

# **“THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH”**

*(Eighth in an 8 week series on “The Future Unfolded”)*

## **REVELATION 21 ...**

### **THE HEART OF ETERNITY**

**21** “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. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and **God himself will be with them** and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more death** or **mourning** or **crying** or **pain**, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “**I am making everything new!**” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.””

### **THE HOLINESS OF ETERNITY**

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> **He who overcomes will inherit all this**, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” <sup>9</sup> One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the **Holy City**, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> **It shone with the glory of God**, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man’s measurement, which the angel was using. <sup>18</sup> The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. **The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.**

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> 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.** <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup> **Nothing impure will ever enter it,** nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## **THE HEALTH OF ETERNITY**

**22** Then the angel showed me the **river of the water of life**, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood **the tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are **for the healing of the nations.** <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> **They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.** <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. **And they will reign for ever and ever.**

<sup>6</sup> The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

- Revelation 22:1-6

## **THE HARMONY OF ETERNITY**

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the **city of the living God.** You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in **joyful assembly,** <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose **names are written in heaven.** You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of **righteous men made perfect,** <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

- Hebrews 12:24-25

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and **take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**"

- John 14:1-3

"Father, I want those you have given me **to be with me where I am,** and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

- John 17:24

"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to **a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.**"

- 2 Peter 3:11-13

## **THE HOPE OF ETERNITY**

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and **welcomed them from a distance**. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show **that they are looking** for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, **they were longing** for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. ... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. <sup>40</sup> God had planned something better for us so that **only together with us would they be made perfect.**”  
– Hebrews 11:13-16, 39-40

<sup>7</sup> “Behold, **I am coming soon!** Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”

<sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. **Worship God!**”

<sup>10</sup> Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because **the time is near**. <sup>11</sup> Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy.”

<sup>12</sup> “Behold, **I am coming soon!** My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

<sup>14</sup> “**Blessed are those who wash their robes**, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” **And let him who hears say, “Come!”** Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, **I am coming soon.**”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.”

- Revelation 22:7-21

## **THE LIFE ACTION OF ALL PROPHECY STUDY**

“So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.**”

– 2 Peter 3:14