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## DAILY STUDY

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### Lesson 52: All Things Will Be Made New

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Passage: Read Revelation 21-22

Verse: Revelation 22:12-13

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#### DAY 1 LET'S BEGIN:

1. What did John see according to Revelation 21:1-2?
2. What did John hear according to Revelation 21:3-5?
3. Who said, "It is done," and to what was it referring? (Rev. 21:6)
4. What will be given to the one who thirsts? (21:6)
5. What will be given to the one who overcomes? (21:7)
6. What will happen to unbelievers? (21:8)

#### DAY 2 FIND the FACTS:

1. What was John shown next, and what was its description in Revelation 21:9-11?
2. How many gates and foundations were there, and what was written on them? (Rev. 21:12-14)
3. What do the inscriptions on the gates and foundations tell you? (21:12-14)
4. What was the size of the city? (21:15-16)
5. Describe the wall. (21:17-21)
6. Describe the temple. (21:22)
7. What further information about the city is given in Revelation 21:23-27?

#### DAY 3 THINK it THROUGH:

1. What flowed from the throne of God, and what was on either side of it? (Rev. 22:1-2)
2. What does Revelation 22:3 tell you?
3. What does Revelation 22:4-5 tell you?

4. When will these things take place according to Revelation 22:6-7?
5. What is the significance of Revelation 22:8-10?
6. Some have explained that the word "still" could mean "more" in Revelation 22:11. If that is so, what would be the implication in this verse?

**DAY 4**  **VERSE ANALYSIS:** Please fill in the missing words.

*Revelation 22:12-13*

*"Behold, I am \_\_\_\_\_, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."*

1. Who is speaking here? (Rev. 22:12-13)
2. Where are the unbelievers at this time? (20:11-15)
3. Read this verse repeatedly this week. Emphasize a different word each time you read it. Write down what God impresses on your heart as you read it. Define any words that would be helpful. (22:12-13)
4. What works will receive a reward? (1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; Mt. 25:14-30)
5. What is important to you from the last verses of Revelation? (22:14-21)

**DAY 5**  **REVIEWING REVELATION:**

1. What is your response to the truths in Revelation?
2. What is your prayer?
3. How have you taken away from the words of Scripture?
4. How have you added to the words of Scripture?
5. What are you doing in order to be more faithful to God's calling?
6. What does 2 Peter 3:9–18 say we should be doing until Christ returns?
7. To what part of this instruction do you need to pay more heed?

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## PASSAGE SUMMARY

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John saw a new heaven and a new earth since the first heaven and earth passed away along with the sea. John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God like a bride adorned for her husband.



John heard a loud voice from the throne. The voice said to look at the tabernacle of God among men. God will dwell among them, and they shall be His people.

God will wipe away every **tear** from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning, no more crying or **pain**. God is making all things **new**. John was told to write these faithful and true words. God said He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He will freely give to the thirsty from the water of life. Those who overcome will inherit these things. He would be His God, and He would be God's son.

Those who are cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars will take part in the lake of fire and brimstone, the second death.

Then one of the seven angels called John to come see the bride, the wife of the Lamb. John was carried away to a high mountain to see the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down from heaven with God's glory. She was brilliant like a very costly crystal jasper stone. The great high wall had twelve gates. Each gate had an angel and the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Three gates faced each direction: north, south, east and west. The twelve foundation stones had the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The one talking to John had a gold measuring rod. The city was a square measuring fifteen hundred miles high, wide and long. The jasper wall was seventy-two yards. The city was of pure gold. It looked like clear glass. The foundation stones had twelve kinds of precious stones: jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth and amethyst. Each of the twelve gates was a pearl. The streets were transparent golden glass.

There was no temple because the Lord God, the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The glory of God illuminates it. The Lamb is its lamp.

The nations walk by its light. The kings of the earth and the nations bring their glory into it. There is no night, and the gates are never closed. There is nothing unclean, no practice of abomination and no lying. Only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life are in the city.

Then John was shown a clear crystal river of the water of life coming out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of the street. Beside the river was the tree of life with a different kind of fruit for each month. The leaves of the tree were healing for the nations. The curse was gone. The throne of God and the Lamb are there with His bond servants. They see His face and have His name on their foreheads. The Lord God shall rule forever.

John was assured these words were faithful and true. God had sent his angel to show John these things because they were going to happen soon.

When John saw and heard these things, he fell down and worshiped at the feet of the angel. The angel told John that he was merely a fellow servant, and he should not worship him. The angel told John not to seal up the words of this book. He should worship God. Those who do wrong will continue doing wrong, and those who are righteous and holy will continue to be righteous and holy.

Christ is the **Alpha** and the **Omega** who will come quickly and will give to every man according to what he has done.

