



The *Glorious Future* and the 7 New Things



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Chapter 21-22



The **GLORIOUS FUTURE**

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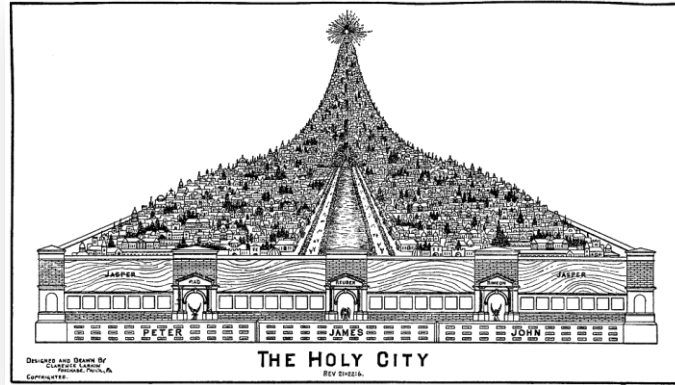
A King shall Reign in Righteousness



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The Glorious Future

The Seven New Things



Revelation 21:1 “Now I saw a new^[A] heaven and a new^[A] earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away^[B]. Also there was no more sea.”



At the conclusion of the Great White Throne Judgment, the heavens and the earth pass away.^[B] After reconsidering the meaning of this phrase, “pass away” and the reference to “new” found in c21:1, I now believe the Heaven (earth’s atmosphere) and the earth will either be completely destroyed, or so “renovated” as to be considered new.

It has even been suggested that God will enlarge this earth many times over for all the saints of all time (past, present, future) shall be here, even God will change His address and His temple will be here on earth c21:3). This is a fulfillment of the words of Jesus:

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away^[B], but My words will by no means pass away.”

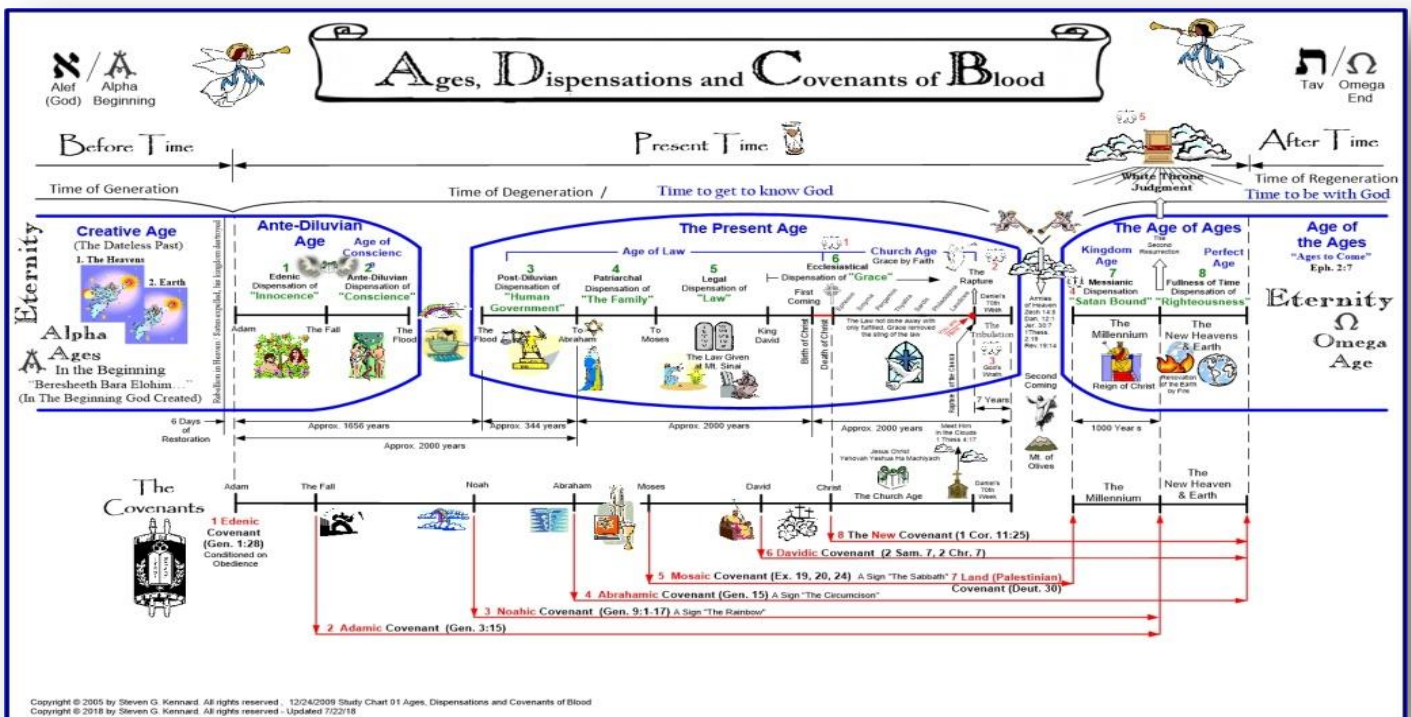
2 Peter 3:7, 10-13 “⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” ... ¹⁰ “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the

