

Memory Verse

Revelation 21:5a

And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new...”

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When God Makes All Things New

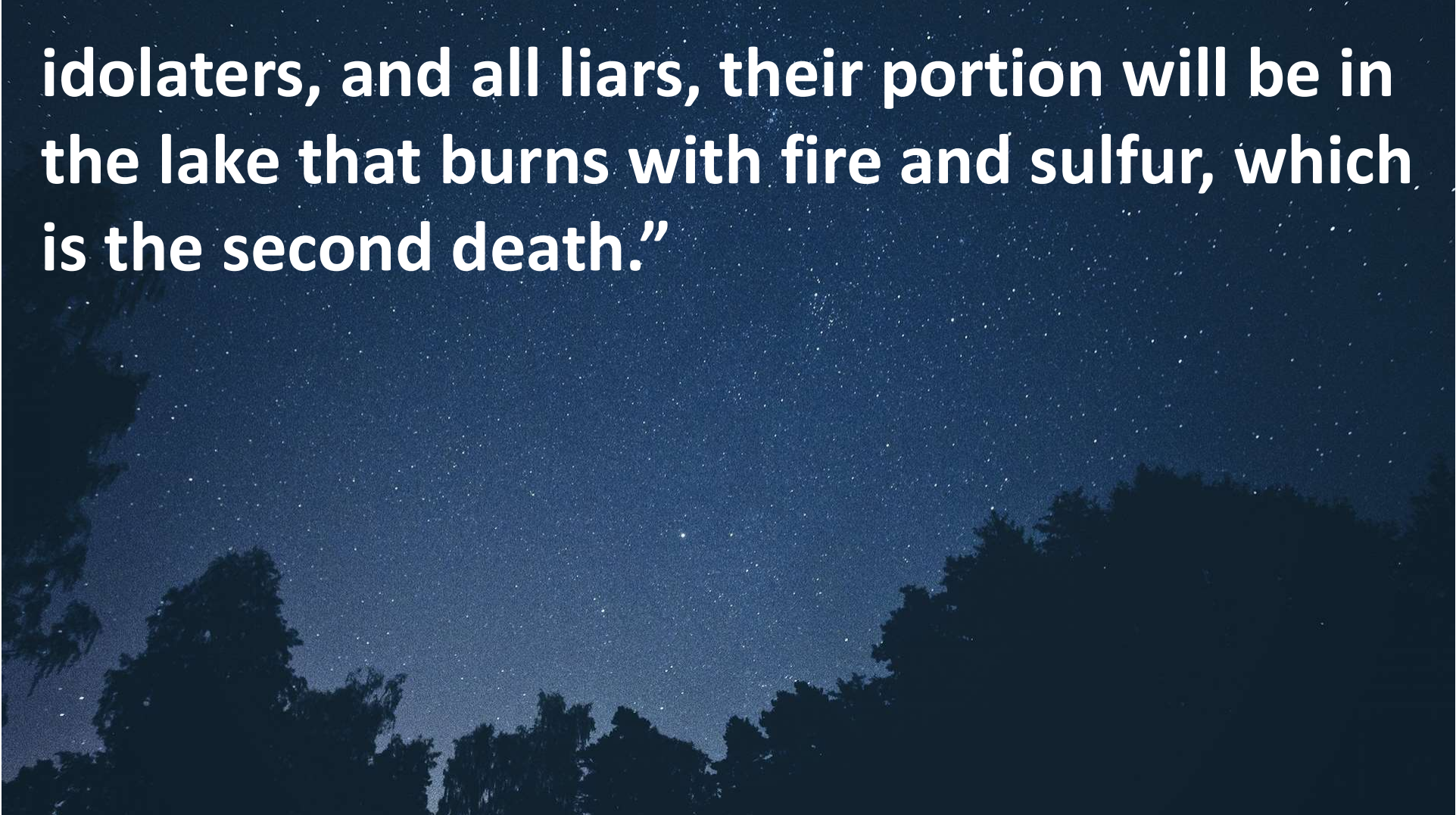
Revelation 21:1-8

Revelation 21:1-8 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,

and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” 5And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are

trustworthy and true.” 6And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers,

idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

A night sky filled with stars, with the silhouettes of trees visible at the bottom.

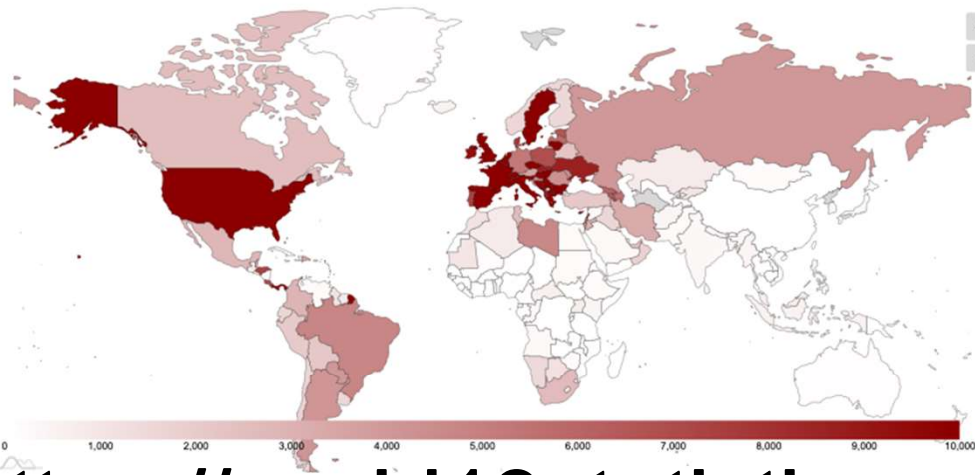


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Number of active cases per million

