1 - **The Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride – Part 2**

**Revelation Chapters 21:1-6**

2 – **Context**

* Even **those facing immediate trials need hope** of how things will ultimately unfold.
* **Continuing in signs and symbols of the end for the faithful.**
* **Victory is for *“the Lamb”* and those who remain with Him.** (Revelation 17:14)
* **Satan and his angels will be defeated. (Revelation 18)**
* **The *“books”* will be *“opened”* and judgment will take place.** (Revelation 20:11-15)

3 - **The Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride**

**The invitation: (Revelation 19:9)**

1. **Called or invited through the gospel.** (1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:14)
2. **All are invited, who will offer excuses?** (Luke 14:16ff)
3. **All are invited, who will accept?** (Matthew 22:3-9)
4. **All are invited, who will prepare?** (Matthew 25:1-13)
5. **All are invited, who will humble themselves?** (Matthew 11:28-30)

4 - **The Consummation of Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride**

Our reservation in heaven (1 Peter 1:4) is depicted as the actual wedding of **the pure bride to Jesus**; as the “***new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God****,* ***made ready as a bride adorned for her husband***.” (Revelation 21:2)

* Are we ready?
* Are we properly adorned?

5 - **How Is This Holy City Described?**

***“New”*** - “new as to form or quality **of a different nature from what is contrasted**”. (Vine) Completely different than the first. (21:1; cf., 20:11; 2 Peter 3:10-14)

***“Coming down out of heaven”*** - of divine origin, not of man. (Hebrews 8:2; 9:11; 13:10-14)

***“The tabernacle of God is among men”***. (21:3)

* A depiction **of perfect fellowship with God** as in the beginning with God. (22:3-4;
1 Thessalonians 4:17; cf., Genesis 2:25; 3:8)

6 - **How Is This Holy City Described?**

Described by what is “*no longer*”. (21:4)

* **Tears**
* **Death** (1 Cor. 15:26)
* **Mourning** (Matthew 5:4)
* **Crying**
* **Pain** (Psalms 18:6)
* **Curse (22:3;** Gal. 3:13**)**
* **Night (22:5)**
* **Note who won’t be there… (21:8)**

7 - **How Is This Holy City Described?**

**Described by what is forevermore. (21:4)**

* **“*These things*…”** (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21)
* **The water of life.** (21:6; 22:1; John 4:10; 7:37)
* **Glory beyond comparison.** (21:10-21; 1 Peter 1:3-4)
* **The “*tree of life*”.** (22:2, 14; Genesis 2:9)
* **A transformed spiritual body.** (Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:35, 42-44, 49)

8 - **How Is This Holy City Described?**

**A city** – part of a community of faithful believers – the “great cloud of witnesses”
(Hebrews 11:10; 12:22; 13:14).

**A home** – a place to belong. We talk about “going home”. (2 Corinthians 5:6-9)

9 - **What If We’re Not Prepared?**

* ***“Their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death***.” (21:8)
* Note that the **“*their*” includes not only the *“unbelieving”, “murderers”, “immoral” and “idolaters”* but also the “*cowardly*” (Matthew 10:28; 25:25-26; 2 Timothy 1:7)**
* We will **“*pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day*”. (The day of the marriage of the Lamb and His bride; Rev. 19:7-9)**