¹ ^[A][New - #G2537- meaning never used, recently made, fresh]. ^[B] [Pass Away - #G3928 – meaning to perish, cease to be]. The “G” indicates this Strong’s definition number is according to the Greek. An “H” indicates the Hebrew concordance.

elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” (Fulfilled in Rev.21-22).

It is directly after the Great White Throne Judgment that the old heaven and earth pass away (renovated by fire) and we enter a new age, the ...

Perfect Age in the Dispensation of Righteousness

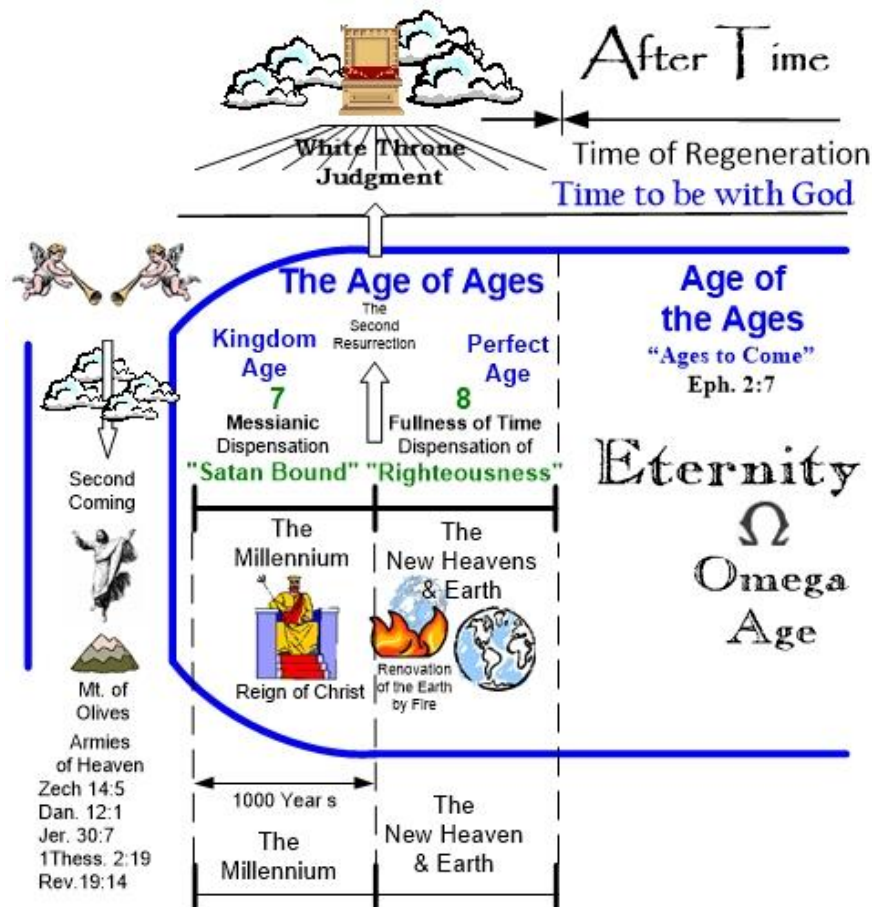


Revelation 21:3 (NASB), “And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,”

Revelation 21:4 (NASB), ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Isaiah 11:6-9 (NASB), ⁶ “And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. ⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.”

The **PERFECT AGE** comes after the Great White Throne Judgment of God. Heaven and Earth pass away, and all things become new. Revelation 21 gives us a list of seven things God makes new. This is the **AGE** of the **DISPENSATION of RIGHTEOUSNESS** and it will see the **FULLNESS OF TIME**. It ushers in the **AGE of the AGES** (Ages to come Eph.2:7) and Eternity to Come, called the **OMEGA AGE** (Reference chart Ages, Dispensations and Covenants of Blood).



