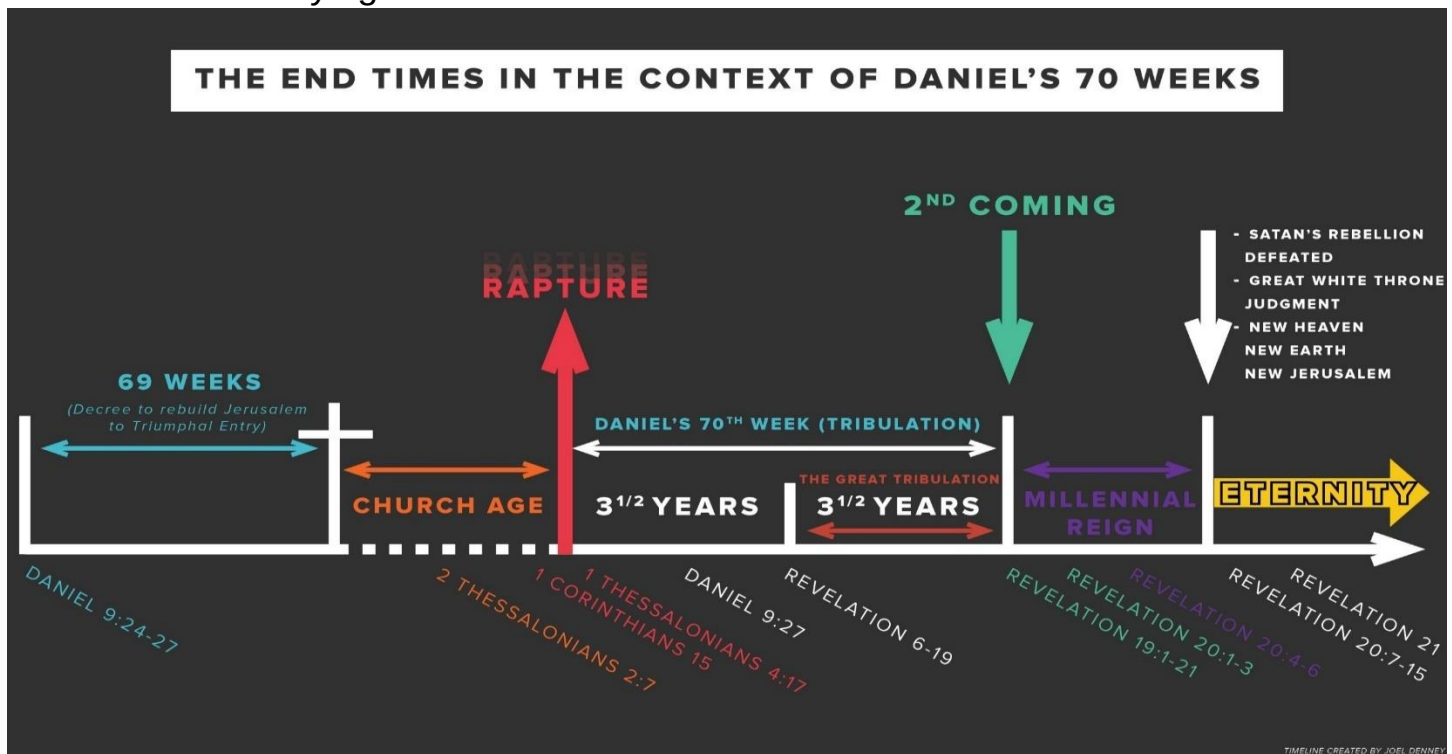


Heaven is for Real: "All things New" Revelation 21:1-8 FBC Canton Sunday am
November 16, 2025

Introduction: God fulfills promises to make all things new because grace wins
every time. Isaiah 65:17-19



"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.



What was lost in the fall will be regained in the new heaven and earth. Genesis 1-3

The Beginning and the End

Genesis

- The sun is created
- Satan is victorious
- Sin enters the human race
- People run and hide from God
- People are cursed
- Tears are shed, with sorrow for sin
- The garden and earth are cursed
- The fruit from the tree of life is not to eaten
- Paradise is lost
- People are doomed to death

Revelation

- The sun is not needed
- Satan is defeated
- Sin is banished
- People live with God forever
- The curse is removed
- No more sin, no more tears or sorrow
- God's city glorified, earth made new
- God's people may eat from the tree of life
- Paradise is regained
- Believers live forever

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We live in the fallen-first heaven and first earth.

Death,
sorrow,
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dying, and the agony of separation.
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God seen by faith alone,
the curse on all creation so that we toil in the sweat of our brow,
all caused by sin, lies, deceit, recruitment into darkness
unrighteousness seems to win,
pride is the outer garment of the sinful of this world flaunting themselves against
God...without needed punishment.

I want to leave this series of messages by inspiring us to live for the New...Let's imagine today!

I. Believers are promised a new heaven and a new earth. V. 1-8

This the final condition of all who believe!= IT IS DONE!

These words are accurate and reliable because the one who promised them is the beginning and the end of all things...the alpha and omega promises it...no one can overrule it!

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7 Glories of the New Heaven and Earth:

- 1. No more sea.** Means our current hydrological cycle will be changed.
- 2. No more death.**
- 3. No more sorrow.**
- 4. No more crying.**
- 5. No more pain.**
- 6. No more night.**
- 7. No more curse.**

