

DAILY READING PLAN



Week of August 28, 2022

Alive: God in the End

Revelation 21:1-6

Day #1 – Read Revelation 21:1-6 | I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

In the book of Revelation, the Spirit reveals a vision to the Apostle John. He writes that on a scroll. That is what we have in Revelation. The entire book of Revelation is, after all, a 'Holy Revealing.' Read the passage from Revelation 21:1-6 slowly, meditate on each section. What kind of message is this? Is it hopeful? Is it frightening? What stands out to you from your reading? What questions arise for you?

Day #2 – Read Revelation 21:1,5 | I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Read through this passage again and look for the indications that things are changing. Old things are made new, what was, is no longer... Where in this passage do you see this? What new things are taking place in your life right now? What things are you letting go of, and what are you picking up? What is significant about the first heaven and the first earth giving way to a new heaven and a new earth? What does that mean?

Day #3 – Read Revelation 21:3-4a | And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

How would you describe or even rephrase this passage for a friend? What is the meaning of the phrase, "The home of God is among mortals..."? What image of God do you see in this passage? How is what you see here the same or different than what you thought you knew about the book of Revelation?

Day #4 – Revelation 21:5 | *And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

God is making all things new all the time. Would you agree? Would you disagree? That's okay too. In this passage, the Spirit wants to make sure that John understands this, so he says, "Make sure you write this part down: 'these words are trustworthy and true!'" What in your life needs to be made new? Try this: make a list of a few things that need renewal. After each one, write, "God is making this area of my life new. God's word is trustworthy and true. Spend some time praying through your list.

Day #5 – Read Revelation 21:6 | *Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."*

Think about this: as Jesus came to the end of his life, he cried out, "It is finished!" His work of revealing the kingdom through him was finished. Here in this passage, we read the same words! What is significant about the finishing of God's work? How is that happening in your life? How is the Spirit "bringing life to life" in you?