

The Age of Regeneration, Part 1, July 1991

Now we can go to **Revelation 21**, which picks up after the great white throne judgment is completed, and every abominable thing has been cast alive into the lake of fire, leaving on earth only the righteous one's that have been regenerated, washed by that Spirit of regeneration. We will start in **verse 1**, so we can get the whole picture. **(1) "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;** (actually cleansed and completely changed from their former estate) **and there was no more sea. (2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,** (To where? Not to a newly created earth, but a completely renewed old earth.) **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,** (Where? Right here on this same planet where we were redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and renewed in our spirit to be like Him.) **and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (5) And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."** Here, it is even prophesied as the Lord speaks, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" If He is going to make all things new, do we interpret that to mean that He is going off somewhere ten million light years away to make another planet, another heaven and so forth, and that He is literally going to transport us from here to there? That is not the picture the Bible presents.

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In 1 Corinthians 15:24-26, we find the apostle Paul referring to the beginning of the 8th day like this, "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered (speaking of Jesus Christ) up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (Christ) must reign, until He hath put all enemies (sin and death) under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." **In other words He will rule and reign for 1000 years, on earth: then when His millennial reign is concluded, and the last judgment is all over with, it will be time for the New Jerusalem to descent from heaven.** Before going into our subject of the New City though, I want to clear up some of the misunderstanding about the millennial age. I have had many people come to me and say, "Bro. Jackson: If Jesus is going to be ruling with a rod of iron, and the devil is going to be bound: how come there still seems to be death present through the millennium?" It is very simple. These very questions prove that people have not been taught what is written in the word of God. It is not that sin is raging during that time, as we know it now, but that inherited nature to sin is still present in those mortal beings that pass from this age into the millennium. That is why Jesus Christ will rule with a rod of iron: it is

to be a disciplinary age. The Millennium age is not the perfect age, but His rod of iron rule over the national subjects will produce a people that can be passed into the perfect age. At the same time He will be releasing the animal kingdom, so that the enmity between man and beast will cease to be. It will be just like the old song, "Peace in the Valley," the animal kingdom will lie in peace, and be at peace with man. Then the earth will yield her full increase. All of this is written in the Old Testament. In Isaiah 11:6-9, we read, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like an ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, (venomous viper) and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den, (another of the reptile family). **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.**" When? After the Millennial rule has had time to have its effect. That is when the whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord, as the Psalmist wrote.