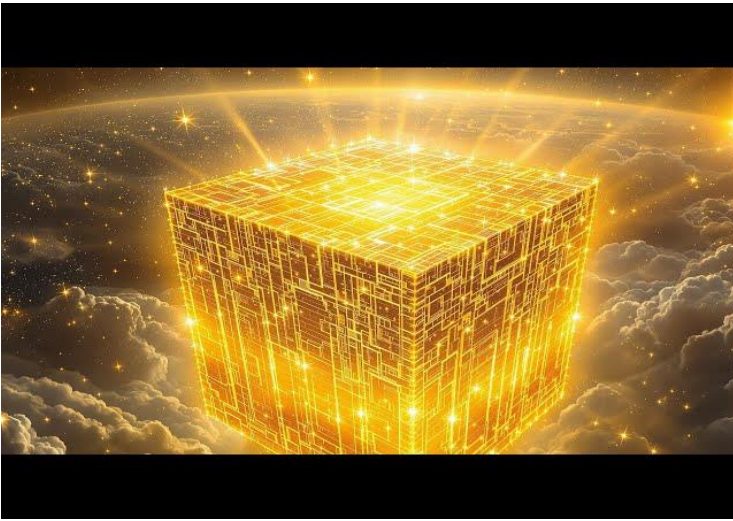
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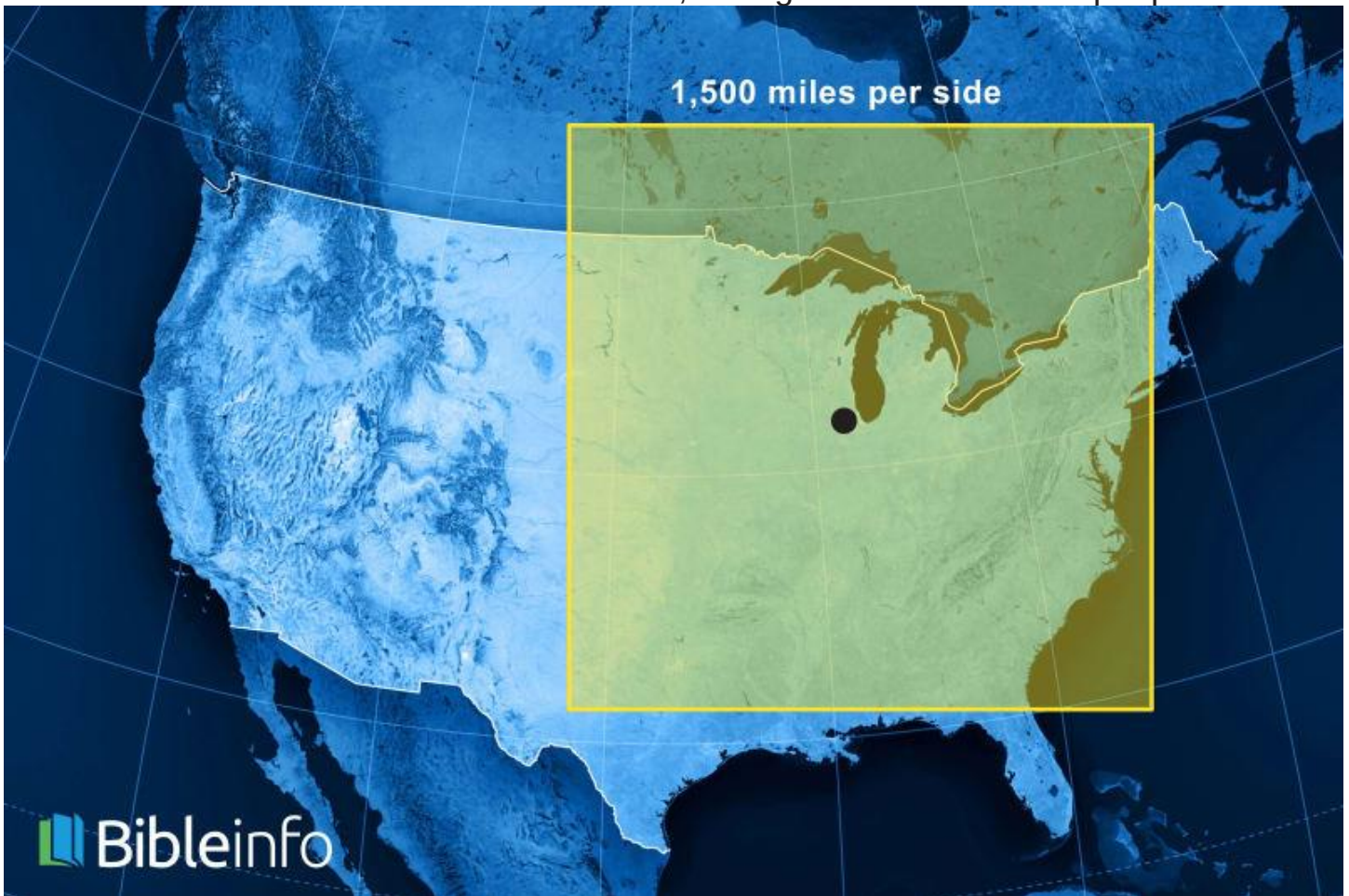
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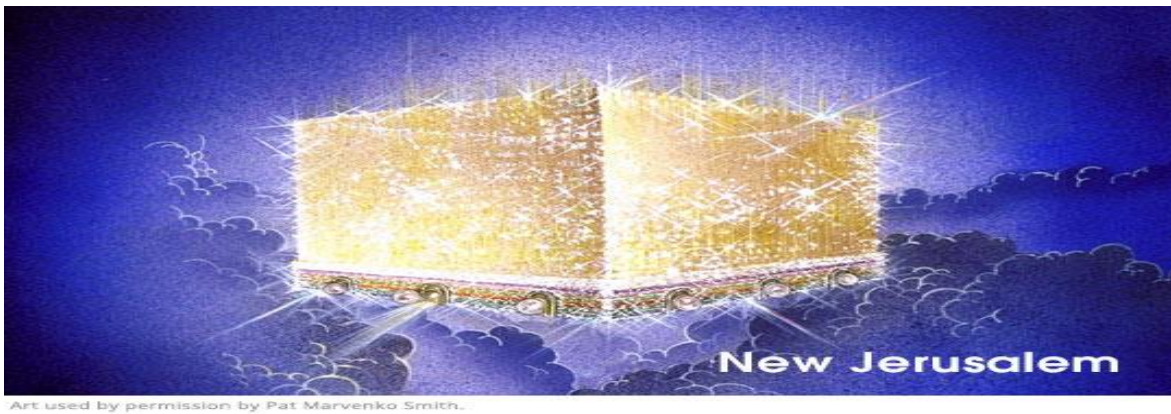
- a. It is a real place: John 14:1-6**
 - i. It has walls. 21:14**



- 1. 215 feet thick of pure transparent gold.
- ii. **It has streets. 21:21**
 - 1. Of pure gold.
- iii. **It has dimensions. 21:16**
 - 1. 1500 miles cubed, enough to house 8 billion people.



- iv. **It has 12 gates, always open. 21:12**
 - 1. each a single pearl. 12 tribes on them.
 - 2. 3 on all 4 sides.
 - 3. 12 angels at each gate.



v. It has 12 foundations. 21:19



1. All precious stones.
2. All 12 names of the apostles.

vi. It is the source of light for the new creation. 21:23

1. No need of the sun or the moon. God's glory is the light.

vii. It has a river of life. 22:1

1. Flowing out to the new heaven and new earth out from God's throne.



viii. It has God and the Lamb's throne. 22:1

1. We shall see his face.

2. His name will be on our foreheads.

ix. It has the tree of life. 22:2

1. 12 fruits.

2. 12 months...so time has a way of continuing there.

