



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Paradise Regained

Scripture: Revelation 21:9-22:5

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INTRODUCTION

*"...so that in the coming ages He might show
the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."
(Ephesians 2:7)*

I. PARADISE REGAINED

Revelation 21:9-11 -

1) God wants us to understand the Bride of Christ (the people of God) WITHIN THE CONTEXT of their future home, their future environment, their future joy, their future glory with Him!

*"In My Father's house are many rooms.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will
take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."
(John 14:2-3)*

Revelation 21:12-14 -

2) ALL the people of God are safe and secure here! Old Testament AND New Testament believers are beautifully established in unity together.

*"...he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God."
(Hebrews 11:10)*

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
built on the FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,
in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord."
(Ephesians 2:19-21)*

Revelation 21:15-21 -

3) At every level and in every way, this city shines with a rare and costly beauty, strength, dignity, and purpose.

Revelation 21:22-27 -

4) In this city, the Father and the Lamb unveil the splendor and the sufficiency of Their presence! In this city, all the kings, all the nations, all the peoples find their greatest and highest joy IN WORSHIP, in praising and honoring God for who and what He is!

*“The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.”
(Isaiah 60:19-20)*

*“For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.”
(Hebrews 13:14-15)*

Revelation 22:1-5 -

5) In The New Heaven and The New Earth the throne of God and of the Lamb is a prominent, life-giving feature! This is the place of glorious activity! This is the place of on-going life, rest, worship, and joy-filled service all for the glory of God!

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why is John told that he’s going to see “the Bride” but is then shown “a city”?
2. What are some of the defining marks and characteristics of the New Jerusalem?
3. Why is there no temple in this heavenly city? Why is there no need for the sun or moon?
4. What will be present in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:1-5)?
5. Will heaven be boring? What will the people of God do in The New Heaven and The New Earth?