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7 New Things

"Behold, I Make all things New"
Rev. 21:5



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New Heaven & Earth
Rev. 21:1

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3
A New City
Rev. 21:2
Jn. 14:1-3

1500 miles sq.

4
New Nations
Rev. 21:24-27

Earthly Kings
Book of Life

5
The New River
Rev. 22:1

1. River of Life shall come from His throne crystal clear

6
The New Tree of Life
Rev. 22:2

1. Each tree different fruit each month.
2. Leaves for the healing of the nations.

7
A New Throne
Rev. 22:3-5

No more curse
Zech. 14:11

1. His name on their foreheads
2. No night there
3. Reign forever

Paradise Restored



The *Seven New Things*



1. *A New Heaven*

Rev. 21:1, “Now I saw a new heaven ...” In this verse John uses the word heaven as opposed to heavens. In the Greek this is “Ouranos” {oo-ran-os'} (Strong's #G3772). This is used in the singular form meaning the sky, air or heaven above us. The new heaven could very well be as it was in the beginning (Gen.1:1). God will restore the heaven back to its original condition before the fall of Lucifer and ultimately the sin of Adam.



2. *A New Earth*

Rev. 21:1, “Now I saw... a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. This clearly limits this creative act to our own planet rather than the whole of heaven and the stars (2 Peter 3:7-13). This also is a fulfillment of Isaiah 66.

Isaiah 65: 17-25 (NASB), ¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and **the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.** ¹⁸“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing and her people *for* gladness. ¹⁹“I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying. ²⁰“No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days*, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be *thought* accursed. ²¹“They will build houses and inhabit *them*; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²“They will not build and another inhabit. They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. ²³“They will not labor in vain, or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them. ²⁴It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still

speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

Isaiah 66:22, "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain."

The "New Earth" shall be restored to its **EDENIC** beauty and glory. There shall no longer be thorns and thistles, no parasites or destructive insects and any labor that you would do shall be a delight. No savage beasts to lie in ambush to destroy and devour. The curse (Gen.3:16-19) will be removed finally. No evidence of the sin that came into the world due to the fall of man. This is the way God intended it to be in the beginning.



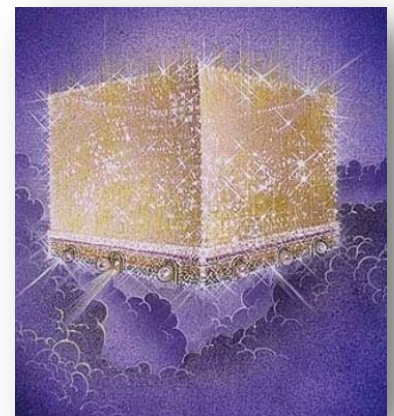
The meek shall inherit the earth, and from the North to the South and from the East to the West the earth shall blossom like the rose and be clothed with the glory of Paradise Restored.

3. *A New City*

Revelation 21:2, "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"

A fulfillment of the words of Jesus:

John 14:1-3, ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



This is your inheritance in Christ:

Colossians 3:24, "knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

1 Peter 1:4, “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”



God Changes His Address

Ezekiel 37:27 (NASB), “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

The Tabernacle of God has always been the place where God dwelt among His people. The first one was built by Moses in the desert wilderness. It was eventually replaced by a more permanent structure. By the end of the tribulation period, there will have been three Jewish Temples built and destroyed (Moses, Solomon, Herod).

At this point in time all sin has been done away with, there is no more unrighteousness, no pain, no sorrow, no tears, for Jesus Christ will wipe away every tear from every eye. There will be no more death, for the former things are passed away and behold all things have been made new.

It will be a time of eternal righteousness. It is at this time that God will move His heavenly Tabernacle from heaven to earth.

Revelation 21:3, “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.”



What a glorious time this will be when the glory of heaven comes down to earth. There will be no difference between Jew or Gentile, for we all will be “His People” and He will dwell among us and be our God. At this point the New City, called the New Jerusalem, also comes down from heaven and comes to rest somewhere above the actual city of Jerusalem. This is the abode of the saints of God, and they will go back and forth from it to earth as they have need or the desire to do. This is a final fulfillment of Jacob’s Dream.

Genesis 28:12, “Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

With the Kingdom of Heaven in perfect order and all restored to its original perfect condition, He who sits on the throne finally declares, “**IT IS DONE!**” He then identifies Himself as the **ALPHA and OMEGA**, the Beginning and the End. He is Jesus Christ, the Finisher of all things.

Revelation 21:5-6, ⁵“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." ⁶And 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.”