3. Leaves of the tree heal.

a. Nations of redeemed only come and go from it.

x. We will reign-resurrected forever. 22:5

xi. When expectations>reality=Misery, but when expectations<reality=Majesty.

b. Only those written in the Lamb's book of life can enter. V. 6, Revelation 21:27

a. God is inviting you to receive the water of life.

b. Take freely from to gain life from the God who created all biological life and all theological life.

c. This is your inheritance...personal God personally yours.

c. Every one else is excluded. V. 8, Revelation 22:15

God is warning you not to reject his offer of life.

a. Cowardly, do not have the courage to trust Christ alone.

b. Unbelieving, don't trust him.

c. Abominable...not the snow man.

d. Murderers.

e. Sexually immoral.

f. Sorcerers.

g. Idolaters.

h. And all liars.

i. Lake which burns with fire and brimstone.

1. This is the second death...both deaths are permanent.

a. Both deaths are punishment...not remedial.

Conclusion: Such were we, but now we have been washed by the blood. I Corinthians 6:8-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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CHAPTER TWELVE ALL THINGS NEW! *Revelation 21-22*

Human history begins in a Garden and ends in a City that is like a garden paradise. In the Apostle John's day, Rome was the admired city; yet God compared it to a harlot. "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). The eternal city of God is compared to a beautiful bride (Rev. 21:9), because it is the eternal home for God's beloved people.

God's statements recorded in Revelation 21:5-6 aptly summarize these final two chapters: "Behold, I make all things new. . . . It is done!" What began in Genesis is brought to completion in Revelation, as the following summary shows:

<i>Genesis</i>	<i>Revelation</i>
Heavens and earth created, 1:1	New heavens and earth, 21:1
Sun created, 1:16	No need of the sun, 21:23
The night established, 1:5	No night there, 22:5
The seas created, 1:10	No more seas, 21:1
The curse announced, 3:14-17	No more curse, 22:3
Death enters history, 3:19	No more death, 21:4
Man driven from the tree, 3:24	Man restored to paradise, 22:14
Sorrow and pain begin, 3:17	No more tears or pain, 21:4

The Citizens of the City (Rev. 21:1-8)
John gives us a threefold description of the citizens of the city.

They are God's people (vv. 1-5). The first heaven and earth were prepared for the first man and woman and their descendants. God had readied everything for them when He placed them in the Garden. Unfortunately, our first parents sinned, ushering death and

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Dear Roger,

I am so excited about going to heaven. I am ready for the rapture. I hope it comes right now! But I don't know enough about heaven. Can you fill in some of the details for me?

Sincerely,
Julie

Dear Julie,

There are ten common questions I hear all the time from people who are seeking to know more about heaven. I've collected them here, along with some biblical answers and practical application. I hope they're helpful for you!

1. Why does God need to make a new heaven and a new earth?

Satan and sin have desecrated God's creation. In fact, Satan has had access to the present heaven—both before the Fall and after. In Job chapters 1-2, Satan leaves earth bound for heaven and argues with God over the righteousness of Job. I'm certain that God has a perfectly logical reason for allowing Satan to approach him in heaven; but, for the life of me I can't imagine why!

Regardless, God needs to make a new one that is free from all sin. Looking to Revelation, John says, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea" (20:11).

Notice that Satan is the "accuser of the brethren" and will not be cast down from heaven to earth until **Revelation 12**.

2. **If God is planning to make a new heaven and earth, what will happen to the old one?**

Heaven and earth can be destroyed as easily as God first created it. Peter gives us a picture of this destruction in **2 Peter 3:7-13**;

And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire.

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire.

On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But we are looking forward to the new heaven and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

A hundred years ago, no one could figure out how this might happen. But today, secrets of the universe are on display.

Einstein's simple but profound $E=MC^2$ revealed that a little matter can be turned into an unbelievable amount of energy. In the same way, the discovery of the Higgs-Boson particle verifies that a lot of energy can produce a small amount of matter. Both point to an understanding of how the elements will melt and how internal fires in the depths of the sun will destroy everything.

Colossians tells us that Jesus Christ holds the universe together. One day, when Jesus lets go, it will all be burned to hell/

There will one day be a vast holocaust (see **Revelation 21:8**). But instead of emptiness, stillness, and lifelessness, God promises a new and glorious world emerging from the ruins (**Revelation 21:15-21**). God's aim is transformation!

3. **How big is heaven, and what does it look like?**

Again, look at **Revelation 21**. An angel literally measures the city "using human measurement":

The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick.

You might ask, "Well, will there be room enough for all of us?"

Let me show you how much room there will be ...

Heaven is symmetrical, laid out like a large cube. Twelve thousand "stadia" converts to

1,500 miles. Imagine an area that reaches from Maine to Florida, and the Atlantic Coast

to the Continental Divide ... then raise that up 1,500 miles

That means heaven is a city with 2,250,000 square miles ... and that is only the bottom level! Based on ratio population of persons/square mile in Dallas, heaven could hold six billion people.

Australian engineer postulated that a city the size of heaven with the density of London could hold 100 billion people ... and only nine billion people now exist on earth.

Right now, heaven has room for every soul that has ever walked upon the face of the earth since the beginning of time. And that's only the first floor!

Next, John saw heaven and described it as a prism of light, jewels, gold, and pearls. It's all transparent, and the light of God flashes through the entire dazzling spectacle throughout all eternity:

The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. (Revelation 21:18-23).

We will be able to see God and His glory from everywhere in the city. His presence indwells every inch.

Every biblical writer who had even a glimpse of heaven was totally overwhelmed. Each saw a large lake of ice or crystal surrounding a throne upon which was seated the white-haired Ancient of Days.

4. Will we recognize our family, friends, and loved ones in heaven? Can we have relationships with people that we never knew on earth?

I am often asked about marriage in heaven. Many people who are delightfully married want to still be married in eternity. Matthew tells us that we may be with our spouse, but we will not be married to him or her: “At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven” (Matthew 22:30).

Paul tells the Corinthians that we will know others and be fully known in heaven: “Now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

We will recognize our loved ones more by *who* they are than by that they look like, because we will inhabit our spiritual bodies rather than our earthly ones.

It follows from Jesus’ teaching that we may form as many relationships and talk to as many people as we like (see Matthew 8:11).

When I go to heaven, I first want to have a talk with Jesus! After I talk with Jesus, I want to spend time with my family. Then, I’d like to talk to my closest growing-up church friends: Gary Courtney, who was my most intimate Christian friend; Randy; Larry; Mike; Becky and Allison. Then, there’s Albert Fox who mentored me to desire to be a man of God at any price. Along the way he taught me the Bible as well as quantum mechanics and relativity theory. Then, there are my religious heroes, like Charles Spurgeon. I’ll stop there. I could go on and on. So could you.

