

# COMING SOON...

## Revelation Bible Study – Session Seven - Chapters 19-20, 21-22

### Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem – 5<sup>th</sup> Chronological section – Chapters 19:11-21:8

**A. Overview:** The 5<sup>th</sup> chronological section of the book of Revelation is the high point of human history. In this passage, Jesus will come to Jerusalem as our great Bridegroom-King-Judge to end the Armageddon campaign by defeating the Antichrist, and to establish His earthly, 1000-year millennial kingdom, which then prepares the earth to receive the Father's throne (21:3). The final stage of Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming procession is the climax of His return. Jesus makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the context of history's greatest military conflict. He will deliver Israel at the Mount of Olives and be welcomed and received by Israel's leaders (Mt.23:39, Zech.14:4).

**B.** Jesus will only come back in response to the prayers of the saints, who will be engaged in the greatest justice movement in history. The 24/7 prayers of the *saints worldwide* (Lk.18:7-8; Is.42:10-16; Rev.5:8, 22:17) will join with the prayers of the *remnant of Israel* (Zech.12:10; Is.64:1-12, 30:18-33; Ps.94:1-23, 98:1-9, 99:1-9, etc.) and with the prayers of the *martyrs in heaven* (Rev.6:10). **Summary:** the most dramatic events in world history will occur in the context of the greatest military campaign, undergirded by the greatest prayer movement contending against the greatest oppression to see the greatest justice movement fulfilled across the whole earth.

**C.** The **Seven Scenes** in Rev.19:11-21:8 follow right after the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev.16:17-21). Jesus comes in the context of the Battle of Jerusalem to end the Armageddon campaign (which lasts for 3 ½ years).

Scene #1, 19:11-16 Jesus presents Himself as He approaches Jerusalem for the final battle.

Scene #2, 19:17-21 Jesus defeats the Antichrist at the Battle of Jerusalem.

Scene #3, 20:1-3 Satan is cast into prison for 1000 years.

Scene #4, 20:4-6 Saints are given the governmental leadership over the earth.

Scene #5, 20:7-10 Satan is released after 1000 years, giving all a final choice to obey.

Scene #6, 20:11-15 Great white throne: God's final judgment of all enemies.

Scene #7, 21:1-8 The Father establishes His Throne with His people on earth.

1. **Jesus presents Himself as He approaches Jerusalem for the final battle (19:11-16)** - Heaven opens to John to show him the vision, not to signify the place that Jesus rides from. Jesus is seen as beautiful in context to this Armageddon campaign in Ps.45:2-5.
  - a. **Faithful and True** – all His promises are reliable and all His polices are free of deception
  - b. **Robe dipped in blood** – most scholars see this as the blood of Jesus' enemies. The eschatological winepress is the gathering of evil leaders to Jerusalem. The wine flowing out it is their blood. The blood on His robe (long outer garment) denotes His personal involvement and public statement that He believes in this war. (Ps.110:5-6)
  - c. **Armies followed Him** – Jesus conquers in partnership with His people (Rev.3:21; Jn.17:24). The saints are with Him (1 Thes.4:14; Zech.14:5). The saints dash the nations with Him (Rev.2:27).
  
2. **Jesus defeats the Antichrist at the Battle of Jerusalem (19:17-21)**
  - a. **The nations gather to make war with Jesus** (Rev.17:14; 19:19), who they believe is a false Messiah or angel of light (2 Cor.11:14). They will not feel threatened by a small Israeli army. Satan deceives the kings into coming (16:13-16) and the Lord gathers them into His winepress in Jerusalem to kill them (Joel 3:2, 11-21).
  - b. John describes **Jesus' great victory at the Battle of Jerusalem** which the OT prophets prophesied (see Zech.12:3 and 14:2-5..and note this is *not* in the Jezreel valley near Megiddo). Jesus splits the Mount of Olives, arriving at the perfect time to rescue the remnant of Israel.
  - c. The **pinnacle** of the second coming procession is **Jesus' reentry into the city of Jerusalem** to be officially received and celebrated by the governmental leaders of Israel as their Messiah (Mt.23:39). They will open the gates of Jerusalem to Jesus in an official declaration of Him as the Son of David and as their King, after He rescues them and ends the Armageddon campaign (Ps.24:7-8).

## Introduction to the Millennial Kingdom: Jesus' 1000-Year Reign – Chapter 20

John shows us the end of the story in Revelation 20-22. We must shake free of the fog of unbelief and apathy to clearly see this plan and to prayerfully and purposefully plan for it.

