revealed 21: 1 - 8

- John see a new heaven and a new earth
- The Holy City coming down from heaven prepared as a bride
- The dwelling of God is with men – no more separation
- God's action wipes away every tear
- The old order of things has passed away

2. It is done! 21: 6 - 8

- Water of life and the joy of adoption
- Those who rejected Jesus are separated out
- The unrepentant judged and the second death

3. Come and see the bride! 21: 9 - 26

- The city comes down from heaven
- 12 is repeated 6 times! 12,14,16,17,20,21
- Old Testament tribes, New Testament Apostles – the whole of God's people
- The new city a perfect cube – No Temple!
- No sun or moon – God's glory its light!
- No sin, nothing impure!

4. The life of the new heaven and new earth 22:1 - 5

- The water of life
- The tree of life, healing for the nations
- They will see His face
- His name will be on their foreheads
- They will reign forever

It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End

Digging Deeper

Read Revelation 21:1 – 22: 5

1. When you think of the world in its present circumstances, what would you most like to see 'made new' and why?

Revelation 21: 1 – 8

2. How and where does the New Jerusalem appear?
3. What strikes you as the most radical change from the old to the new order?
4. What do you hope eternal life in the new earth and new heaven will involve.

Revelation 21: 9 – 21

5. Why is the image of a wedding used?
6. How does the city encompass both Old and New Testaments?

Revelation 21: 22 – 27

7. What do you think the measurements symbolise?
8. What is absent from the New Jerusalem and why?

Revelation 22: 1- 5

9. What does this scene remind us of and what other passages in the Bible do the images focus your thoughts on?
10. How does John describe the closeness with God that his people will enjoy?
 - A. In your everyday life, how real to you is the hope in this passage in Revelation?
 - B. How might your outlook on problems change if you saw them in the light of what is to come?
 - C. How could this part of the vision John sees impact our gospel witness in today's hurting world?