5. What will we be doing with our time in heaven?

Two things will occupy most of our attention in heaven. First, we will spend a significant amount of time worshipping and praising God:

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” (Revelation 4:9)

Second, much of our time will be invested in fulfilling our God-given duties and responsibilities, based on the number and types of awards that we earned on earth as a result of our profitable or unprofitable service for Jesus.

These rewards range from being saved, to special assignments from Jesus, to what size of mansion that we will have (see 1 Corinthians 3:10-13; Matthew 25:14-30).

6. Will we find healing and comfort in heaven?

Revelation 21:4 declares, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Alexander McLaren used to say, “Please be kind to everyone you meet because everyone is fighting a battle.”

Sometimes, he paused in the middle of a worship service and invited the people to look up and down the rows of people. Then he would say, “Why don’t you say a word of comfort to those who are sitting around you? Everyone of them has needs. Sometimes overt but most of the time hidden.”

I once did the funeral of a man who had suffered a lifetime of physical pain and agony. I was standing beside the open casket when one woman said to another, “He looks so peaceful. He doesn’t have to suffer anymore.”

No more pain and suffering. Jesus will wipe away all of our tears.

7. Will we have full understanding of spiritual and earthly things in heaven?

Think of all the questions that you want to ask Jesus when you get to heaven. We will be able to ask and receive answers to everything. However, I would imagine that many questions that seemed so important on earth will not be nearly as important to us when we get to heaven:

For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

8. Can my loved ones in heaven see me and know what’s happening on earth?

Many would say “No.” I will emphatically say, “YES!”

Let me give you several examples.

In **Revelation 6:9-10**, saints martyred during the Great Tribulation look down from heaven as they pray for God to exact revenge upon their murderers.

In **Luke 15:7**, Jesus reveals that there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

In **Luke 16**, Jesus tells about the rich man who see his brothers on the way to hell. The rich man begged Jesus to let him go warn them.

I am often asked, “But, will it hurt my loved ones in heaven if they see me having troubles and trials on earth?”

I don’t know the answer to that. I trust that God has it all figured out.

When our daughter Jessie died, we said to Jesus, “Would you please tell Jessie that we love her with all of our hearts and are looking forward to seeing her in heaven? I believe that she knows.

9. How will I get from earth to heaven when I die?

Jesus promised, “In my father’s house are many mansions. I go now to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am” (**John 14:1-4**).

Isn’t that fantastic? Not only does He promise to go up to heaven and get our room ready, He’s going to come back and get us and take us up there.

I love that the Lord doesn’t send someone else to get us. That’s such an integral part of His character. He does it Himself. The Lord’s not going to send someone else. He’ll come in person to get us and to take us home. How precious we must be for Him to do that for us!

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:2)

10. **How can we get to heaven?**

The first step to experiencing the love of God is to confess your sin, invite Jesus to forgive your sin and to come into your life and be your Savior:

“For God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Surrender to Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Place your faith in Him as the one who died on the cross in order to forgive all your sins. At the moment you receive Him into your life He gives the gift of eternal Salvation, as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit who indwells you in order to guide and empower your life (John 3:5-8).

Well Julie,

I hope this answers many of your questions about heaven. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Love,
Roger*

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. Philippians 3:13

The world will tell you that the dominating influence in your life is your past. If you came from a difficult home life, that will determine the direction of your life. If your culture was treated unfairly, that will dictate the condition of your life today. If you were hurt or abused or if your youth was spent in rebellion, the remainder of your life will be spent struggling with your past. The world is preoccupied with the past because it faces an uncertain future.

Christians, on the other hand, live in freedom because Christ has overcome our past. The “old things” have been done away with and “new things” have come (2 Cor. 5:17). God has so totally forgiven the Christian’s sin that He chooses not to remember it (Isa. 43:25). Christians do not forget the past; but we are not controlled or motivated by it. The Christian looks to the future with hope.

The people of the world focus on what they are overcoming. Christians focus on what they are becoming. Christians know that the Holy Spirit is conforming them into the image of Christ. Christians know that ultimately they will stand before Christ to give an account of their actions and will spend an eternity in the presence of God. Christians know that eventually every injustice will be addressed and every

hurt comforted. They know that Satan, and death itself, will finally be brought to an end. The Christian's future is so full and rich and exciting that it supersedes whatever happened in the past.

If you are preoccupied with your past, ask God to open your eyes to the incredible future that awaits you and begin, like Paul, to press on to what is ahead.

David Guzik

Study Guide for Revelation 21

A NEW HEAVENS, A NEW EARTH, AND A NEW JERUSALEM

A. All things made new.

1. ([Revelation 21:1](#)) The new heaven and the new earth.

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

a. **Now I saw**: We can say that Revelation [chapter 21](#) begins a new section of the Book of Revelation:

- Jesus, the [Lord of the Churches](#) ([Revelation 1:1](#) to [3:22](#)).
- Jesus, the [Lion over the nations](#) ([Revelation 4:1](#) to [20:15](#)).
- Jesus, the [Lamb among believers](#) ([Revelation 21:1](#) to [22:21](#)).

i. The new perspective of this last section is glorious. "From the smoke and pain and heat it is a relief to pass into the clear, clean atmosphere of the eternal morning where the breath of heaven is sweet and the vast city of God sparkles like a diamond in the radiance of his presence." (Moffatt)

b. **A new heaven and a new earth**: The idea of a new earth, with a new atmosphere and sky is a familiar theme in the Scriptures. Many of the prophets, both Old and New Testaments, spoke of this **new heaven** and **new earth**.

