



# THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 21:22-27

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23 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.

24 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.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

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Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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#### THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN

Rev. 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and **serve him day and night in his temple**: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Rev. 11:19 And **the temple of God was opened in heaven**, and there was **seen in his temple the ark of his testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev. 14:15 And another angel came **out of the temple**, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. ...

17 And another angel came **out of the temple which is in heaven**, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev. 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven** was opened:

6 And the seven angels came **out of the temple**, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And **the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God**, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Rev. 16:1 And I heard a great voice **out of the temple** saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. ...

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* thy judgments.

Psa. 89:36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and **as a faithful witness in heaven**. Selah.

b. There will be no secrets, 21:24-26

Rev. 21:24 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**.

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Isa. 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, **behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.**

3 And **the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: **all they gather themselves together, they come to thee:** thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

Isa. 65:17 For, **behold, I create new heavens and a new earth:** and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.



Isa. 66:22 For as **the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make**, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* **from one new moon to another**, and from one sabbath to another, **shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.**

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jer. 33:17 For thus saith the LORD; **David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;**

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 *Then* may also **my covenant be broken with David my servant**, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Ezek. 46:3 Likewise the people of the land **shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.**

Ezek. 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children **for ever:** and **my servant David shall be their prince for ever.**

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be **an everlasting covenant** with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 **My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Psa. 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, **ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

Eph. 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:**

c. There will be no sinners, 21:27

Rev. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

### Summary

After the millennium, all creation will be destroyed, and new heavens and new earth will be created. Immaterial/spirit beings will combine with temporal/eternal beings to inhabit the universe.

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1 Pet. 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth,** wherein **dwelleth righteousness.**

Why would the Creator initiate the temporal/tangible universe in “the beginning” without a plan to perpetuate material/immaterial beings for an everlasting relationship? The new heaven/new earth scenario, with access to the “tree of life” and the healing leaves for medicine, evidently for those plagued with the weaknesses of humanity.

Rev. 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* **the tree of life**, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and **the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

3 And 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:

Ezek. 47:12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all **trees** for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: **it** shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and **the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.**

## Conclusion

2 Pet. 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

14 Wherefore, **beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. ...**

17 Ye therefore, **beloved**, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 Jn. 2:28 And now, little children, **abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**