

## Revelation's final scenes

*"the former things are passed away ... Behold I make all things new" 21:4,5*

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The Book of Revelation is like a great drama or play, unfolding in 7 "Acts".

Act 1: The Lord and the 7 lampstands (churches) Rev. 1-3

Act 2: The Bema Throne and the 7 sealed Scroll. Rev. 4-8:1

Act 3: The 7 Trumpets Rev. 8-11

Act 4: The 7 "Wonders" Rev. 12-15:4

Act 5: The 7 Bowls of Wrath. Rev. 15:5-19:3

Acts 6: The 7 Special Events. Rev. 19:4-20:15 Ending in the Final Judgment. (Heb. 9:27)

In the Final "Act" of this great drama God effectively wipes the slate clean and starts over!

Rev. 21:1 *"I saw a New Heaven and Earth, for the first heaven and earth were passed away"*

Jesus foretold of this (Mt. 24:35) as did Paul (Ro. 8:18-22)

### 1. The "passing away" of some "Former Things" Rev. 21

#### A. Notice what things will be completely removed:

- 1) Separation: *"There was no more sea".* V 1
- 2) Tears: *"God shall wipe away all tears... there shall be no more... crying."* v 4
- 3) Death: *"and there shall be No More Death"* vs 4
- 4) Sorrow: *"There shall be no more sorrow"* Vs. 4
- 5) Pain: *"No More Pain" vs 4*
- 6) Evil: vs 8 *"shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."*
- 7) Curse 22:3 *"there shall be no more curse"*

### 2. Revelation 21:5 *"Behold, I make all things new."*

#### A. Notice the New! (1 Cor. 2:9)

- 1) New Heavens (universe) Vs 1
- 2) New Earth. *"I saw a new heaven and a new earth"*
- 3) New Home (Jerusalem) 21:2,3 *"coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."*  
Revelation 21:9 *"Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."*
  - a) 12 Gates of Pearl guarded by 12 angels. 21:12,21
  - b) Symmetrical and Huge. 21:16 (1500 miles x 1500 miles x 1500 miles!)
  - c) Made of Gold. 21:8
  - d) 12 Foundations garnished with precious gems. 21:19,20
- 4) New People. Rev. 21:3,24 *"They shall be His people... He will be their God."*
- 5) New Temple. Rev. 21:22 *"the Lord God Almighty and the lamb are the temple"*
- 6) New Light. Rev. 21:23 *"the glory of God and the Lamb is the light thereof"*
- 7) New Paradise. Rev 22:1-2 *"a pure river of water of life, ... was there the tree of life"*

**Conclusion: Rev. 22:3-7** *“the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads... and they shall reign for ever and ever. “These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly (en tachos) be done. **Behold, I come quickly:** (tachu’: suddenly) **blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book,”***

**Rev. 22:12-17** *“**behold, I come quickly;** and my reward is with me, to give every man ... as his work shall be... Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city....*

*“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. ... And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.:*

**Rev 22:20-21** *“He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly.** Amen. 10 times in Rev. Jesus warns of His Coming! 3 times in the last Chapter! **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**” Is that our attitude and prayer?*

**Heaven: Don’t miss it for the World!**



**The final verse of God’s word:**

*“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” Rev. 22:21*  
Χάρις (char’is) the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life.

**Have you personally responded to God’s Grace?**

**Are you practically reflecting His Grace to others?**