- i. *For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create a Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy.* ([Isaiah 65:17-19](#))
- ii. *Of old, You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; yes all of them will grow old like a garment, like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end.* ([Psalm 102:25-27](#))

iii. *Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat... Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.* ([2 Peter 3:12-13](#))

iv. It's worth remembering that the **new heaven** referred to doesn't mean the **heaven** where God is enthroned. The Bible uses the word **heaven** in three senses. The **first heaven** is the earth's atmosphere, the "blue sky." The **second heaven** is outer space, the "night sky." The **third heaven** is the place where God lives in glory. When the Scriptures speak of a **new heaven**, they mean a new "blue sky" and a new "night sky," not a new heaven where God dwells.

c. **New heaven... new earth**: The ancient Greek word translated **new** here (*kaine*) means "new in character, 'fresh'." It doesn't mean "recent" or "new in time." This isn't just the **next** heaven and the **next** earth; this is the **better** heaven and **better** earth replacing the old (**the first earth had passed away**).

i. Though some disagree (such as Seiss, who argued passionately that this earth will **never** be destroyed) we should understand that this is truly a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, not merely a "remade" heaven and earth. We know this because Jesus said that heaven and earth **shall** pass away, but His Word would live forever ([Luke 21:33](#)). Also, in [Isaiah 65:17](#) God said prophetically that He will create a new heaven and earth, and the ancient Hebrew word for "create" (*bara*) means to "create out of nothing," instead of re-fashioning existing material.

ii. Some take this "newness" as only a spiritual and moral change. But there seems to be a genuine physical transformation in mind: **there was no more sea**.

d. **A new heaven and a new earth**: Is this **new heaven** and **new earth** the Millennial earth shown in [Revelation 20](#), or is it something beyond? It definitely seems to be past the Millennial earth. This is what we think of as "heaven" and "eternity."

i. "In this chapter we see that the history of time is finished; the history of eternity is about to begin." (Barnhouse)

ii. "The eternal state is clearly indicated in the absence of sea, for frequent mention of bodies of water occur in millennial passages (cf. [Psalm 72:8](#); [Isaiah 11:9](#), [11](#); [Ezekiel 47:10](#), [15](#), [17](#), [18](#), [20](#); [48:28](#); [Zechariah 9:10](#); [14:8](#)). The evidence of [Revelation 21:1](#) is so specific that most commentators do not question that the eternal state is in view." (Walvoord)

e. **No more sea**: To the Jewish mind, the sea was a place of separation and evil. Already in the Book of Revelation it is shown to be the source of the Satanic beast ([Revelation 13:1](#)) and the place of the dead ([Revelation 20:13](#)).

i. In other passages of Scripture, the **sea** is associated with the heathen ([Isaiah 57:20](#)) and in a more general sense, with the opponents of the Lord that must be conquered ([Psalm 89:9](#)).

2. ([Revelation 21:2-4](#)) The New Jerusalem descends from heaven.

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God **is with** men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them **and be their** God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

a. **The holy city, New Jerusalem**: This is the Jerusalem of hope ([Hebrews 12:22](#)), the Jerusalem above ([Galatians 4:26](#)), the place of our real citizenship ([Philippians 3:20](#)).

i. The terms **holy** and **new** distinguish the city. Because it is **holy** and **new**, it is different from any earthly city. The name **Jerusalem** gives it continuity with earth, especially with the place of our redemption.

ii. It is significant that this glorious dwelling place of God and His people is described as **the holy city**. Cities are places with many people, and people interacting with each other. This isn't isolation, but a perfect **community** of the people of God.

iii. The Christian concept of heaven as a city — a place of life, activity, interest, and people — is very different from Hindu conception of a blank Nirvana. “The consummation of the Christian hope is supremely social. It is no ‘flight of the alone to the Alone’ but life in the redeemed community of heaven.” (Hunter)

iv. Man has never known a community unmarred by sin. Adam and Eve only knew a limited community, and community in a larger context only came long after the Fall. Here, in the **New Jerusalem**, we have something totally unique: a sinless, pure, community of righteousness, a **holy city**.

v. Problems arise when believers expect this kind of community **now**, or fail to realize that it **only comes down out of heaven**. This city **is** not and **never can be** the achievement of man, but only a gift from God.

b. **Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**: John used the most striking, beautiful image he could think of. The most beautiful thing a man will ever see is his bride coming down the aisle, ready to meet him. John said that this is how beautiful the New Jerusalem will be.

c. **The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them**: Moses' tabernacle represented the dwelling place of God on earth. That was past the **representation** of the dwelling place of God; this **tabernacle of God** is the reality of His presence.

i. **He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people**: This succinctly states essence of *God's desire* and *man's purpose*. Simply, God's desire is to live in close fellowship with man, and man's purpose is to be a people unto God.

ii. *This* is the greatest glory of heaven, and the ultimate restoration of what was lost in the Fall. "I do not think the glory of Eden lay in its grassy walks, or in the boughs bending with luscious fruit-but its glory lay in this, that the 'Lord God walked in the garden in the cool of the day.' Here was Adam's highest privilege, that he had companionship with the Most High." (Spurgeon)

d. **The former things have passed away**: The New Jerusalem is distinguished by what it does *not* have — no tears, no sorrow, no death or pain. Later it will be shown that the New Jerusalem has no temple, no sacrifice, no sun, no moon, no darkness, no sin, and no abomination.

i. "Man comes into the world with a cry; and goes out of it with a groan, and all between is more or less intoned with helpless wailing... But the Halleluias of the renewed world will drown out the voice of woe forever." (Seiss)

e. **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes**: "'*Every tear*,' for they be many; — tears of bereaved affection, such as Mary, and Martha, and the widow of Nain wept; — tears of sympathy and mercy, such as Jeremiah and Jesus wept over the sins and the calamities of Jerusalem; — tears of persecuted innocence, tears of contrition and penitence for faults and crimes against the goodness and majesty of heaven; — tears of disappointment and neglect; — tears of yearning for what cannot now be ours; — these, and whatever others ever course the cheeks of mortals, shall then be dried forever." (Seiss)

i. But the idea of tears in heaven should never be used as a tool of guilt-manipulation on this earth. "There is no just ground for imagining from this text that the saints will shed tears in heaven concerning the failures of their former life on earth. The emphasis here is on the comfort of God, not on the remorse of the saints." (Walvoord)

3. (**Revelation 21:5**) All things new.

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

a. **He who sat on the throne said**: This is an authoritative announcement, coming from the throne of God itself. This is one of the few times in Revelation where we clearly see God speaking directly from His throne.

b. **Behold, I make all things new**: This statement is in the present tense, “*I am making everything new*.” This is the consummation of God’s work of renewal and redemption, having *begun* here and now in our present time.

i. Paul saw this transformation at work on *this side* of eternity: *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* (2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:17)

c. **All things new**: This is a brief glance at the thinking behind God’s eternal plan — to allow sin and its destruction in order to do a greater work of making **all things new**. At this point in His plan of the ages, the plan is complete. **All things** are **new**.

i. Our instinct is to romantically consider innocence as man’s perfect state, and wish Adam would have never done what he did. But we fail to realize that redeemed man is greater than innocent man, that we gain more in Jesus than we ever lost in Adam. God’s perfect state is one of redemption, not innocence.

ii. When God finally completes this work of making **all things new**, they will *stay new*. “Presumably this means not only that everything will be made new, but also that everything will stay then new. The entropy law will be ‘repealed.’ Nothing will wear out or decay, and no one will age or atrophy anymore.” (H. Morris)

d. **Write, for these words are true and faithful**: John was probably so astounded by these words that he forgot to **write** — and must be told to do so.

