

# Sunday, October 6, 2024

*1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*

**Title:** Behold the New

**Series:** Revelation ... 27

**Text:** Revelation 21

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation about certain of the aspects of the New Heaven and Earth; knowing that there are only a few particulars that we can be somewhat certain of and others a mostly speculation.

## Introduction:

In chapter 20 we considered the Thousand Year Kingdom and the Demise of Satan:

~ 1) Satan to the Pit; 2) Saints Blessed; 3) Satan Released; 4) Satan Leads a Revolt; 5) Second Resurrection

Today our meditation from Revelation 21 and focuses on the “new”.

## 1. Behold a New heaven and a New Earth:

~ vs. 1, “*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*”

~ This is NOT a ‘sequel.’ That is, it is NOT a continuation or a part two of the first creation!

~ The word translated ‘new’ from the Greek (kainos) means: “of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of”

## 2. Behold the “no more”:

~ vs. 4, “*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*”

~ Take note of the no mores:

~ 1. vs. 1, “the sea was no more.”;

~ 2. vs. 4, no more tears;

~ 3. vs. 4, no more death

~ 4. vs. 4, no more mourning;

~ 5. vs. 4, no more crying;

~ 6. vs. 4, no more pain;

~ 7. vs. 6, no more thirst (John 4);

~ 8. vs. 8 & 27, no more evil;

~ 9. vs. 22, no more temple;

~ 10. vs. 23 – 25, no more night;

~ 11. vs. 25, no more gates closed

## 3. Behold the Contrast Between the First Creation and the New Creation:

Genesis	Revelation
~ 1:1 - heavens & earth created	21:1 NEW heavens and earth created
~ 1:16 - sun created	21:22 NO sun needed
~ 1:10 - sea created	21:1 NO sea
~ 3:3 - death	21:4 NO death
~ 3:17 - sorrow and pain	21:14 NO sorrow or pain

## 4. Behold the New Jerusalem:

~ vs. 2, “*And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*” (Ephesians 5:25 – 33)

~ “The eternal city is not only the home of the bride, it is the bride! A city is not buildings; it is people. The city John saw was holy and heavenly; in fact. It descended to earth from heaven, where it was prepared. John’s description staggers the imagination, even accepting the fact that a great deal of symbolism is involved. Heaven is a real place of glory and beauty, the perfect home for the Lamb’s bride.”

~ Ephesians 2:17 – 22, “*And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. (18) For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, (20) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, (21) in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. (22) In him you also are being built together a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*”

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, “*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*”

## Conclusion:

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