

The Future Tabernacle

Revelations 21:3

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

INFORMATION

The first tabernacle was meant to show the presence of God among men. In that case, it was built by people at the command of God and was built, at least partly, to keep people out. That tabernacle was destroyed a long time ago and in its place, we were given a Comforter who lives within us, that is the Holy Spirit. When the Lord has fulfilled all prophecies of the Bible, he will make a new Heaven and a new Earth and will establish a new tabernacle on the new Earth, and it will be known as the New Jerusalem. The new tabernacle will be built by God, not men, and will be magnificent. This future tabernacle will be enormous by any standard. How large- How about 1,500 miles CUBED. 1,500 miles wide, 1,500 miles long and 1,500 miles high. That is what Revelations 21 says when we translate the units of measurement into miles. Of much greater importance than the size of the tabernacle is what will be in the tabernacle and what will not be in the tabernacle.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

The Word paints an awesome picture of what the New Jerusalem will look like in this chapter. Everyone should read this chapter to get a mental image of just how amazing this place will be. We are often awestruck by the mighty monuments on the earth, both natural and manmade, but God has something better waiting for his people.

The arrival of this new tabernacle is fulfillment of a promise made to Abraham thousands of years ago. Abraham had faith that God would deliver on his promise. Hebrews 11:9-10 tell us

By faith he [Abraham] sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

As a family, we must always remember that the reward for being a Christian is not always a material reward that we can appreciate right now. The real reward is the promise of a future home, a home where Jesus Himself will live, where we will experience our salvation in a way we can't even begin to understand now, where there will be peace and joy and no danger. We should each read this great chapter of the Bible, and, each day, we should think on this place and on what verse 4 of this chapter tells us.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Relevant Passages

Isaiah 57:15

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Matthew 25:46

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Philippians 1:23

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Revelation 22:20-21

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.