4. (Revelation 21:6-8) The invitation and a warning.

And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

a. **It is done!** God’s eternal purpose in Jesus is now accomplished. [Ephesians 1:10](#) has been fulfilled: *that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.* At this point, all things have been resolved or summed up in Jesus — **it is done!**

b. **I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts**: Drinking and thirst are common pictures of God’s supply and man’s spiritual need. Drinking is an action, but an action of receiving — like faith, it is *doing* something, but it is not a merit-earning work in itself.

i. "What does a thirsty man do to get rid of his thirst? He drinks. Perhaps there is no better representation of faith in all the Word of God than that. To drink is to receive-to take in the refreshing draught-and that is all. A man's face may be unwashed, but yet he can drink; he may be a very unworthy character, but yet a draught of water will remove his thirst. Drinking is such a remarkably easy thing, it is even more simple than eating." (Spurgeon)

c. **He who overcomes shall inherit all things**: Those who overcome (by faith in Jesus, as in [1 John 5:5](#)) enjoy a special relationship with God (**I will be his God and he shall be My son**).

d. **But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable... have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone**: Those who reject Jesus and make themselves apostate are specifically prohibited from entering the New Jerusalem.

i. **Cowardly**: Is cowardice enough to send a person to hell? "John is not speaking of natural timidity, but of that cowardice which in the last resort chooses self and safety before Christ." (L. Morris) John Trapp spoke of these "Cowardly recreants, white-livered milk-sops, that pull in their horns for every pile of grass that toucheth them, that are afraid of every new step."

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Verse by Verse Study on Revelation 21-22

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I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away ([Rev 21:1](#));

Now, we are beyond the thousand years. The first heaven is passed away. Peter tells us it passes away with a great noise with a fervent heat as the elements are dissolved.

Now, God spoke the universe into existence. And in speaking it into existence, He spoke into existence a scientific puzzle. For in speaking matter into existence, He brought the protons and electrons and assembled them together. And in creating the atoms, and bringing into the heart of the atom, the protons tightly knit together in the nucleus of the atom, He violated the law of electricity, Collins Law, which speaks of the repelling force of positive charges. Positive poles repel. Try to put them together and they will fight each other. There is a repelling force of positive charges, tremendously powerful repelling force.

The atom bomb illustrates to us the true nature of an atom. For what is happening is the nucleus of an atom is bombarded with slow moving neutrons that upset the delicate balance of the protons in the heart of the atom and it releases them. As it releases them, you have this tremendous release of energy and power and you see the tremendous power released when protons within an atom are set

free. It is an equivalent power that holds them together. It takes an equivalent power to hold the nucleus of an atom together that is released when the nucleus is unbalanced.

Now, God who holds together the universe by the word of His power, and we are told this in the scripture; He created it by the word of His power and by Him all things are held together. All He is going to do is relax and let it go, and the whole material universe will go up in one gigantic puff. The elements will be dissolved and melted with a fervent heat. The heavens will be on fire. The whole material universe following the natural laws with the protons repelling each other, and this whole material universe will go out of existence in a moment's time.

And then God said, "Behold, I create all things new," Isaiah sixty-six. There will be a new heaven and a new earth and the former will not be remembered or brought into mind. We are not going to sit around after that age and say, "Remember down on earth we used to". God is just going to excise from our brain all those DNA molecules that hold those memory stores and banks and it will be gone, not be remembered or brought into mind.

the first earth and the first heaven passed away; no more sea ([Rev 21:1](#)).

To bad surfers, but I am sure God will have something quite superior.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband ([Rev 21:2](#)).

Now, this new earth will be orbited by the New Jerusalem. I believe the New Jerusalem will actually be an orbit around the new earth. It will be approximately the size of the moon. It will be cubed however rather than round and it will be fourteen hundred miles cubed.

Now, if we lived dimensionally at that time, you know we live on the surface of the earth, but if you had a cube and we lived dimensionally, it is interesting to get out your pencil and notepad and figure how many square miles you could get in a cube that was fourteen hundred miles in each direction. You would be amazed what fourteen hundred cubed becomes. Needless to say, you could all have a square mile and if we need more space what you do is just move your ceiling down to a half-mile and you double again the capacity.

And I heard the great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, [God is now going to dwell in the midst among His people.] they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. He will wipe away all their tears; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away ([Rev 21:3-4](#)).

No physical infirmities, no weaknesses, no tiredness, and no weariness.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful ([Rev 21:5](#)).

It sounds like a dream, doesn't it? It sounds like a fairy tale. It sounds too good to be true. And because it is really just so good, that it is hard for us to conceive it so the Lord puts this special little "write these things because these sayings are faithful and true." God attests now to the truth of what He is declaring. You can believe it. You can trust it.

And he said unto me, It is finished. I am Alpha and Omega ([Rev 21:6](#)),

Jesus is called the author and the finisher of our faith, the beginning and the end.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of water of life freely ([Rev 21:6](#)).

Jesus, that day on the temple mount, cried, "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink." To the woman at the well He said, "If you drink of this water, you will thirst again, if you drink of the water that I give you will never thirst again" ([John 4:13-14](#)). And once again the invitation for those that are thirsty, "He will give the fountains of living water freely."

He that overcometh shall inherit all things ([Rev 21:7](#))

"Come ye blessed of the Father inherit," Jesus said, "the things that were prepared for you from the foundations of the earth" ([Matthew 25:34](#)). We are told about the glorious inheritance of the saints in light. That inheritance that has- "If we are sons of God then we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ" ([Romans 8:17](#)). We are going to inherit the whole new universe that God creates. It is all ours to enjoy to the fullest with Him.

And I will be his God, and he will be my son ([Rev 21:7](#)).

Beloved now are we the sons of God. What a privilege and what a blessing.

But outside the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, the drug abusers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. [We've already looked at that] And there came unto me one of the seven angels ([Rev 21:8-9](#))

Now, these are the angels that had those seven final vials. One of them showed him the destruction of the religious Babylon system in chapter seventeen. Now again one of the seven angels,

which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, came and talked with me, saying, Come over here, and I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. And so he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal ([Rev 21:9-11](#));

So you see how light refracts in a crystal and the brilliance or in a diamond the refraction of light, the glorious colors that are coming forth from the new Jerusalem as it descends out of heaven to take its place of orbit around the new earth.

