

ALL THINGS NEW

Revelation 21:1-5

Today, we turn to Revelation 21 - and see the kingdom, not in its beginning, but in its fulfillment. This is the finish line—the moment when every promise God has made finds its full beauty. The curse is gone. Death is defeated. Evil is erased. And the people of God are home. This is the hope we cling to - when the King says, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

I. God Makes All Things New

A. Revelation 21:1: *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had _____, and the sea was no more.*

1. The world as we know it, broken, cursed, scarred by sin, will be replaced with a creation that is whole, pure, and filled with the glory of God.

2. We live in a world that groans.

a) Romans 8:22-23: *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also _____ within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

b) Our hope is in the world to come.

B. Revelation 21:2: *I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a _____ adorned for her husband.*

1. Sin drove us out of God's presence in the garden.

2. The kingdom of God has been restoring that relationship piece by piece.

C. Revelation 21:3: *Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will _____. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God.*

1. This is the ultimate reward for those seeking His righteousness.

II. God Wipes Away Every Tear

A. Revelation 21:4a: *He will wipe away _____ from their eyes.*

1. Every heartbreak you've carried will be answered by the hand of God Himself.

B. Revelation 21:4b: _____ will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away..

C. Titus 2:13: *while we wait for the _____, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

1. The blessed hope is the return of Christ + the resurrection of the dead + the eternal victory of God's people.

III. God Finishes What He Started

A. Revelation 21:5: *Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making _____ new.*

B. Everything we do in Christ is anchored in hope: God is bringing His Kingdom to completion. Nothing in this world can derail his plan.

IV. The King Returns for His People

A. 1 Thessalonians 4:16a: *The _____: the announcement of the King's arrival.*

B. 1 Thessalonians 4:16b: *The resurrection: the dead in Christ will rise first.*

C. 1 Thessalonians 4:17a: *The gathering: we who are still alive... will be caught up together with them... to meet the Lord in the air.*

D. 1 Thessalonians 4:17b: *And so we will _____ be with the Lord.*

E. 1 Thessalonians 4:18: Paul ends with a command: *Therefore, encourage one another with these words.*

V. As We Close

A. Revelation 21 and 1 Thessalonians 4 lift our eyes to the finish line.

B. The King we have followed by faith is the King we will soon see by sight.

C. God will make all things new. So don't grow weary. Keep living for the King.

Questions

1. How does seeing the end of the story change the way you seek the kingdom today?

2. What tears, wounds, or burdens are you most longing for God to heal? How does that hope give you strength to stay faithful right now?

3. What does this promise reveal about God's character? Where have you seen Him begin that renewing work in your own life this year?

4. What about that description encourages you most? What about it challenges you to live more intentionally?

5. Looking back, where have you grown in kingdom priorities? And looking forward, what is one step you want to take to keep seeking the kingdom in 2026?

Answers

Forever
Kingdom
Return
New
Righteousness
Hope
Victory
Glory
Promise
Resurrection