

Revelation 22:1-5 - Open House in the FATHERS House

Intro – We have finally made it to the final chapter. The final chapter comes full circle and back to the beginning. The final chapter is not an ending but the beginning of an eternal existence in the new heavens and new earth. Do new things make you excited? Eager for a sneak peek? Open House?

Rev. 21 is a promise to make all things new. Description is given to John by angel (realtor/tour guide). First - the look on the outside (chapter 21 – walls/gates/foundations/size). Chapter 22 gives a peek on the inside. John 14:2-3 – the Father house. In Rev. 22 we get a virtual tour. Maybe not as detailed as we would like but it is enough to give a foretaste of glory divine. Great INCLUSIONS and EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions/Amenities

1. The river of the water of life 22:1
 - a. There is no sea in the new earth (21:1) but there is a water feature in the Father's house
 - i. Clear as crystal – absolutely pure Flows from the throne.
 - ii. God is the source Jer. 2:13 (fountain of youth is myth but water of life is truth)
 - b. Ps. 46:3-5 Rev. 7:17 (Ps 23:2) (Ezek. 47:1-12- Millennial type??)
2. A great street - 22:2a
 - a. Golden street - 21:21 (other streets besides "Main" Street – great street)
 - b. Boulevard - this house is not located on a Blvd. but a Boulevard is located in this house
3. Tree of life- 22:2b
 - a. Harkens back to the Garden of Eden -Gen. 2:9.
 - i. We were graciously banned from this tree- Gen. 3:22-24
 - b. The victorious church is promised to get to eat of this tree in Paradise - Rev. 2:7
4. Variety of foods 22:2c
 - a. "Lots and lots of food...in my Father's house..." (Is. 25:6-8 feast of rich food)
 - i. 12 months (is there time in eternity? Weeks? - Is. 66:22-24)
 - b. Healing of the nations – 22:2d GR - *therapia*
 - i. Continuous/eternal/perpetual therapy. (my bike named Calgon)
 - ii. The ultimate cure for the bad is perpetual and continual good.
 1. Preservation from future defect. Vaccine against future Fall or sin
 2. The house has an atmosphere of life and health (D.C. what in water?)
 - iii. The inhabitants of heaven will keep their distinctions but there will be not divisions. The nations will be healed nations = *ethnos* in GR.
5. Throne of God and Lamb - 22:3b
 - a. Some houses have a Great Room...this one has a Throne Room!
 - i. To be in the House is to be in the presence of Gods rule
 - b. See His face- 22:4 (John 1:18; 1 Tim 6:16; Ex. 33:20) Matt. 5:8 1 John 3:2

- c. We will reign with Him – 22:5c Rev. 3:21 Be in the Throne Room!
- 6. Service and Work 22:3b
 - a. Eternity is not purposelessness boredom. The Father's House is a busy House
 - i. There is work/purpose. God given tasks that will bring ultimate fulfillment
- 7. Sense of belonging - 22:4b
 - a. His name will be on our foreheads. Rev. 3:12
 - i. We belong to Him and we belong there with Him. Fathers House is our home
 - b. We will have a purpose and a place prepared for us - individual/customized
- 8. A great lighting plan - 22:5a
 - a. Light is a prominent feature of the Father's House
 - b. God's light will permeated our existence

Exclusions

What is not included also adds to the glory of the place. Some things have already been mentioned

- No sea (21:1). No Temple(21:22). No sun or moon (21:23). No death. No tears. No crying or mourning and No pain (21:4). Nothing impure and no one impure (21:8,27)
- No more curse 22:3
 - o This present earth and our entire existence here has been cursed by God (Gen. 3)
 - Paradise was corrupted and lost
 - Murphy's law applies
 - o Heaven is not a "money pit" (movie about a mansion that is falling apart)
 - The Father House is not a lemon nor will ever be one
 - no more Fall (effects of Fall/sin) or even possibility of Fall
 - the Fathers House wont decay
- No night there 22:5
 - o The Father's House won't decay and it will have a Perpetual Day 21:25
 - o Our present existence is mixed - day and night, good and bad, sweet and bitter...etc.
 - o The Fathers House is Unmixed happiness. Constant light, perpetual good, all sweet

Invitation

The gospel goes out not just for information but to give an invitation. Information and revelation are given so you may act on it. A realtor shows house to make a sale. (crass correlation but...)

The FATHER reveals this house so you can reside there. There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun

- Isaiah 55:1-3
 - o Come buy without money. Faith in Christ is the currency. Cross is Tree of Life
- Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:44-46)
 - o it cost you nothing but it requires you to give up everything
- The Father's House has a virtual Open House. Do you want to reside there?