And had a wall great and high, twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel ([Rev 21:12](#)):

So, the company includes those believers of the Old Testament time, Abraham and all of those who God imputed righteousness through their faith, but also the foundations with the names of the apostles representing the church.

three gates on the north; three on the south; three on the east; three on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and those are the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city is foursquare [it is squared], and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs [fourteen hundred miles approximately]. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. [So it is a square] And he measured the wall, a hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man ([Rev 21:13-17](#)),

A cubit is about eighteen inches, so the height of the wall is about two hundred feet or so.

And the building of the wall was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second was sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gates was one pearl [or one huge pearl at each gate]: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass ([Rev 21:18-21](#)).

I think that God is doing that to show us that the value system is totally different in heaven as it is here. That which we highly prize and value that men will lie for, kill for and steal for will have no value up there. It is just asphalt.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it ([Rev 21:22](#)).

No need of a temple because we meet God everywhere now. He is dwelling with His people. You need no meeting place where you go to meet God. He is dwelling amongst His people.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof ([Rev 21:23](#)).

The glorious incandescent light, of the Shekinah of God, the glory of God.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, or whatsoever works abomination, or a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life ([Rev 21:24-27](#)).

So, there will be limited access.

Now, perhaps God is going to create another new order upon the earth, the new earth. It is very possible. You can't limit God. There is no real proof that man is the first order that God created upon the earth here. Adam is the first of the Homosapiens after His type, but what kind of persons or beings or intelligent beings did God create before man? Who knows? And what kind God may create after us, who knows? God has got a lot of secrets that He hasn't told us yet. And it is going to be a glorious time in history discovering the mysteries of God, that is, the truths that have not yet been revealed.

Now, the church was a mystery. God didn't reveal the truth of the church until the New Testament times. And Paul said, "that He has hid these things from the Old Testament prophets, but now He has revealed them unto us"([Colossians 1:26](#)), the mystery of the church.

So, there are glorious things. There are nations and the access though to this heavenly city will be the kings. We will reign with Him as kings, bringing the glory of the nations unto him. So, just what kind of order, or whatever, is only speculation and as such worthless, but it will be interesting when we get there and find out. I'm not going to add to it.

Chapter 22

And he shewed me a pure river ([Rev 22:1](#))

You know it is going to be new, because these don't exist anymore here.

of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. And in the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bore twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month ([Rev 22:1-2](#)):

So, you have an interesting kind of a tree here. And of course, we have been fooling around genetically with trees and plants and we have been able to do a lot of interesting things with genetic manipulation of plants and trees. We have created different types of hybrids and different kinds of resistances and so forth.

In fact, they have created a tomato plant now in Israel at the Beersheba University, a tomato plant that you can irrigate with seawater. You don't get salty tomatoes. But who knows; maybe they will be able to develop that in time where the tomato would already be salted when you get it. But they are irrigating tomato plants now with Mediterranean Sea water. And they are doing a lot of things with the genetic codes. The new thing here is these new seedless flame grapes. And it's great what man has been able to do messing around with some of the genetic codes of some of the plants and trees.

When I was a kid we lived off of North Broadway Street here in Santa Ana, and we had a tree that had both Navel and Valencia oranges growing on it, as well as grapefruits and lemons. So, during part of the year we could pick the Valencia oranges, during the winter months pick the navel oranges, and in the meantime, eat the grapefruit and have lemonade. It was just a thing of grafting into the basic root system the various types of citrus fruits. And now you can buy some trees that have peaches and nectarines on them. It is interesting.

God is going to have a tree that has twelve different kinds of fruit and every month a fruit will be ripe. It is going to be a neat tree. I am such a fruit lover anyhow; I am going to see if I can get a few of those planted in my yard.

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations ([Rev 22:2](#)).

So, there will be a medicinal value in the leaves of the tree.

And there shall be no more curse ([Rev 22:3](#)):

The earth, you remember, was cursed as a result of sin. "Cursed will be the ground; thorns and thistles will it bring forth. Cursed be man, by the sweat of his brow shall he earn his bread" ([Genesis 3:18-19](#)), and so forth. There will be no more curse.

but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face ([Rev 22:3-4](#));

"Blessed are the pure in heart", Jesus said, "for they shall see God" ([Matthew 5:8](#)). "They shall see His face",

and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, nor light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever ([Rev 22:3-5](#)).

Hard to believe; isn't it? That is why he immediately said,

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true ([Rev 22:6](#)):

It sounds too good to be true. It sounds, wow! So the Lord affirms that these are true and faithful sayings. Again, the affirmation of the truth of what God is declaring for your skeptical mind that finds it hard to believe that God should do such a thing for us. For we are so unworthy and undeserving that

we should reign forever and ever in His glorious New Kingdom and New World and new age. So, the Lord assures you these are true and faithful sayings.

and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold ([Rev 22:6-7](#)),

The Lord is talking here to John now.

I come quickly: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, I heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me those things ([Rev 22:7-8](#)).

He did this a little earlier and the angel said to him to stand up. "Don't do that." But John is overwhelmed again; he is just wiped out, overwhelmed that the guy tells him that, so he falls down at his feet again to worship him

Then the angel said, Don't do that: for I am thy fellowservant, of the brethren the prophets, of those which keep the sayings of this book: worship God ([Rev 22:9](#)).

Again John making the mistake that man so often makes worshipping the instrument of God. "Don't do that. Worship God."

And he said unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand ([Rev 22:10](#)).

Now, you remember when he talked to Daniel, he said seal up those things and don't write them, for they are for the end. In the last days, knowledge will be increased. So, seal them up there will be a time that they will be understood, but they are not for you, Daniel. Now with John, he said, "don't seal the book. Leave it open, because things are going to start working out".

Now the interesting thing is that so many people look at Revelation as though it were a sealed book. "Oh, that is a sealed book. You don't want to get into that. No one can understand it." It is because they don't attempt to or they attempted to spiritualize the meanings, and if you do that it becomes meaningless. So, if you just read it and say "wow" and accept it as it is, not adding to it or taking away, you have no problem. It is only when you try to spiritualize everything in it, and give everything some kind of a weird meaning, that it becomes a difficult book to understand. "So don't seal the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand."

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold [again the Lord is talking], I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be ([Rev 22:11-12](#)).

Now, as a child of God I will not be judged for my sins; that has all been covered by Jesus Christ. As a child of God the gift of eternal life is just that, it is God's gift to me. I can't earn it. I do not deserve it. It is a gift of God. "By grace you are saved through faith and that not of yourself it is a gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast"([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). However, God is going to reward me according to the works that I do. There will be degrees of rewards in heaven.

Now, as far as eternal life, that is God's gift. I can't deserve that or earn it. I don't deserve it. It is God's gift to me by faith in Jesus Christ, faith alone. That is the only basis upon which this gift is predicated and God gave me the faith to believe. However, now that I believe I want to serve God and I offer myself to God to serve Him, and the works that I do for God, I will be rewarded for them, those works that are done out of a pure motivation.