This is the third time we find in Scripture where Jesus Christ has said “It is done” or “finished”.

John 19:30, “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”

Revelation 16:17-21, ¹⁷“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Jesus had finished His redemptive work on the cross when He said “it is finished.” Now God’s will for the ages has been accomplished through His Son and again He says, “It is done.” In these verses we find the fulfillment of another Scripture. Jesus is at the well of Jacob when a woman of Samaria comes to the well to get water. They have a short conversation. Then Jesus tells her:



John 4:13-14, Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

We find the fulfillment of that statement in Rev.21:6 (above). Jesus Himself will give the water of life freely as He has told the woman at the well so many years ago.

The New Jerusalem

Rev.21:9-27

Then John says one of the angels that had one of the seven bowls of judgment of the tribulation period came to him. He carried John away in the spirit to a high mountain overlooking that great city. John called the Holy Jerusalem. The angel told John he would show him the “Bride” (of Rev.19:7-9), the Lamb’s wife.

This would certainly indicate that the church, the “Bride of Christ,” has been in heaven and has already received her reward, her inheritance. John tells us that the city descended out of heaven and had the glory of God as her light. John goes on to describe three main characteristics of this magnificent city which are:

3.1 The brilliance of the city, verses 9-14

- Its light was bright from the glory of God and likened unto a jasper stone that is clear as crystal.
- Twelve gates it has, three on each of its four walls, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on them.
- Each wall had twelve foundations, and in them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Each foundation layer was garnished with all types of precious stones.
- There was no sun for light, for the glory of God and the Lamb gave the city its light. (ref. John 1:4-5)
- The nations of the earth and the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into the city.

3.2 The size of the city, verses 15-17

- The angel measures the city and finds it to be 12,000 furlongs deep, wide and tall, a perfect cube. When converted into miles, we find the city is 1500 miles long by 1500 miles wide by 1500 miles tall. If it were laid alongside the United States, it would stretch from Maine to Florida and from the Eastern seaboard to six hundred miles west of the Mississippi River, covering more than half of the United States. It would then rise up 1500 miles out into space.

3.3 The beauty of the city, verses 18-21

- The walls themselves were of Jasper and the city of pure gold and as clear as glass.
- Each of the twelve gates are made of one solid pearl
- The streets were made of pure gold like transparent glass
- There is no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were the temple of it.

4. *New Nations*

Rev.21:24-27, ²⁴“And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.”

Notice in the above verses the references to the nations and the kings of the earth. Even when speaking of Lucifer, there were mentions of kingdoms (in the dateless past). In the world today, we still have kingdoms and kings. It is the order of things and it will continue for eternity. It is amazing that in God's great scheme of things there is always order never chaos.

Who will these Kings be, who will rule over the Kingdom's of that time? I have a suggestion from a parable Jesus told.

The Parable of the Talents: The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 25:14-25, 30; Luke 19:12-27

Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a man who was traveling, but before he goes he calls in three of his servants and gives each different amounts of money to invest for him while he was gone. While he was gone two of the servants invested the money and made handsome returns on the money, but the third servant took the little amount of money he was given and buried it until his master returned, then he would give it back safe and sound.



When the Master returned the two servants who had done what their Master had asked of them were given their reward for their obedience.

In the Gospel of Luke the disciple tells a similar parable, but with more detail. In v13-17 the Master tells the servant that He will make them rulers over cities. This then would be that time that those who have done what God has laid before them will reap the reward for their faith in Him.

This will also be the time that this world and the Kingdom of Heaven will enter into the “**AGE OF AGES**”, in the “**AGES TO COME**” (Eph.2:7) known as the OMEGA AGE, the eternity future.

Ephesians 2:7 (NASB), “So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

One of the key components of this time is that **RIGHTEOUSNESS** will reign. The Lord will take from our memories all remembrance of the old life, of old pain and sorrow and of loved one lost. There shall be no more sickness or death for we are eternal beings and we shall be perfect as He is perfect. The earth and the entire Kingdom of Heaven will be perfect and righteousness is all we will know. Consider this verse:

Isaiah 32:1, “Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly.”

If you have ever read the 1st and 2nd Book of Adam and Eve (a third party historical account of the events of Adam and Eve, author unknown) there is a place in the story where the Word promises Adam that after seven thousand years he could back into the garden that he and Eve were kicked out of.

Is it possible that God will restore this earth to that condition again of perfect completeness as He created it in Genesis 1:1? It was Eden, the Garden of God (Ezekiel 28:13). I believe God will restore this earth to the state it was in before sin entered into the world. This time there will be no evil, no Satan and man will know what God had planned for him from the beginning, eternity with his maker in the fruitful place.

