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A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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The "Summation" of Revelation 21

It's interesting to realize that in every culture and throughout human history, there has been several things that connect each civilization, regardless of their place in history or their status.

1. That man lives with internal, moral law.
2. There is a passion for man to redeem himself
3. There is a paradise, or a heaven to be sought after
4. There is a God or gods that grant access

There is a Strong Desire in Each of Us
To Know What's On The Other Side!!!

...and what would that be like?
where will it be and how will it happen?

"WHEN WE COME HOME"

"We're Gonna' Get Together, We're Gonna Sit and Talk,
We're Gonna Have Fun..."

When We Hear Those Words, We Can "Feel" them Set in a Context of Reunion. The "Home Coming" is a Time of Catching Up, It's a Time of Renewing Relationship, and Seeing Old Friends and Family, - The "Coming Home" is Exactly What The Lord has In store for Us Who Love the Lord...

WHEN WE COME HOME

I.) Everything's going to be new

v.1-2

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Everything's going to be new - Because...

a.) Because we need a new heaven and new earth

v.1

Now I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

Isaiah 65:17

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Isaiah 66:22

"For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD,

Why Would a New Heaven (starry host) and a New Earth (planet) be Needed? =
because sin has ravaged this world

This Is Not The World He Created -

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Everything's going to be new - Because...

b.) Because we need a new city

v.2

Then I, **John**, **saw** the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared **as** a bride adorned for her husband

This is The New Jerusalem, and it is holy

prepared **as** a bride adorned for her husband

Why? - Because it will be the Focal Point of Eternity to Come
It's Where the Lord Himself will Dwell

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* :10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

But Take Note - It's in the Believers Spiritual DNA to Want This City

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. :9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: :10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Almighty God wants you and I in Heaven,
Jesus came to provide the entrance in to Heaven,
The Holy Spirit has Authored the Holy Bible - Telling Us How to Get to Heaven.

And It Is God's Will That You Be There with Him

WHEN WE COME HOME

II.) Everything's going to be different

v.3-4

:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. :4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Everything's going to be different - Because...

a.) Because faith will no longer be needed

v.3

:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “**Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them,** and they shall be His people. **God Himself will be with them *and be* their God**”

The Habitation or The Dwelling!!!

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

AND IF THE LORD CAN MAKE THIS CREATION IN A MATTER OF DAYS, THEN WHAT WILL HEAVEN LOOK LIKE IF HE'S BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR 2,000 YEARS

2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:1-2

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal. :1 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. :2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

2 Corinthians 12:3-4

And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— :4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Everything's going to be different - Because...

b.) Because the curse will be done away

v.4a

And God will wipe away every **tear** from their eyes; there shall be no more **death**, nor **sorrow**, nor **crying**. There shall be **no more pain...**

It was always God's desire that man be blessed and happy.
"The Garden of Eden"

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat of it": 'Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of it* All the days of your life.

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Suffering & Heaven

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

Acts 14:22

and Paul and Barnabas came to Antioch, they strengthened the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, telling them "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Revelation 2:7

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

Everything's going to be different - Because...

c.) Because the past will be left behind

v.4b

...for the **former things** have passed away.”

This "Passing Away"

ajpe÷rcomai aperchomai, ap-erkh´-om-ahēe;

to leave behind, or to sail away in the opposite direction. to go off and away from. the final farewell. - a good riddance "bye-bye difficult things!"

Matthew 6:25-30

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **:26** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **:27** Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? **:28** “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; **:29** and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **:30** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?”

Mark 8:35

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. **:36** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? **:37** Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

The Memory of the "Bad", The Memory of the Sad, The Memory of the Sin...

Imagine, What Would You Select from Your Past to Have Totally Deleted from Yours (or God's) Memory?

Psalms 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; **:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Haven't You Always Wanted Things to Be Different?

WHEN WE COME HOME

III.) Everything's going to be complete

v.5-7

Everything's going to be complete - Because...

a.) The Lord will pick up where He left off

v.5

Verse 5a

:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new, (refresh, complete that which was started, revitalize) ."

Verse 5b

And He said to me, "Write, for these words are **true** (truth) and **faithful** (trust-worthy)

They will come to pass, it will happen,
nothing can stop it!

