

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 21:1-5

Remember to begin your studies early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 21:1-5.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
for the first heaven and the first earth passed away,  
and there is no longer any sea.
- 2 And I saw the holy city,  
new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying,
- “Behold,  
the tabernacle of God is among men,  
and He will dwell among them,  
and they shall be His people,  
and God Himself will be among them,  
4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;  
and there will no longer be any death;  
there will no longer be  
any mourning,  
or crying,  
or pain;  
the first things have passed away.”
- 5 And He who sits on the throne said,  
“Behold,  
I am making all things new.”
- And He \*said,  
“Write,  
for these words are faithful and true.”

1. Briefly summarize the prior context of Revelation 20 in 2-3 sentences.



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7. In addition to Revelation context, let us also review Biblical context. Where else does the word “sea” appear in relation to the words “heaven and earth” in the Bible? List what you find. (Note: do NOT include every reference to sea found in the bible but focus on close relation to heaven and earth).

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 21:1-5 again.

8. Where was the “old Jerusalem”? Where is the “new Jerusalem”?
9. What tense of verb is John using to describe the “new Jerusalem” coming down (past, present, future)? What significance is there with the timing of the coming down?
10. What tense is the verb “made ready”? Who made the bride ready?
11. Review Revelation 19:7, where there is another reference to a bride who “has made herself ready”. Are these the same brides referenced in Rev 19:7 and Rev 21:2? Defend your answer with scripture.

12. Can you identify the source of the loud voice in Revelation 21:3? If so, who do you think it is and defend it with scripture.

13. What biblical ideas and themes do you think of when you read Revelation 21:3? List a few of ones that come to mind.

14. Is Revelation 21:4 just a “comforting verse” or does this point to another biblical passage(s) that God is highlighting? Support your answer with a verse. (Hint: look for keywords and how Revelation relates to scripture)

### ❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 21:1-5 again.

15. Read 21:5 and compare it with Revelation 21:3. Is there a difference between the speakers? What is the difference? Can we definitively say based on the text who is speaking in Revelation 21:5?



In preparation for Sunday... ask God to help us imaging the great power on display and love in the unfolding scene of Scripture in Revelation 21. Where we did not witness Genesis 1 and 2, we will witness Revelation 20 –22. Praise God! Prepare our hearts to receive the preached word in humility and with a desire for change in our hearts for pursuing Christ in love.