Now, there are a lot of works that people do that there will be no reward. If your work is just for a big show to just be known among people, and they say, "Oh, man he's just a holy Joe." And you do things to give them that kind of a feeling, you learn to close your eyes at the proper time and fold your hands and you learn to talk in such a way that it sort of oozes of righteousness and spirituality, so that people they can just talk to you and know that you walk close to God. That kind of stuff is junky and there is no reward for that.

Jesus said, "Take heed that you do not your righteousness before men to be seen of men, because then you have your reward"([Matthew 6:1](#)). So, when you pray don't go out on the street corner and do a big thing so that everyone goes by and says, "What is happening? "Oh, he's a spiritual man." "Go in your closet, shut the door and talk to your Father who sees in secret and He will reward you openly"([Matthew 6:6](#)). When you give don't make a big to-do over it; don't play the Halleluia chorus and do cartwheels. Learn to do things without drawing attention to yourself. "Let your light so shine before men that when they see your good works they glorify your Father which is in heaven"([Matthew 5:16](#)), because we will be rewarded according to those works that have right motivation.

Now, Jesus said, "If we do our works to be seen of men then we have our reward now." So, be careful about that. There is a real danger, subtle danger there.

"So, I'm coming quickly. My rewards are with Me and I'm going to reward every man according to his work."

You remember the one who received the five talents? How he brought them and said, "Lord you gave me five and I increased them and I now have ten." "Good job. I am going to make you ruler over ten cities. Enter into the joy of the Lord." "Lord you gave me four talents and I went out and used them and I have eight." All right, good work, make you ruler over eight cities." "Hey, Lord, I know you are an austere man. You like to reap where you didn't sow and so forth. So I knew how you were about the money that You distributed, so I took the money and buried it and here it is, Lord. So I dug it up and

got it out of the napkin and it's all preserved. You can have it back again." Not so good. No reward. "I'm coming quickly. My reward is with Me."

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last ([Rev 22:13](#)).

Now, these words were declared of God the Father in chapter one. Here Jesus is talking to John and He is declaring the same thing.

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 ([Rev 22:14](#)).

Jesus said, "I am the door to the sheepfold."

For without are dogs, drug abusers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie. I Jesus have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the churches ([Rev 22:15-16](#)).

So, this is for the churches. The Lord sent it for the churches.

I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and the morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come ([Rev 22:16-17](#)).

God's invitation to you to come and to share in the glories of His eternal kingdom.

And let him that heareth say, Come. [Come Lord Jesus and establish Your kingdom.] Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely ([Rev 22:17](#)).

It is open and available. Help yourself.

For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book ([Rev 22:18-19](#)).

I cannot imagine the audacity of man to mess around with the book of Revelation with a warning like that, or to try to read something into or read something out of it. I can't imagine such audacity. That is why I take the book literally even though I may not understand all of it. I take it literally and I teach it literally, because I don't want to be guilty of adding to or taking away. I'd rather be wrong in my literal interpretation of the book than to be wrong and add to the book by spiritualizing, or take away from it by spiritualizing.

In other words, this book is not to be messed with, just to be believed and practiced. "Blessed are they that read, hear and practice the words of this prophecy, putting them into practice in their lives."

So, that is what it is for, to be read and heard and put into practice, not to be argued with, or disputed over or whatever.

He which testifies these things saith, Surely I come quickly. So be it. Even so, come, Lord Jesus ([Rev 22:20](#)).

Well, that was almost nineteen hundred years ago that He said, "Behold, I come quickly." But Lord it has been nineteen hundred years. Peter said, "In the last days there will be scoffers that will come along and saying where is the promise of His coming? Since our fathers have fallen asleep everything has gone on as it was from the beginning"([2 Peter 3:3](#)). "You know, God stepped out." Foolishness. Jesus is coming again, foolishness. Where is the promise? Things are just going to go on and on and on. There is not going to be any interruption in history.

But Peter said, "God isn't slack concerning His promises," that is the promise of the coming, "as some men count slackness." But he said, "You need to consider that one day is as a thousand years to the Lord and a thousand years is as one day"([2 Peter 3:8](#)). We say it has almost been almost two thousand years. Well, the Lord says, "It has only been a couple days. Guess we better get back." "Behold, I come quickly."

How, quickly is He coming for you? We don't know; do we? But I do believe that the time of the return of Jesus Christ is very, very near. There is an indication in Hosea that for two days Israel will be as dead, but in the third day God will revive them and they will live before him. Again a thousand years to a day and a day to a thousand years. For two thousand years Israel was like dead, but now they have revived. The prophecy of Hosea is fulfilled. And so I do believe that the day of the Lord is at hand. And I, with John, would respond, "Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Oh, how my heart yearns for the Lord to come and the establishing of His kingdom. How I desire to see the New World, the new age with Jesus reigning as King and Lord.

John's final parting words and the closing words of the Bible. How appropriate.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. So be it. ([Rev 22:21](#))

Isn't that beautiful? What a glorious way to end this glorious book. Just the bequest of God's grace or the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ upon you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ rest or be upon or be with all of you. "So be it."

Shall we pray.

Lord we thank you for Your grace and by grace we will be able to participate in the glorious inheritance of the saints in light. Thank you, Lord, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness, taken the rebellion out of our hearts, and given us a heart of love, a heart of commitment, a heart of faith. Lord we want to serve You because we love You. And we thank you Lord for that hope

that You have given to us of the New World, the new age where righteousness shall reign and Jesus shall reign where here the sun doth her successive journeys run. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus. Amen.

You didn't think I could do it, did you? Neither did I. Praise the Lord for His Word, a lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path, a power in our lives to keep us from sin. Life itself, "For the entrance of thy word giveth life." How we need to walk in the light of God's Word.

I'm sort of excited about the possibility of starting all over again, getting back into Genesis where it all began and see how the Lord works from the beginning to the end. Now we've closed things out. We've entered on into the eons of the eternity, the future. The sun has disappeared, dissipated, gone. And in the ages to come God is now revealing to us the exceeding richness of His love and mercy towards us in Christ, on out forever and ever with our Lord. So we'll go back now and retrace the rebellion of man from the beginning; its effect upon man, mankind and God's patient dealing in love, longsuffering as He draws forth His plan and draws man to His plan that ultimately we might share with Him that eternity in His kingdom of love and grace.

So may the Lord be with you and may the Lord bless you and may He prepare your heart as we prepare to start through once more. I really believe this will be the last time. Our glorious adventure learning of Him.

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