STEP INTO REVELATION – WEEK 12

All Things New -- *Revelation 21*

INTRODUCTION: THE GREAT FINALE

- Revelation 21
- Enemies defeated. Judgment completed. Death destroyed.

1. A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

- Revelation 21:1–4
- Revelation 20:11
- 2 Peter 3:10–13
- Revelation 13: The beast rose from the sea
- God's dwelling place is now among the people

2. THE PURPOSE OF GOD FROM THE BEGINNING

- Genesis 1
- Genesis 2
- Genesis 3:8
- Exodus 25:8
- 1 Kings 8:13
- 1 Kings 8:27
- Sin still separated humanity from a holy God.
- John 1:14
- Revelation 21 depicts the ultimate fulfillment of God's eternal purpose:
  - God dwelled with humanity in Eden
  - God dwelled with humanity in Jesus Christ
  - God will dwell with his redeemed people forever, with every consequence removed
- Revelation 21:4
- Revelation 6
- Isaiah 25:8
- 1 Corinthians 15:25–26

3. I AM MAKING EVERYTHING NEW

- Revelation 21:5–8
- John 4:14
- John 7:37
- Revelation 21:8: who will NOT receive the inheritance? The cowardly (listed first)
- Hebrews 10:36–39
- Following Jesus is not a casual, half-hearted pursuit
- Revelation 21 contrast: **If the greatest blessing of heaven is unhindered fellowship with God, then the most terrible reality of final judgment is eternal separation from God.**
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8–9

4. THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

- Revelation 21:9–14

- Revelation 19: the bride represents God's redeemed people
- The New Jerusalem is a picture of the perfected people of God.
- **Twelve gates** bear the names of the **twelve tribes** of Israel
- **Twelve foundations** bear the name of the **twelve apostles.**
- ***All*** the people of God throughout redemptive history: the faithful who belonged to God **before the coming of Christ** and those brought into His kingdom **through the apostolic gospel.**
- Ephesians 2:19–20
- The walls picture this city's security and holiness. Nothing evil will ever threaten or corrupt it again.
- Revelation 21:27

5. A CITY SHAPED LIKE THE HOLY OF HOLIES

- Revelation 21:15–17
  - approximately 1,400 miles long, 1,400 miles wide, and 1,400 miles high
- There's one other place in Scripture described this way: **The Most Holy Place in Solomon's temple**
- 1 Kings 6:20
- The people of God have become the dwelling place of His unhindered presence.
- Revelation 21:18–21

6. NO TEMPLE—BECAUSE GOD IS THERE

- Revelation 21:22–27
- Isaiah 60:19
- God's people are drawn from the nations.

CONCLUSION

- Genesis (creation and fall)
- Revelation 21 (fulfillment)