Paradise Restored

The River and the Tree of Life

5. *The New River*

Revelation 22:1 “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

At one time the rivers of the earth were clear, and perhaps there may be still some mountaintop stream that is unpolluted, but for the most part the rivers of the earth are not clear but contain pollutants. One of the fastest growing industries in the world is now clear, healthy (hopefully) bottled water.

Here John tells us of a new river that flows from the Throne of God, its water as clear as crystal and life giving. It is called the “*Water of Life*” because of its life-giving properties. Earthly rivers have their source from a mountain spring, but the “River of Life” has its source from the “Throne of God.”

This is the water that Jesus referred to when He encountered the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus told her what He tells us today, John 4: 10, ... “If you had asked Him He would have given you living water. ... v14, whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

6. *The New Tree of Life*

Revelation 22:2 “In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

The streets are to be lined with trees, as are also the banks of a wonderful river. These trees are not mere shade trees, but beautiful fruit trees, called the “Tree of Life,” that bear twelve kinds of fruit, a different kind each month. The fruit of these trees is for “Overcomers Only.”

Revelation 2:7 "... To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

The leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations that shall occupy the new earth. Not that there will be any sickness, but to preserve them in health, as Adam would have been preserved in health if he had eaten of the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden (Gen.3:22-24).

7. *The New Throne*

Revelation 22:3-5 “³And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”

- The Curse, Reference Genesis 3:17-19, 1000 yr. reign also referenced in Zech. 14:11

The Jewish people have always sought after a temple, a place to go to and worship God. By this time in the chronology of the events of eschatology there will have been three temples (Solomon, Herold, and Tribulation Temple). The thing about the New Jerusalem is that there is no temple. Why need a temple when the object of worship is present, for “The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the **TEMPLE** of it.”

The Holy City which is called the New Jerusalem, shall come down from Heaven to earth, and this earth will become the **RESIDENCE OF GOD**. Therefore God will dwell among His people, which have always been His desire since Mt. Sini (Exodus 45:45-46)

John's Final Testimony and a Warning



Revelation 22:6-15 “⁶ Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. ⁷ "Behold, I am coming

quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." ⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

Verse seven reminds me of something the Lord said to John at the opening of the book:

Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."

Now, John is being told again

Revelation 22:7 "Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

This message is repeated in verse twelve.

Revelation 22:12 "I come quickly and my reward is with me to give to every man according to his works".

It seems that the Lord wanted the message to be clear and understood; that He is coming quickly and His reward (the blessings of verse 1:3; 22:7) is with Him. We should live our lives knowing that His return is imminent. Once you see the prophecies begin to happen, then look up, for our redemption draws nigh. This means that once the prophecies begin, their fulfillment will come faster and more frequent until His return happens.

He likened this scenario of events to a woman who is about to give birth. We know the event is near by her labor pains when they become more intense and closer together. So it will be just before the return of the Messiah. This then is for us the number one sign we should be looking for.

Once you have heard and know the prophecies, you must decide what you shall do. Blessed are you if you keep God's Word and the sayings that are in Revelations. Time and time again throughout the Book, the reader is told, "Blessed are you who keep the words, or do the things which are written in the Book." Once a believer has accepted Christ as Savior, it is not enough to simply "do nothing." You will be known by your "works" and by what kind they are. Keeping the Word and doing the Word are words of action and of good works.

Revelation 22:8, "Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things."

For the second time in the Book of Revelation, John makes the same mistake: He falls down and worships the angel. In chapter 19:10 John worships the angel, but is quickly rebuked. Now John is rebuked again. The angel reminds him that he is also a fellow servant of the Lord and that he ought to worship God.

A good word of advice for us all: we do not worship angels, or objects, or anything made with hands, or other people. As the angel told John “we ought to worship God.”

In the book of Daniel the Lord tells Daniel:

Daniel 12:4, "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

The prophetic word was to be “shut up” or hidden from men until the “time of the end.” This was not the end of the world (for the world will never end), but rather the “end of the age,” a “time” (or the season) when “knowledge shall increase” and men shall “run to and fro” over the earth.

Revelation 22:10 “And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”

Unlike the angel told Daniel in Daniel 12:4 (above), to seal up the book until the time of the end; John is being told not to seal these words of prophecy of the book. “The time is at hand,” its message is for the churches and today as we are now in the “Time of the End” according to Daniel.

