

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

Rev. 21:1-5

Beloved of the Lord:

How is your spiritual vision? How far can you see with the "eyes of your heart"? - Eph. 1:18 - JND Trans. Abraham, without a Bible, had a keen spiritual vision. Note John 8:56 and Heb. 11:9, 10. Physical eyes have "not seen the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him, BUT GOD hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit" - 1 Cor. 2:9, 10.

In Rev. 21:1-5, God reveals His ultimate purpose in His plan of redemption - A NEW CREATION! He briefly, but clearly, describes it. It will be God's eternal New Beginning, fulfilling His divine plan of the ages. Our present universal structure will have disappeared in flames. Earth destruction and star destruction accomplished! Worlds upon worlds destroyed. The splitting of the atom universally and the dissolving of it's elements foretold in 2 Pet. 3:7, 12. The shattering of the universe with "a great noise" - 2 Pet. 3:10. Then, the New Creation of eternal perfection appears - 2 Pet. 3:13. The glories of the New Creation are beyond present comprehension, but there a few NEW features revealed in the book of Revelation for our spiritual delight: fix "the eyes of your heart" upon them.

- 1 - A NEW NAME ON US - Rev. 2:17 - "To him that overcometh ---- I will give a white stone, and in the stone a NEW name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it". It will be my personal knowledge of Christ's own appreciation for my faithfulness on earth! Let us covet this NEW NAME!
- 2 - A NEW NAME BEFORE US - Rev. 3:12 - "I will write upon him MY NEW NAME" - saith the Lord. He will have a NAME of universal glory in that New Creation! If the prophet could write of His birth - "His name shall be called WONDERFUL" - how much greater will it be in His eternal glory! We shall learn more and more of the name that is above "all other names" - Phil. 2:9-11.
- 3 - A NEW SONG IN US - Rev. 5:9, 10 - "And they sung A NEW SONG" - a song of perfect worship to the Lamb of God. It's highest note - "Thou art worthy". It's central fact - "Thou wast slain". It's greatest theme - "Thou hast redeemed us by Thy blood", etc. For the noblest purpose - "made us Kings and Priests" etc. And for universal honor with Him - "and we shall reign". No song on earth is worthy to be compared to it. Neither the greatest singer on earth will equal its music!
- 4 - A NEW HEAVEN ABOVE US - Rev. 21:1 - John writes - "I saw a NEW HEAVEN". Today, "the heavens are not pure in His sight" - Job 15:15. In the NEW CREATION all impurities of the old are gone forever!
- 5 - A NEW EARTH BENEATH US - Rev. 21:1 - "I saw a NEW EARTH". There will be a NEW EARTH without "sorrow, crying, death or pain - for the former things are passed away." What a contrast to our present earth!!
- 6 - A NEW JERUSALEM AROUND US - Rev. 21:2 - "I John SAW the Holy City, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband". The center of the NEW CREATION, the Bride of Christ in eternal administration glory with Him. Rev. 21:9 to 22:5 describes the glory which will be around us, but its central, brightest glory - "the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" - Rev. 21:23.
- 7 - A NEW CREATURE - 2 Cor. 5:17 - "So if any one be in Christ, there is a NEW CREATION" - J.N.D. Trans. How grand it is to be "in Christ"!

Faithfully yours IN CHRIST,