

## 20 - Consummation – Part 1

**Scriptures:** ● Revelation 21-22

**Focal Point:** ● The Eternal State

**Principal Characters:** ● God  
● The Saved of All Ages

**Primary Events:** ● The New Heaven and New Earth  
● God, “All in All”

1. There will be three new places that God will create for the saved to dwell in for eternity. Revelation 21:1-2
  - New heaven
  - New earth
  - New city (New Jerusalem)
  - God will “*make all things new.*” Revelation 21:5
2. God Himself will come and dwell with mankind throughout eternity. Revelation 21:3
  - Man won’t have to go to a building or temple to meet with God.
  - God’s dwelling place will be on the earth.
  - Remember Jeremiah 14? God will take His house or tabernacle and bring it down to the new earth and dwell with mankind forever.
3. The holy city, New Jerusalem, will come down from God out of heaven. This city will forever dwell on the new earth. The 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven (God’s throne room) descends out of heaven onto the new earth and will be its capital.
  - This city is strongly associated with God’s program for Israel. Revelation 21:12, 14
    - By virtue of its name, Jerusalem, this is the capital of the nation of Israel.
    - The 12 tribes of Israel are inscribed on the gates.
    - The names of the 12 apostles to Israel are inscribed on the foundation of the walls.
  - This city is filled with the glory of God. Revelation 21:11
  - This city is magnificent in beauty. Revelation 21:11-21
  - This city is approximately 1500 miles in length, breadth, and height. 21:15-17
  - Jesus is the light of this city. 21:23
  - In this city is the river of life and tree of life. 22:1-2
4. On the new earth will also dwell kings and nations. Revelation 21:24-26, 22:2
  - It is obvious from these verses that there will be people living on the new earth outside of the New Jerusalem.

- These people will be those who do not follow Satan’s rebellion at the end of the millennium.
  - These nations and their kings are seen entering into the New Jerusalem and bringing “*their glory and honour into it.*” The context is not the millennium, the context is clearly eternity.
  - Why are these people on the earth seen coming into the New Jerusalem? To eat of the tree of life, so that they might live forever! Revelation 22:14
  - Those of us that will have glorified bodies will have no need to eat of this tree. We have eternal life in Christ!
  - The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 22:2
    - Once again we see that there will be nations on the new earth in eternity.
    - Those that keep God’s commandments in the millennium (Matthew 7:24, 13: 41-43) will enter into eternity, male and female (exactly like Adam and Eve before they fell), and will get eternal life by partaking of this tree. Revelation 22:14
    - This is why people are seen coming in and out of the New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:24-26, 22:14
5. The new earth and New Jerusalem are primarily a fulfillment of God’s covenant and promises to the nation of Israel.
- God promised Israel that they would be planted in their land, never to be removed again. Ezekiel 37:25-27; cf. Revelation 21:3
  - God promised that the throne of David would be established forever (2 Samuel 7:8-16). This promise will be fulfilled with Christ reigning in the New Jerusalem for all eternity. Revelation 21:23, 22:3
  - Abraham, the father of Israel, was promised a city where builder and maker was God (Hebrews 11:10, 16). This promise will be fulfilled in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2). Remember what Jesus told the 12 apostles who represented the 12 tribes of Israel: “*I go to prepare a place for you.*”
    - God promised Israel that His glory would rise upon them and be a light to all the Gentile nations and kings (Isaiah 59:20-60:3). This promise will be fulfilled. Revelation 21:23-24a
    - God promised Israel that the Gentile nations would come to her for blessing (Isaiah 60:5). This promise will be fulfilled. Revelation 21:24-26
    - God promised Israel that there would come a time when there would be no crying or weeping in Jerusalem (Isaiah 65:17-19). This promise will be fulfilled. Revelation 21:4