

I Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation

The New Creation

Rev. 21:1-8

Introduction to Rev. 21-22

21:1-8 – New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem, New Covenant

21:9-22:5 – recapitulation of 21:1-8

21:9-21 – The New Jerusalem

21:22-27 – The New Temple

22:1-5 – The New Eden

22:6-21 the epilogue, the formal conclusion (bookends 1:1-3)

I. The New Heaven and the New Earth (21:1)

A. The new heaven and new earth

B. The first earth had passed away

“Only such a renewal of the world, for that matter, accords with what Scripture teaches about redemption, which is never a second, brand-new creation, but a re-creation of the existing world. God’s honor consists precisely in the fact that he redeems and renews the same humanity, the same world, the same heaven, and the same earth that have been corrupted and polluted by sin.” Herman Bavinck, 767

C. And the sea was no more

II. The Holy City, the New Jerusalem (21:2)

A. The New Jerusalem

Rev. 3:12 – 21:2

Isa. 1 – Isa. 65:17-19; 66:20-24

B. Coming down out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband

Isa. 61:10; 62:5



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- III. The New Covenant Consummated (21:3-4)
 - A. A loud voice from the throne
16:17; 19:5
 - B. The Covenant Promises Consummated
 - Behold the tabernacle of God is among men
 - He will dwell among them
 - They shall be His people
 - And God Himself will be their God
 - C. The consequences of the covenant consummated
 1. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes
Isa. 25:8; 65:19 (Rev. 7:16-17)
 2. No longer any death
 3. No longer any mourning, crying, or pain
Isa. 35:10; 51:11
 - D. The first things have passed away
Isa. 65:17
- IV. Making All Things New (21:5-6)
- V. Who Will and Will Not Inherit (21:7-8)