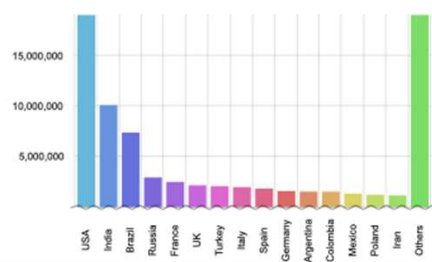


<https://covid19statistics.org>

Current total statistics

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Top 15 infected countries



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$$1,749,340 / 79,729,127 = .0219410$$



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Hong Kong teen protester shot by police goes into exile, activist group says

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by **KELLY HO**

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In Japan, more people died from suicide in October than from COVID-19 in all of 2020

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...millions of people are **struggling financially**, mainly due to job loss. Many are still struggling to **provide** for their families. Many **churches** have *closed*, and others will close permanently because, even if they have come back in person, **attendance** is much less than *before* they stopped in person services. This means *giving has gone down* and *some churches have let people go from staff*, while others may have had to take a pay cut...

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A. 12:1 – The First has Passed

John *records in his vision* of a new heavens and new earth. This is what *Isaiah 65:17* and *66:22* says. *2 Peter 3:13* mentions this will occur. It is connected with what God did after Noah. God *purged the earth and started over*. He used water then, but Peter says He will use fire in the future, recorded in *2 Peter 3*. God will *purge the creation of sin and reform it*, making it new.

B. 21:2 – The Holy City

There will be a *new Jerusalem*, a *heavenly Jerusalem*, a **literal city** that will come down from heaven... This new city is so beautiful, it is compared to a bride, though *verse 9* says it is the bride... this comes from **God**. This new and holy city is *His creation*. It is something **He** does. This is something **He** made. This is a new dwelling place!

C. 21:3-5 – The Personal God

But the one aspect of this new city that makes it *special*, is this is where God will dwell with man once again, as He did in the Garden of Eden, but *in a much more personal way*. This is when we will spend eternity with Him face to face.

C. 21:3-5 – The Personal God

21:3b-5 - He will **dwell** with them, and they will be **his people**, and God himself will be **with** them as **their God**. **4**He will **wipe away every tear** from their eyes, and **death** shall be **no more**, neither shall there be **mourning**, nor **crying**, nor **pain** anymore, for the **former things have passed away**.” **5**And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

D. 21:6-7 – The Blessing of God

God says, “*It is done.*” It is done, though it has *not happened yet*. He declares He is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.

GREEK ALPHABET

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D. 21:6-7 – The Blessing of God

He gives a specific statement about **2 types of people** – the ***thirsty*** and the ***conquerors, or overcomers, the victorious***. For the thirsty, He will *give water*, and while water is not in the Greek, it is understood. He will *quench the thirst* of those who long for Him.

D. 21:6-7 – The Blessing of God

Those who **conquer**, *overcome or are victorious*, will **inherit** all things and God will be his God and he will be a son to God. This is **adoption** and is *one being brought into right relationship with God as one's Father*. One is not a conqueror based on one's own strength, but on **God's grace and strength**. This will be the **eternal state** for *those who have trusted in the Lord*.

E. 21:8 – The Judgement of God

John *lists a group who, in contrast to God's blessing, will experience **God's judgement**. Those who do not repent and trust in Christ by faith, will be cast into the lake of fire that *burns with brimstone or sulfur*. This is the **second death**. This is will be the **eternal state** for those who have *rejected, spurned, or deceived themselves into thinking they know the Lord but don't...**

F. The Salvation and Work of God

While we are talking *about the future*, when God brings to an end the things which are, and makes all things new, *He makes things new for people today.*

"God is a God of new beginnings." - Dan Hayden.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if **anyone** is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come.

If you are in Christ, then He is in you and **you are new!** ***He has forgiven you of every sin you have ever committed, will ever commit and those you wanted to commit but didn't!***

F. The Salvation and Work of God

God **rebuilds** something after He **tears** it down. We can often look at our own lives and the lives of others to see this. ***Ecclesiastes 3:3b*** - ...a time to **break down**, and a time to **build up**;

Jeremiah 1:10 - See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to **pluck up** and to **break down**, to **destroy** and to **overthrow**, to **build** and to **plant**.”

F. The Salvation and Work of God

Jeremiah 31:27-28 - “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to **pluck up** and **break down**, to **overthrow, destroy,** and **bring harm**, so I will **watch over them to build** and to **plant**, declares the LORD.

F. The Salvation and Work of God

He must break us before He can make us. He does this in salvation... sanctification... for individuals, families, countries, ministries and *churches*. This is the trial by fire. This is the furnace of affliction, where He trains us and teaches us and molds us into the *image of Christ*. It is *never easy*, and *always painful*. But it is for the *best*, because *it is from His breaking that He is making us new every day.*