3. **Satan is cast into prison for 1000 years (20:1-3)** – Satan will be bound with supernatural chains, and laying hold of him will be a dramatic event. He will be cast into the pit or prison and shut up without communication or activity on the earth, and a seal set on him to secure him there. Here we are given four names of Satan: each depicts crimes and reveals ways in which he attacks us. *The dragon* denotes his cruelty, *the serpent of old* refers to the liar in the Garden of Eden (Gen.3), *the devil* means the accuser, and *Satan* means the adversary.
4. **Saints are given governmental leadership over the earth (20:4-6)** – John saw thrones as one of the highlights in Revelation. The saints of Revelation 19:14, 19 are the subject of the phrase “they sat” (vs.4). Jesus will govern the earth in partnership with resurrected saints (Rev.2:26-27, 3:21, 5:10, 20:4-6, 22:5; Mt.19:28, 20:21-23, 25:23; Lk.19:17-19, 22:29-30; 1 Cor.6:2-3; 2 Tim.2:12; Rom.8:17). All governmental authority will be replaced and put in the hands of those who exhibited meekness on the earth (Mt.5:5). Jesus will rule a worldwide kingdom in partnership with two types of kings: *kings of the earth* with non-resurrected bodies and *resurrected kings* with incorruptible resurrected bodies.
5. **Satan is released after 1000 years, giving a choice to obey (20:7-10)** – Satan must be released at the end of the Millennium. Why?? God will openly manifest the truth about the *depth of human sin* (called the mystery of lawlessness in 2 Thes.2:7), and about Satan being *incurably evil*. Satan deceives the nations revealing he was not rehabilitated or changed. God demonstrates the justice of His eternal judgments by showing that rehabilitation will not occur and that men rebel even in an ideal environment, because they love sin. Men will not be able to blame their sin on difficult circumstances. These events will create gratitude in us.
6. **The Great White Throne: God's final judgment of all enemies (20:11-15)** – the unredeemed dead are judged, and cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second death*.
7. **The Father establishes His throne with His people on earth (21:1-8)** – the high point of all salvation history will be the Father dwelling on earth with humans (vs.3). The Father gives us a seven-fold message in vs.5-8, revealing His commitments to us. The Father speaks in a direct way for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in Revelation (1:8, 21:5)
  - a. The New Jerusalem is our eternal dwelling place, as is seen in its relational term, or in its nearness to God. The New Jerusalem descends to the earth on two occasions (at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, and then after the millennial kingdom)
  - b. During the Millennium, Jesus' primary mandate is to prepare the earth for the Father's coming by bringing the nations to mature righteousness (1 Cor.15:24-28). Righteousness will be substantial in the Millennial kingdom, then perfect afterwards on the new earth.
  - c. All the enemies of Jesus will be subdued before and just after the millennial rebellion. Then the earth will be purged with fire at the end of the Millennium to fully prepare it for the Father (2 Pet.3:1-0-13; Rev.20:11). Fire will rinse the earth, possibly to remove the residue resulting from the millennial revolt. This is like scrubbing a filthy pot, then rinsing it one more time.
  - d. The adorning of the city as a bride says that God spares no detail or extravagance. The city is seen in its functional terms as the Holy of Holies and garden of Eden in Revelation 21:9-22:5. In 21:3-4, seven negatives are removed: no sea (21:1), death, sorrow, crying, pain (21:4), curse (22:3), nor night (21:25, 22:5). All that diminished life will be totally and eternally reversed.
  - e. The new earth is the permanent resting place of the New Jerusalem, which will rest forever on the earth. Theologians debate on whether this present earth will be renovated (renewed) or annihilated after the Millennium to be the new earth. The earth will continue forever (Ps.37:29, 78:69, 104:5, 105:10-11, 125:1-2; 1 Chr.23:25, 28:8; Is.60:21; Ez.37:25; Joel 3:20). The words “passed away” in Rev.21:1 are the same in 2 Cor.5:17.

### The New Jerusalem: The Restoration of all things – 5<sup>th</sup> Angelic explanation – Chapters 21-22

Overview: This angelic explanation describes the dynamic quality of life in the New Jerusalem. Jesus will restore to us all that He originally intended for us when creating the garden of Eden.. In Rev.21-22, God brings the garden of Eden to

replace the Antichrist's empire with its "hell on earth". Jesus will reverse the tragedy that happened in Eden. He will cast Satan into prison and call forth the New Jerusalem to descend to the earth. When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. The New Jerusalem coming to the Millennial earth assures us that our reign will succeed and release a supernatural dimension of resurrection life to the earth (Acts 3:20-21).