Revelation 3:14

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." **:38 Pilate (a bitter, saddened, and disillusioned man) said to Jesus, "What is truth?" - - listen to the pain and loneliness in that question, the hardness of his heart...)**

Everything's going to be complete - Because...

b.) The Lord will finish what He alone started

v.6

:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

By This I Mean Redemption - it's finished, but it's not done
The Work has Been Accomplished, But The Benefits have Yet to Be
Enjoyed

And **He said to me**, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

In Relation to Our Sin's Debt & Salvation

John 19:30

...and then Jesus said, "It is finished!" And with that, He, bowing His head,
He dismissed His spirit.

tele÷w teleo, *tel-eh'-o*; from 5056; to end, i.e. complete, execute a transaction, to discharge payment for a debt — to accomplish what another could not. to bring to an end, to retire by performance. (*teleonomic = the transfer of information or data*)

It Was Recorded in Heaven - Paid in Full

This;

"It is done!

gi÷nomai ginomai, *ghin'-om-ahee*;

to be-come or to bring into being, to assemble,
to make one from many, to gather together.

Take what was finished at the cross and brings the benefits home to the
believer in Christ - it's done!!!

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and receive you to Myself...

John 14:3

Verse 6

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty."

Jesus Christ is the Complete and Total
Revelation of the Word of God

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, (Logo's = Alpha and the Omega) and the Word
(Logo's = Alpha and the Omega)
was with God, and the Word (Logo's = Alpha and the Omega) was God.

ALL THE NAMES OR TITLES OF JESUS CHRIST
Are titles strictly reserved for God alone

Revelation 1:11

saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book
and send it to the seven churches

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,
the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17-18

...I am the First and the Last :18 "I am He who lives, and was dead,
and behold, I am alive forevermore..."

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was,
I AM." = "I Am Always"

Everything's going to be complete - Because...

c.) The Lord will be our all and all

Verse 7

:7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things,
and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

The Overcomer is He Who;
Continues in My Word

1 John 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **:5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Revelation 2:7

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." "

Revelation 2:26

And he who overcomes, and **keeps My works** (not Peter's, Paul's, or Mary's)
(Jesus' Works) until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

John 6:28-29

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" **:29** Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

But Pastor Jack - will I make it there?

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

Don't Stop Believing in What Jesus Has Done for You

If Things could just be Complete!

WHEN WE COME HOME

IV.) Everything's going to be right

v.8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

a.) Because the rejecter will be rejected

v.8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable...

the cowardly

deilo/ß deilos, *di-los´*; from **de÷oß deos** (the dread, the timid, those unable to get out, unable to exercise faith // the faithless: — the fearful, **the almost!!!**

Acts 26:27-29

King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." :28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You **almost** persuade me to become a Christian." :29 And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both **almost** and **altogether** - - such as I am,

Your almost faith - gets you into hell
It's Jesus' altogether work - that opens up heaven!

the unbelieving

aþpistoß apistos, *ap´is-tos*; the disbelieving, the double-minded, the faithless.

the abominable

bdelu/ssw bdelusso, *bdel-oos´-so*; (to stink, something disgusting, i.e. to look to an idol, that which is abhorrent

Everything's going to be right - Because...

b.) Because the abuser will be abused

v.8

the murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters...

the murderers,

foneu/β phoneus, *fon-yooce*´; from 5408; a murderer (always of criminal (or at least intentional) homicide; which 443 does not necessarily imply; while 4607 is a special term for a public bandit): — murderer.

the sexually immoral

po/rnoβ pornos, *por´-nos*; from **pe-rnhmi pernemi** (to sell; akin to the base of 4097); a (male) prostitute (as venal), i.e. (by analogy) a debauchee (libertine): — fornicator, whoremonger.

the sorcerers,

farmakeu/β pharmakeus, *far-mak-yoos*´; from **faζrmakon pharmakon** (a drug, i.e. spell-giving potion); a druggist (“pharmacist”) or poisoner, i.e. (by extension) a magician: — sorcerer.

the idolaters

eijdwlolaζtrhβ eidololates, *i-do-lol-at´-race*; from 1497 and the base of 3000; an image- (servant or) worshipper (literally or figuratively): — idolater.

What If You Fall into any one of These Categories

- Is There Hope for You?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves.

Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, **:10** thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and swindlers—none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God. **:11** There was a time when some of you were just like that, but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.

Everything's going to be right - Because...

c.) Because the deceiver will have been deceived

v.8

and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

In John 8:44 Jesus Said To the Unbelieving;

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

James 1:21-22

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Haven't You Always Wanted Things to Be Right?

WHEN WE COME HOME

I.) Everything's going to be new v.1-2

II.) Everything's going to be different v.3-4

III.) Everything's going to be complete v.5-7

IV.) Everything's going to be right v.8

John 17:20-23

...I pray also for those who will come to believe in Me through their words; :21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:22

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: :23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me

"FELLOWSHIP"

AND IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU BE THERE WITH US

1 John 1:3-4

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. :4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

End of Study