Those who wash their robes are blessed and have the right to the tree of life. They may enter the city. Outside the city are the dogs, the sorcerers, immoral people, murderers, idolaters and those who practice lying.

Jesus sent His angel to tell the churches these things. This same Jesus is the root, the offspring of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the bride say, "**Come**," to any who are thirsty and want to drink freely of the water of life. Anyone who hears the prophecies of this book and adds to them shall have the plagues of this book added to him.

Anyone who takes away from the words of this book shall have his part taken away from the tree of life and from the holy city as it is written in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." The listener said, "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus." The book ends, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

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QUESTIONS: What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

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Revelation 21 begins with all sinners in the lake of fire forever with the whole universe destroyed. God creates a new universe for the eternal dwelling place of the redeemed. While the present earth consists of three-fourths water, the new one will not have any sea. There will be completely new climatic conditions.

All saints of all time will be the bride of Christ and will dwell in the New Jerusalem, a place of perfect holiness, the capital city of heaven. This city, described as the bride, descends down from heaven to be presented to Christ, God's beloved Son. The tabernacle, God's dwelling place, will be with men.

Nothing will be sad, disappointing, or deficient in heaven so there will be no tears. Christ's supreme sovereignty and totality is referenced in the Alpha and the Omega (Rev 1:8). Here is the fulfillment of the water of life being given to those who have been parched by sin and have earnestly sought the satisfaction of salvation (Ps. 42:1-2; Jn. 7:37-38). He who overcomes is anyone who exercises saving faith in Jesus Christ. The spiritual inheritance all believers receive is the fullness of the new creation.

In the midst of describing heaven, a solemn warning contrasts the habitation of unbelievers. The final, unchanging, refusal to believe in Christ as the Son of God and personal Savior is the only ultimately unforgivable sin (Jn. 3:18). Examples of unbelievers provide ample illustrations of those who have refused to follow Christ and pursue ungodliness.

Then John was shown more about the holy Jerusalem. There is a magnificent diamond with the brilliant light of God's glory shining out of it, streaming over the new heaven and the new earth. The perfect cube of the city parallels the inner sanctuary of the tabernacle and temple (1 Ki. 6:20). The size is nearly 1,400 miles cubed, or over two million square miles, roomy enough for all glorified saints.

The thick wall is diamond. Its transparency allows God's radiance to glisten through the entire city. Many of the gems are described in *The MacArthur Study Bible*. Even though not all are fully identifiable today, most, if not all, have counterparts to the gems in the breastplate of the High Priest (Ex. 28, 39).

Each gate has a single nearly 1,400 mile-high pearl, a reminder of the magnitude and benefit of Christ's suffering. These gates are always open allowing continual access to the city. The names on the gates and foundations are inclusive of Israel and the church, from the old and the new covenants.

The temple is God Almighty and the Lamb, not a building. Going to heaven is to enter the limitless presence of the Lord (Jn. 14:3; 1 Th. 4:17). Another reminder of the condition for being in heaven is the names in the Lamb's book of life. The water of life symbolizes the continual flow of eternal life from God's throne to heaven's inhabitants. The tree of life speaks of eternal, continual blessing, available to everyone. The twelve fruits speak of abundant variety, and the leaves offer full, satisfyingly enriched life. There is no more curse, no more judgment of sin (which is nonexistent). All people are God's personal possession. The mention of "service" appears to indicate there will be things to do in heaven.

All these things will happen soon. The present time of earth and all its inhabitants is a very short time compared to all of eternity. John speaks again here, verifying all that he has seen and heard.

Previous prophecies were sealed, but these prophecies are proclaimed to produce obedience and worship (Dan. 8:26; 12:4-10). There is a final contrast between those who have been cleansed of their sins and those who have not. There is no middle ground, no middle position. The churches have received this testimony, a final instruction or warning.

Christ as the Root of David's life describes His deity. Christ as the Offspring of David describes His humanity (2 Tim. 2:8). Christ as the Bright and Morning Star will overcome the darkness of man's night and bring the dawn of God's glorious day (2 Pt. 1:19). See Isaiah 14:12-15 for a description of Satan's aspiration and fall.

The invitation to "Come" is an unlimited offer of grace and salvation to all who desire to have their thirsty souls quenched.

Jesus affirmed that He was the author of what He commissioned John to write. The warnings against tampering with the text of Scripture bring the book to a close. The Holy Spirit said what He meant to say. Cults tend to add to the writings, while liberal theologians tend to take away the truths by allegorizing or otherwise refuting its truths providing license to act as they wish.

There is a final reminder of His imminent arrival. Are you ready for the return of Christ? What is your hope for the future? How are you caught up in the daily frustrations and earthly goals? What can you do to be more heavenly minded?

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**PRAYER:** *Father, help us serve You faithfully as we wait for Your coming.*

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