In Rev.22:10 above the prophetic word is now to be revealed as Jesus told John “not to seal the words of the prophecy.” This means that with study (2 Tim.2:15) the prophecies of this book can and will be revealed to you. We can know and understand the book of Revelation. It will be revealed to those who seek its knowledge and earnestly desire its correct interpretation.

In this verse the word “*time*” is the Greek word “*kairos*” meaning “*season, opportunity, in due time.*” The Lord is telling us that NOW is the **SEASON for the REVEALING of HIMSELF** through this last book of the Bible. The opportunity to understand is available to us. The prophecies of this book are to be made known and not sealed up. Now is the time to make ourselves ready and strengthen ourselves for “such a time as this,” the time of the “**END OF THE AGE.**” God has revealed His plan through His Word and it will be revealed to those who earnestly seek it. Surely the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:11, "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

After hearing the Word preached and the prophecies revealed, there will be those who still choose to reject Christ, mocking His message of love. Hence verse eleven states,

“Let him be unjust still, he who is filthy, let him be filthy still.” For the hardness of their hearts God will let them have their own way.

Psalms 81:12, “So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, to walk in their own counsels.”

“Let him who is righteous let him be righteous still,” a statement to believers, “do not be weary in well doing” (Gal.6:9; 2 Thess.3:13). Keep the faith even through troublesome times. For those who are righteous and holy ... “be righteous and holy still.”

In Rev.22:13 the speaker identifies himself as the same speaker from Rev.1:10 and 21:6. He declares:

Revelation 22:13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

Jesus Christ the Messiah (Yehovah Yeshua Ha Machiyach), the same Jesus that we found in the fourth word of the Bible. He is the “*Alpha Tav*,” or in the English, “Alpha and Omega,” the First and the Last. He identifies Himself as the beginning of all things (creator) and the last, or ending of all things (judge). This is the constant theme that permeates Scripture.

Hebrews 12:2, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

In v14 Jesus reminds us that:

Revelation 22:14, “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

Note, in many translations this phrase is rendered

“Blessed are they that wash their robes (in the blood of the Lamb), that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

One translation suggests that the way to the tree of life is through keeping His commandments, while the second rendition speaks towards the work of Jesus on the cross and faith in the blood of Christ shed for them. Our works are a product of our faith. Keeping His commandments is a sign of our love for Him, for Jesus Himself said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” Jn.14:15.

Revelation 22:16, “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

Jesus is now talking to John in the present tense, telling him that these things are to be told to the Churches (His Bride). In Rev.1:19 Jesus tells John to write down the things he sees and the things that are, then the things which must be hereafter. Now, John is told that these things are to be testified of in the churches. It is a clear mandate to teach the book of Revelation to the church, the Bride of Christ so that we may not be caught unaware.

Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

A last passionate plea from a God that so loves the world, "*the Spirit and the bride say, Come!*" The Spirit of God is how man is drawn to God; the bride (church) proclaims the message. The message is, "Come," come to Christ, come to God for He loves you so much. For those who thirst and desire God, knowledge, faith, and salvation, let him come. Let him take of the water of life freely, for it is "*the gift of God*" (Jn.4:10; Ro.6:23; Eph 2:8)

As He did with His messages to the seven churches, Jesus gives one last reminder or warning.



Revelation 22:18-19, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Here are additional scripture that supports what John was writing about, which is what Jesus was telling John to write.

Exodus 32: 32-33 (NASB), ³²But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!" ³³The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Psalms 69:28 (NASB), May they be blotted out of the book of life
And may they not be recorded with the righteous.

Revelation 3:5 (NASB), ⁵He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

The strongest warning given in Scripture is this one. Jesus Christ makes it perfectly clear that this Book is not to be added to or taken away from.

Proverbs 30:6 (NASB), “Do not add to His words, Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

It is HIS message and not to be taken lightly. For those who do not heed the warning the message is clear. God will take away his part from the **BOOK OF LIFE**, from the Holy City (New Jerusalem) and from the things that are written in the book. Let me remind you of Rev. 20:15:

Revelation 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

God can and will remove your name from the book of life. If God did not withhold His judgment on His own people (the Jews), then how can we expect God to excuse us, who have been given so much light? We have no excuse and can expect the same judgment. (Ex.32:32-33; Ps.69:28; Rev.3:5)

Revelation 22:20, He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

In His closing remarks Jesus identifies Himself as “**HE WHO TESTIFIES** to these things” and His message is “**SURELY I AM COMING QUICKLY.**” When we see the signs begin to happen, then “look up for our redemption draws near” (Lu.21:28) and Jesus will come quickly and all His people said “Amen” meaning “so be it” (Jer.11:5). It is a message of hope for those who have trusted in Him and long for His return and a message of doom for those who have rejected Him and His love. The saints of all the ages cry out, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus! This is the last and final message to His church that **HE IS COMING BACK AGAIN.** What a wonderful message and hope that Yeshua Jesus, our Messiah, has left for us, that He is coming back and that there shall be peace at last.

