

SUNDAY NIGHT REVELATION STUDY PART 3
THE ROMANCE, THE JUDGEMENTS AND HEAVEN
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I. THE ROMANCE

- All of scripture points to God's crazy love for people, a divine romance.
- We were created to be His bride.
- We try to fill that longing for Him with many other things.
- We are never fulfilled until we become the bride He intended us to be.
- Only when we join our deepest hearts to God are we fulfilled: our wounds our longings, our hearts desires are all for Him.
- Revelation 19:7 – "...the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."
- Matthew 22:1-14 – Kingdom of Heaven
- II Corinthians 11:2, "...I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ."
- Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is great but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church."
- Revelation 21:9, "Come here and I will show you the bride the wife of the Lamb."

II. THE JUDGEMENTS

- Revelation 20:11-14 - Great white throne
- The judgements bring an end to the old and ushers in the new.
- II Peter 3:13 - Looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth
- **The Judge**
 - Matthew 19:28
 - I Corinthians 6:2
 - Revelation 20:4
 - John 5:22
 - II Timothy 4:8
 - Revelation 20:12,13
- **Those Judged**
 - Angels
 - Jude 6
 - II Peter 2:4
 - Humans
 - Romans 14:10
 - Matthew 16:27
 - Matthew 25:32
 - John 5:28-29
 - II Corinthians 5:10
 - The Beast and the False Prophet and Satan
 - Revelation 19:2, 20-20:4
 - Revelation 20:10
 - Matthew 25:41

III. PURPOSE OF JUDGEMENT

- Not to determine where people's destiny lies; that happened long ago.
 - 1st - But to Manifest Destinies
 - What people have done will be very important, not secondary.
 - But it is His blood that secures us. Revelation 20:12 - The book of life.

- 2nd - To Reveal Motives
 - I Corinthians 4:5
 - Matthew 12:36-37
- 3rd - Judgement Brings Rewards!
 - Revelation 22:12
 - Revelation 11:18
 - Matthew 10:41
- 4th - To Test our Works
 - I Corinthians 3:10-15
 - Revelation 14:13

IV. HEAVEN

- Revelation 21–22 foretells the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. The dwelling of God will be with a redeemed humanity in a new city on the new earth.
- Heaven is the transformed city of Jerusalem, the transformed garden of Eden.
- Revelation looks forward to the unification of the heavenly and earthly realms.
- Heaven or ouranos can refer to the realm where God dwells.
- During Jesus’ baptism the voice comes from heaven (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22)
- The gospel writers use ouranos to where the Father dwells (e.g., Matthew 5:16; Mark 11:25).
- Jesus has ascended to heaven (ouranos; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:11) and is now enthroned and highly exalted in heaven (ouranos; Hebrew 7:26; 8:1; 1 Peter 3:22).
- At the second coming He will descend from heaven (ouranos; I Thessalonians 1:10; 4:16; II Thessalonians 1:7).
- Angels also live in heaven (ouranos; Luke 22:43; John 1:51) and descend to earth from there (e.g., Revelation 10:1).
- Revelation 21:1-8 – “A new heaven and a new earth”
- After the old is judged the new can come
- Revelation 21 - A picture of a completely new earth with a new and different look.
- New Jerusalem - 1500 miles long and wide. It has perfect symmetry like the temple, the house of God, the Holies of Holies.
 - Vss. 12-14 - Key - 12 foundations name the 12 apostles. 12 gates name the 12 tribes. Old and New Testaments joined together.
 - Vss. 22-27, “I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb...”
- Isaiah 60:19

CLOSE

- Revelation 22:1-7
- Revelation 12-14, 16-17, 20, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to render to every man according to what he has done...¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city...“Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”