

# REVELATION



<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



Revelation 21:1-2 NLT



<sup>3</sup> I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, **“Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.** <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”



Revelation 21:3-4 NLT



<sup>5</sup> And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> ***All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.***



Revelation 21:5-7 NLT



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Exodus 6:6-7; Leviticus 27:12; 2 Samuel 7:14; Jeremiah 31:33, 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27; Romans 8:14; 2 Corinthians 6:16.



Revelation 21:5-7 NLT



<sup>6</sup> “Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the LORD. I will **free you** from your oppression and will **rescue you** from your slavery in Egypt. I will **redeem you** with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will **claim you** as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.

1. I will bring you out. (Cup of Sanctification)
2. I will free you. (Cup of Deliverance)
3. I will redeem you. (Cup of Redemption)
4. I will take you as My own people. (Cup of Restoration)



Exodus 6:6-7 NLT



<sup>8</sup> “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

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Revelation 21:8 NLT



From 21:1 to 22:5, we have a description of Jerusalem, which replaces Rome as the “eternal city.” Rome pales in comparison to the New Jerusalem.

Some of its features:

- No sea, symbol of chaos and evil (21:1).
  - No death (21:4).
  - No tears, mourning, or crying (21:4).
- No evil, uncleaned, or accursed things/people (21:8, 27; 22:3).
  - Visually opulent and stunning (21:5-21).
- No temple, because “its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb” (21:22).
  - No sun, moon, or other luminaries, yet no night (21:23, 25; 22:5).
    - No closed gates (21:25).



Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly*, 163.



<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.



Revelation 22:1-2 NLT



<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. <sup>18</sup> And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.



Revelation 22:17-19 NLT



<sup>20</sup> He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!”

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s holy people.



Revelation 22:20-21 NLT



# Revelation – Key Takeaways



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1. There are 4 Major Themes in Revelation - ***Worship, Witness, Waiting, and Warning.***



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2. We are forewarned to pursue **truth**, **discernment**, and **critical thinking**.



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3. **Worship** defines **eternal** destiny. **Jesus** or **Empire**?



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4. It contrasts the *wrath* of *Satan* with the *justice* of *God*.



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5. It illustrates the potential *hardness* of the human *heart* and how easily it can be *deceived*.



## Revelation – Key Takeaways

6. **Jesus** is the central figure, the One who is **worthy**, who is now the **Divine Warrior**.



## Revelation – Key Takeaways

7. Being a follower of Jesus is an act of **rebellion** against the **dragon** and his **empire**.