The Benediction

Revelation 22:21, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

John closes the book with a reminder to us of God’s grace. From Genesis to Revelation the Bible is a picture of the grace of God. It started in the Garden of Eden and will last for eternity. God’s love will never end.

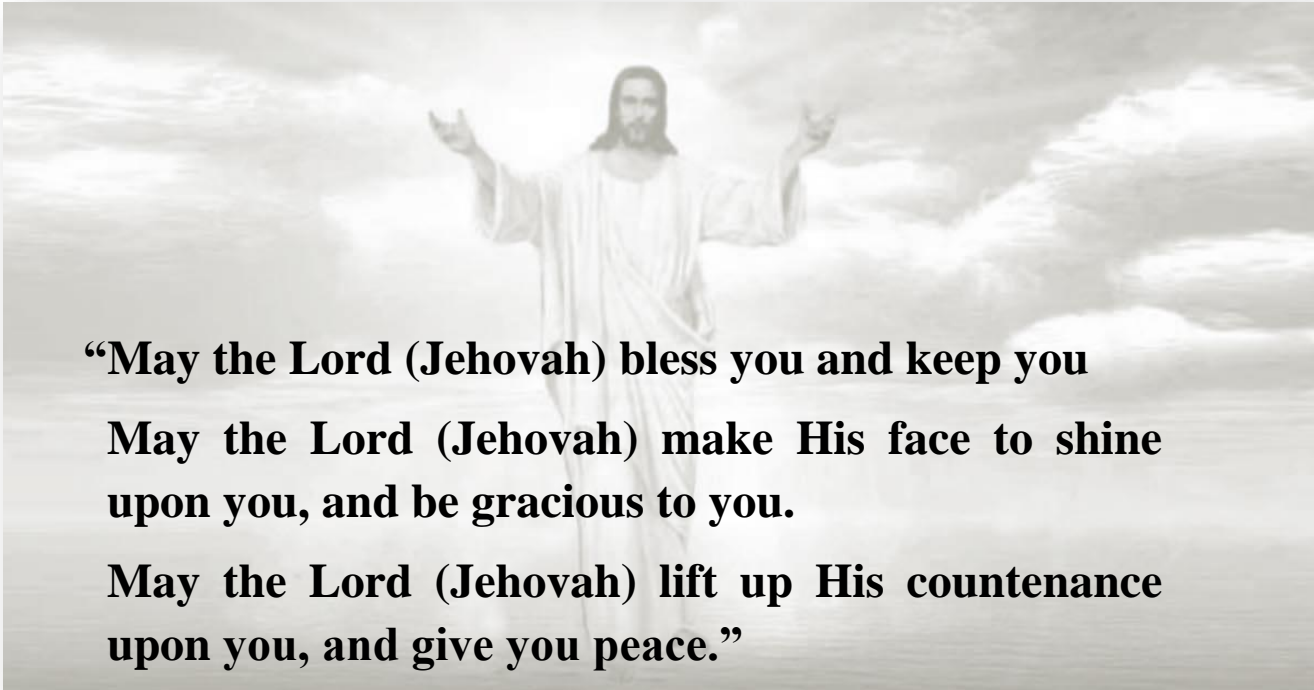
John reminds us of grace and therefore of love, for love is the greatest thing. To know love is to know the Father, for He is love. The Holy Scriptures were given to reveal the Creator to His creation. In the Old Testament God revealed to man His law through the covenants. In the New Testament God the Son came as a servant, to seal the New

Covenant (Jer.31:31-34) on the cross and to show man how to live in it. The Creator came into the world, but the world knew Him not. The Book of Revelation is the revealing of Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The book reveals to man God's ultimate plan, the end of sin and a time of eternal righteousness.

Yes, as John reminds us, may we never forget God's grace. It is by His grace we are saved, by His grace He will carry us through and by His grace we will see Him one day.