1. The **New Jerusalem** is the place where resurrected saints will live. However, we will reign on the Millennial earth with governmental responsibilities. The saints will easily travel from the New Jerusalem to the Millennial earth as angels now travel from heaven to earth. We will come much more frequently than angels now appear because the veil between the two realms will be lifted.
2. **Government is the main theme** in chronological section #5 and its angelic explanation. In other words, they focus on who sits on the governmental thrones of the earth. After Jesus brings His throne to earth, He gives thrones to the saints (20:4) and drives Satan's throne off the earth (20:3). Then Jesus prepares the nations for the Father's Throne to come to earth (21:3).
3. The **truths here are given to strengthen us** so we resist temptation and endure persecution. Whatever it costs to overcome, living with Jesus in the New Jerusalem is worth the sacrifice. Those in the Harlot Babylon religion will live forever in the Lake of Fire because of following the Antichrist's leadership. The Bride will live in New Jerusalem because of Jesus' Love and Leadership.
4. The **Centerpiece of God's purpose** is to bring heaven and earth together (Eph. 1:9-10), establishing His Kingdom rule over all the earth. *Heaven* speaks of the supernatural realm where God's presence is openly manifest. *Earth* speaks of the physical realm as the place where natural process, human emotion and physical sensation reach full expression. Jesus will rule the earth with the natural processes not suspended, yet enhanced by the Spirit's supernatural dimension like when Jesus appeared after His resurrection (Jn.20-12, Acts 1).

#### Jesus' Throne of Glory

- A. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, Jesus will establish His Throne of Glory on earth in Jerusalem (Mt.25:31-32, Jer.3:17). His Throne of Glory will be connected to the Holy Holies in the Millennial Temple (see Ez.43:4-7). Jesus' Throne is in the earthly Millennial Jerusalem AND the heavenly New Jerusalem (Rev.22:3). So, does Jesus have one Throne or two? Is it on the Millennial earth or in the New Jerusalem? Yes!! His Throne of Glory is both on earth and it Heaven. *One throne with two expressions.*
- B. The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above Millennial Jerusalem on Mt. Zion. It will be a vast high city that connects with earth. This is not clearly explained in scripture, but perhaps Jesus' Throne of Glory is a vast governmental complex with the "far north end" of it extending into the New Jerusalem, and "far south end" of it based in the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem, in what may be referred to as a *Corridor of Glory* between the two Jerusalems. (See Isaiah 4:3-6)
- C. There are four reasons to believe the New Jerusalem is close to Millennial Jerusalem yet not on the earth:
  1. Millennial Jerusalem is about 10 square miles, or 4,500 rods x 4,500 rods (rod=10.5 ft) (Ez.48:30-35, 45:6, 48:15-19). The New Jerusalem is 1.380 miles cubed (Rev.21:16) thus it is far too large for the 10 sq. miles of Millennial Jerusalem. Most believe the unit of measure is rods (10.5) not cubits. The NKJV adds the word *cubits* in italics to designate it is not in the original text.
  2. The kings of the Millennial earth come *into* the New Jerusalem (Rev.21:24-26).
  3. The leaves in the New Jerusalem are for the healing of the Millennial nations. Therefore, people on the earth have access to these healing leaves (Rev.22:2)
  4. Angels guard the entry to the City to keep sinners out (so it must connect to earth). (Rev.21:12, 27; 22:14-15) Angels guarded the entrance to the garden of Eden after Adam sinned (Gen.3:22-24).

### The New Jerusalem descends to the earth TWICE

- A. Jerusalem will descend to the earth in two stages. First, it will descend at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming to begin the Millennium (Rev.21:10). The second, after the Millennial earth is cleansed with fire to become the New Earth that has no sea, will occur in the age-to-come (Rev.21:2).
- B. By understanding the structure of Rev.21-22 we see the two descents of the New Jerusalem. We know that the events of Rev.21:9-22:5 refer to the Millennium because the nature of what is described includes the eternal and temporal realms being together. In other words, we see the eternal state of the resurrected saints in the New Jerusalem along with Millennial conditions.
- C. The “same” angel showed John the Bride in Rev. 21:9-10 and the harlot Babylon in Rev. 17:1-3. They are parallel visions that are both clearly parenthetical sections in which an angel is explaining significant details and events that do not occur on earth in chronological order. Because Rev.21:9-22:5 is a parenthetical section, its events are not recorded until after the events in Rev.21:1-8 (the New Heavens and Earth, etc.) The descent of the New Jerusalem in Rev.21:2 is the last event in the last chronological section (Rev.19:11-21:8).

