

I FINALLY FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!

Revelation 21: 1-27

April 5, 2026

John now sees what we are looking for!

1) A _____ and a _____!

Isaiah 65:17, 66:22

New = not a renovation, but a total renewal.

New = (kainos) = new in quality, transformed, perfect.

No more Sea, Death, Sorrow, Crying, Pain, Temple, Sun, Moon, Night, Evil

- No more _____!
- No more _____!
- No more _____!
- No more _____!

2) The _____ comes down.

We do not go up to build it; it comes down from God.

The city is both a place and a people!

Rev. 19 = the church is called the bride, now the city is called the bride.

Promises fulfilled that are found throughout the Old Testament, from Abraham to the prophets.

3) _____ is now physically with _____!!!!!!!

In Eden, God walked with Adam, sin separated them. Finally, no more sin.

In the Tabernacle, God dwelled among Israel with strict restrictions. No more restrictions, or restricted access.

In Christ, God dwelled with us, now permanently, God dwells with His people.

4) It is _____! The plan of God has finally complete!

Why all the warnings in 21:8? The call is to persevere.

5) Nothing to see and experience except _____!

The entire city is now the most Holy Place.

Access to God is no longer restricted.

The city radiates God's presence.

Digging Deeper – Revelation 21 – April 5, 2026

An eyewitness account is critical to the message of the gospel. (Good News)

Think about the writer of the Revelation –

John 19:26-27 – John was an eyewitness to the death of Jesus.

John 20-21 – John was an eyewitness to the resurrected Jesus.

Acts 1 – John was an eyewitness to Jesus going back to heaven, and he heard the angels say, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!” Acts 1:11 (NLT)

The command of Jesus to the disciples was to go into all the world and be a witness – ACTS 1:8, telling people everywhere about Jesus!

As our Revelation study gets close to an end, John has now witnessed some amazing truths! AND HE WANTS THE CHURCHES TO KNOW IT IS TRUE!

Depending upon your translation

John writes, I SAW – between 40-45 times.

John writes, I HEARD – about 25-30 times.

What did the words of John, the witness of John, mean to these 7 churches.

JOHN WAS KNOWN BY ALL 7, if not personally, by reputation. The odds seem to favor they would know him personally.

****John’s ministry was centered in Ephesus.

****Early church history (one example Irenaeus) tells us that John lived and ministered in Ephesus, and that he oversaw churches in the surrounding region. (This region would include all 7 churches.)

****Early church history tells us of the faith and message of John, and the times of great persecution he faced and how God delivered him from certain death.

****These churches were closely connected. They were part of a communication network. Letters were shared, leaders knew each other, the Authority of the Apostle John would be recognized and respected.

To listen to Revelation, to hear John repeat I SAW, I HEARD, this would be taken as authentic, real, personal, urgent, authoritative.

Go back this week and review Chapter 21, if you have time go back to the beginning and highlight all the times you read John write, I HEARD, or I SAW.

Think of listening to your most trusted Christian leader,(a leader you knew and loved, a leader who loved Christ and loved you) say I HEARD and I SAW, how would you take that message?

What did John see? What did John hear? What did John NOT see or hear?

How did that help the 7 churches then? What does it, or could it do for us today?

What have you seen God do in your life? What have you heard God say? **Be a witness!**