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

Grace to you my friend, and remember who you are in Christ Jesus. One last thing ... a blessing for you from Jesus ... Number 6:24-26 (NASB)



**“May the Lord (Jehovah) bless you and keep you
May the Lord (Jehovah) make His face to shine
upon you, and be gracious to you.
May the Lord (Jehovah) lift up His countenance
upon you, and give you peace.”**

1 Thess. 4:16-18, “¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.”



A Closing Comment

The Blessing of the Book of Revelation, I believe, is the knowledge of the plan of God, to reward those who serve Him and to punish those who reject His Son. That good will ultimately triumph over evil, that there is a greater purpose in the universe other than ourselves and that Jesus Christ is the head of it and in control of it. The book tells us that there is a day coming when we shall be like Him, for we will be transformed into His image and we shall see Him as He is. Then face to face we will know, for our hearts will declare what our eyes are seeing, that we have come home at last. WELCOME HOME!



Welcome Home



Quick Reference Chart

Understanding the Symbolism of Revelation 6-19

21 Judgments of Revelation



Seal Judgments

1. White Horse - Antichrist (Rev. 6:2)
2. Red Horse - War (Rev. 6:3)
3. Black Horse - Famine (Rev. 6:5)
4. Pale Horse - Death & Hell (Rev. 6:7)
5. Martyrs (Rev. 6:9)
6. Physical Changes (Rev. 6:12)
7. Interval between 6th and 7th Seals
8. The sealing of the 144,000
9. Silence in Heaven (Rev. 8:1)



Trumpet Judgments

1. Hail, Fire, Blood 1/3 Trees Destroyed (Rev. 8:7)
2. Burning Mountain 1/3 Sea to blood, 1/3 creatures in the sea die, 1/3 ships destroyed (Rev. 8:8)
3. Star Wormwood 1/3 Rivers Bitter (Rev. 8:10)
4. 1/3 Sun, Moon & Stars Stricken (Rev. 8:12)
5. Plague of Locust (Rev. 9:1)
6. Plague of Horsemen (Rev. 9:13)
7. Interval between 6th and 7th Trumpets
8. The Little Book and the Two Witnesses
9. The 3rd Woe (Rev. 11:15)



Vial (Boil) Judgments

1. Loathsome Sores/Boils (Rev. 16:1-2)
2. Blood on the Sea (Rev. 16:3)
3. Blood on the Rivers (Rev. 16:4-7)
4. Great Heat (Rev. 16:8-9)
5. Darkness (Rev. 16:10-11)
6. River Euphrates Dries Up (Rev. 16:12)
7. Interval between 6th and 7th Vial Judgments
8. Three Unclean Spirits
9. Great Hail (Rev. 16:17-21)

Imagery of Prophecy (Ref. Gen. 3:15)



Middle of the Week (Three Personages)

1. The Sun-Clothed Woman (Israel) Rev. 12:1-2
2. The Dragon (Satan) Rev. 12:3-4
3. The Man-Child (Jesus Christ) Rev. 12:5-6

The Rapture of the Church



The Bridegroom comes for His Bride
1 Thers. 4:13-17
Pre-Tribulational Pre-Millennial

The Three Angel Messengers



First Angel - Rev. 14:6-7
(The Everlasting Gospel)
Second Angel - Rev. 14:8
(The Fall of Commercial Babylon)
Third Angel - Rev. 14:9-11
(Doom of antichrist followers)

The Reaper



The Harvest and the Vintage
Rev. 14:14-20
The harvest of the gentile nations into the winepress of the Lord.

The Millennium The Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ



Daniel 9:24
Isa. 9:6
Rev. 20:4-6

The Marriage of the Lamb



Rev. 19:7-10
The Bridegroom (Christ) and His Bride (Church)

Armageddon

Rev. 19:11-19

Jesus Christ Revealed as King of Kings



Rev. 19:11-16

Armies of the Air



Rev. 19:17-18

Antichrist & the armies of the world

Rev. 19:19; Ez. 39:1-2



Satan Bound
Rev. 20:13

1000 Years
In the Bottomless Pit

Angel Warning The Three Woes



First Woe - Rev. 9:1-2
A Plague of Locust
Second Woe - Rev. 9:13-21
A Plague of Horsemen
Third Woe - Rev. 11:15-19
Judgment

Image of 666



Rev. 13:16-18

The Beast out of the Earth

false prophet anti-spirit



Causes men to worship the Beast out of the Sea
Rev. 13:11-18

The Beast out of the Sea

antichrist



Given power by the Dragon (Satan). Symbolic of a System
Rev. 13:16-18

Mystery Babylon

(Religious)



The Woman arrayed in Purple and Scarlet
Rev. 17:1-18

Economic Babylon

(Political/Commercial)



The center of Economic Power
Rev. 18:1-24

