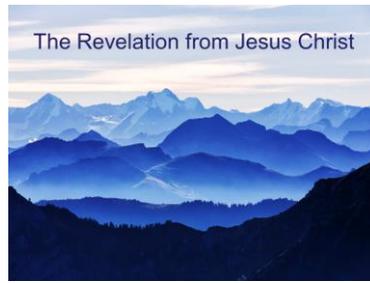




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Series – Revelation

Study Guide 12: Revelation 21.9-end of chapter

Week Commencing 17th November 2019

In Revelation 21.5 we read, "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'". The first chapters of the bible in Genesis paint the picture of the Creation story. The last chapters of the bible in Revelation paint the picture of the New Creation (or re-creation) story.

In this section some key aspects of the new creation story are revealed. They reveal the fulfilment of specific promises of God and the realisation of specific hopes of God's people. Please read **Psalm 23.6; John 14.1-4; Ezekiel 48.35; Romans 8.22-23; Hebrews 11.13-16** for some examples.

Please read **Revelation 21.9-21; Ephesians 5.25-27** These verses reveal New Jerusalem as the City of God and His People together.

1. What do you think these verses tell us about the kind of the relationship God's people will have with God in the New Jerusalem?
2. Please read **Exodus 28.15-17;21** What does this symbolism (referenced in the description of the New Jerusalem) tell us about God's faithfulness to His Bride and how much He loves the church?

Application – Living Now in light of our Certain Future Reality...

3. How might the 7 churches have responded when it was revealed how much God loves them, and how He is already working to renew them in readiness for the New Jerusalem?
4. How does it encourage and inspire you in your daily walk with God to appreciate what God is similarly doing in your life – towards our glorious destiny?

Please read **Revelation 21.22; Ephesians 2.19-22** – No need for a Temple building to 'house' God. God inhabits every part of the New Jerusalem. The whole city (God together with His People) is the 'Temple' – the House of God. The church is presently the Temple of the Holy Spirit on earth – and God calls (requires) us to build His house in keeping with His revealed plans.

Application – Living Now in light of our Certain Future Reality...

5. Clearly, the church is precious to God and He is jealous for us – His Bride / His Temple. Please read **1 Corinthians 3.9-16**. Why does God's attitude here make sense?
6. How does this inspire and challenge you to consider carefully how you build and invest in God's Church ('Temple')?