

**The Coming Storm Part 15**  
**After the Storm**  
*Revelation 21-22*

**I. After the storm, every last trace of the curse is washed away**

**A. No more Tragedy-** (21:4, Isaiah 65:16-25)- The “former things” are all those things pertaining to the curse which cause us pain or that elicit God’s judgment

**B. No more Darkness**

1.) **Physical dark-** (22:5, 21:23-25b)- Nothing more to fear in the night or the dark

2.) **Spiritual dark** (21:8, 21:27, 22:14-15)- No more sin of any kind

**C. No more Mystery and uncertainty** (21:1)- The untamable, vast, uncontrollable source of fear, mystery, and terrors in Revelation is gone. *The Cambridge commentary says “To us, the absence of sea seems, so to speak, a defect in the landscape, while to the ancients it seemed a pledge of security and of unfettered intercourse between all nations.”*

**II. After the storm, newness with mark all of creation (21:5)**

**A. A New Heaven and new Earth** (21:1)- *the perfect world*

**B. A new Jerusalem** (21:2, 9-27)- *the perfect city*

**1. Note its symbolism and size** (21:10)

- a. The recurring theme of “12s” speaks to “completeness” and “perfection”
- b. The city is described as being over 1,300 miles square at the base
- c. The cubic shape made of gold bears a striking (and certainly intentional) resemblance to the Holy of Holies

**2. Note its origin and Originator** (21:2, 10, John 14:1-2; Hebrews 11:10)

**3. Note its unfathomable beauty-** (21:11, 18-21)

**4. Note its unlimited access-** (21:25)

**C. A new sustenance** (22:1-2, 21:6, Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 47:1-12)

**D. A new romance** (21:3, 22:3-4)- *The perfect relationship*

**III. We are blessed when we look into the storm and hope for the time after the storm (22:6-21)**

**A. Because we have seen into God’s truth-** (22:6, 8, 16)- Let this truth nourish us and feed us

**B. Because we have seen the certainty of God’s justice (22:12. Romans 12:19)-** Let it comfort us, and then challenge us to live in light of the coming storm

**C. We are blessed because it gives us the chance to escape the storm**

(22:14)- Let us make us thankful we have Jesus

**D. Because we have assurance and hope (22:7, 12, 17, 20)-** Let God's promises fill us with joy and expectation as we look for the return of our Lord and Savior