### Description of the city as the HOLY OF HOLIES: External View

1. Design: The City is described as a cube (21:16), like the Holy of Holies in Solomon’s temple in which the inner sanctuary was 20 cubits long, wide, and high (1 Kings 6:19-20)
2. Adornment: - has eight of the precious stones (21:19-20) that the high priest wore on his breastplate when entering the Holy of Holies signifying nearness to God (Ex.28:17-20, 39:10).
3. Glory: - filled with the Shekinah glory as in the Temple (2 Chr.5-7) yet with the brightness of ancient jasper (which is different from modern jasper. (Rev.21:11, 23; 22:5).
4. Construction: - gates (22:12b-14), walls (21:12a, 14-18), foundations (21:12, 19-20) and streets (21:21; 22:2). The gates are about every 500 miles if they are evenly separated over 1380 miles.
5. Size: - walls are 1,380 miles in length, height, and width (21:12b-14). A furlong (NIV stadia) is a Greek measurement that is approx. 600 ft. (Outer space is 800 miles from earth). Walls - 216 feet thick (21:15-17).

### Description of the city as the GARDEN OF EDEN: Internal view

- A. John gives us an internal view of the City as the ultimate *Garden of Eden*. He describes the City’s beauty (21:22-27) and its life with face to face communion with God (22:1-5). It is a worshipping City with no temple (21:22; 22:4a); an illuminated City with no sun (21:23-24; 22:5); a governmental City with God’s Throne (21:24, 26; 22:3-5d); a servant City that works (21:25b; 22:3c, 5a) and a holy City devoid of sin (21:27, 8; 22:14-15).
- B. Life in the City (22:1-5): the river of Life (22:1) and the tree of Life (22:2) point to Eden. John saw a pure river of water of Life clear as crystal and a tree of Life with 12 kinds of fruit. Leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (22:2). There will be no curse (22:3).
- C. The saints will serve God in a face to face relationship with holiness (22:3-5). God’s light will impart power, wisdom and holiness to those ruling with Him (22:5). The saints will not be idle but will be administering His government with authority over a billion galaxies.

### The City of THE GREAT KING: Millennial Jerusalem and New Jerusalem

***But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Matthew 5:34-35***

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, " Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King. God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. For behold, the kings (millennial kings) assembled, They passed by together. They saw it (New Jerusalem connectd to the Millennial Jerusalem), and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away. Fear took hold of them there, And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs, As when You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind. As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah. We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple. According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. Psalms 48:1-10*

*The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. Psalms 50:1-3*

*Give Him no rest till...He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:7*

**AND FINALLY, What should our response in this day and time be to the book of the  
Revelation of Jesus Christ??**

\*\*\*\*\*PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER-PRAYER\*\*\*\*\*

\*Jesus will not begin to release the seal judgments until the **bowls of prayer around the throne are full**. The end-time Church must and will be **mature in prayer** before the final 3 ½ years. (Rev.5:8) The prayers of all the saints during the tribulation will also release the trumpet judgments of Rev.8-9 (Rev.8:3-5)

\*David prophesied of a generation that would **release God's judgments** on the nations through worship and prayer, which is an **honor** for all the saints. (Ps.149:6-9)

\*Isaiah prophesied of the generation that would **continue in 24/7 prayer** until Jerusalem is established as a praise in all the earth at the time of Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Is.62:6-7).

\*Isaiah also prophesied of the generation that would worship and pray **from the ends of the earth** until Jesus goes forth as a mighty man of war (Is.42:10-15). He taught that **the Lord will wait to hear the prayer** of His people before He answers (Is.30:18-19). see also Isaiah 64:1-2, 24:14-16, 25:9, 26:8-9, 43:26, 52:8.

\*Jeremiah prophesied about the place of prayer in **the generation in which the Lord returns**. (Jer.31:7, 51:8)

\*Zechariah prophesied about the place of prayer in the **last generation** (8:21-22, 10:1, 12:10, 13:9).

\*Jesus prophesied there would be a generation that would **release end-time judgment through 24/7 prayer** (Lk.18:7-8)

\*Through prayer, the end-time **Church will bind (stop) Satan's activities** and **loose (release) Jesus' power** on the Church and against the Antichrist (Mt.16:18-19)

\*Jesus will return in response to **global concerts of prayer** offered by the Church with a **bridal identity**. Every true ministry and church will have a spirit of prayer in the end times *or they will cease to exist* as such.

**\*And the Spirit and the bride say (i.e. pray)"Come" ... (Rev.22:17)**