

SERMON NOTES

"A Closer Look" (Tying up loose ends)

Revelation 21:1-7

I. Verse 1

A. New Heaven

- 3 heavens are mentioned in Scripture

1. atmospheric heaven (*Revelation 19:17*)
2. stellar heaven (*Psalm 8:3*)
3. third heaven (*II Corinthians 12:2*)

B. first heaven & earth passed away (*II Peter 3:7*)

- "reserved" = "thēsaurizo" = "to store up"
- the Old Testament talks about this too (*Isaiah 65:17*) (*Psalm 102:25-26*)

C. no more sea

II. Verse 2

A. New Jerusalem

- consider "north" in the Scriptures
(*Leviticus 1:11 e.g.*)

III. Verse 3

A. God tabernacles (dwelling place) among men.

- (*I Corinthians 15:24-26*)
(*Ezekiel 37:22-28*)

IV. Verse 4

- all the things that we know that cause sorrow are gone!
 - How is it possible? see verse 8!

V. Verse 5

- In the last two chapters we see 7 new things:

1. new heaven	2. new earth	3. new bride
4. new Jerusalem	5. new temple	6. new light
7. new paradise		

VI. Verses 6-7

- Catch this:
 - v. 6 - I am the Alpha and Omega
 - v. 7 - I will be his God
 - therefore the Alpha & Omega is God!
 - Revelation 1:7-8* the One who is pierced is the Alpha and Omega
 - the inescapable conclusion is the Jesus is God!
 - *Zechariah 12:10* teaches the same thing!
- The mark of every cult is that they don't believe Jesus is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father