

# Session 7 – Handout - Revelation & End Times Study

## THE NEW JERUSALEM, THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

We Cover: Rev 21,22 and others.

**'A new heaven and a new earth:** "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth ..."Rev 21:1. The last enemy (death) has been thrown in the lake of fire. All things are now 'under Jesus' feet', holy and pure. Sin, rebellion, decay, sorrow, evil has been all been moved to the lake of fire. The corrupted and cursed earth has been done away with.

Our eternity with the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit can now continue in a newly created perfect heaven and earth, with our eternal dwelling place in the New Jerusalem.

Whatever was imagined with the tower of Babel is now dwarfed by a 2400km high city, covering an area the size of Europe. (Russia excl = 5.76mil km<sup>2</sup>)

Prophecies of the current heaven and earth passing away, vanishing:

Jesus said" <sup>35</sup> **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.** Matt 24:35  
 . Also Matt 5:18 *For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***

' ... the earth and the heaven fled away;  
 and there was found no place for them.' (Rev 20:11)

**Is 51:6**

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: **for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment,**

**Ps 102:25-26** <sup>25</sup> Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.  
<sup>26</sup> **They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

**Heb 1:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:  
<sup>11</sup> **They shall perish;** but thou remainest; and **they all shall wax old as doth a garment;**  
<sup>12</sup> **And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed:** but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

**Heb 1:10-12** *They shall perish; but thou remains; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed:*

Why a new earth?

- Cursed is the ground. (Gen 3:17)
- The earth is defiled. (Is 24:5)
- The curse has devoured the earth. (Is 24:6)

### Comparison between the current earth and the new earth

	CURRENT EARTH	NEW EARTH
	Sea.	No more sea. (Rev 21:1)
	Death.	No more death. (Rev 21:4)
	Sorrow, crying, pain.	No more sorrow / crying / pain. (Rev 21:4)
	Night.	No more night. The Lamb is the light thereof. (Rev 21:23)
	Sun and moon.	No sun (no heat). (Rev 21:23, Rev 7:16) No moon. (Rev 21:23)
	God the Father and Jesus are in heaven. The Holy Spirit indwelling believers.	God the Father and Jesus dwelling with us. (Rev 21:3)
	Hell 'beneath', 'down', 'nether parts of the earth'.	Lake of fire in outer darkness.

CURRENT EARTH	NEW EARTH
A decaying earth. Will pass away.	All things made new. (Rev 21:5)
Hunger and thirst.	No more hunger and thirst. (Rev 7:16-17)
Sinful man. Believers and unbelievers on earth.	No more sin. Believers living on the new earth. Unbelievers in the lake of fire.
±7,000 years (including the Millennium).	Eternal.
Jerusalem. Spiritually called Sodom and Egypt. (Rev 11:8)	New Jerusalem. The holy city. (Rev 21:2) City of gold with many mansions. (Rev 21:18, John 14:2)

### The 'foundation and location' of the New Earth:

From the above we can imagine a New Earth that will be completely re-shaped, and that life will be completely different compared to the current Earth. However, there are a number of verses that state that the current earth will be 'forever'. *Ps 104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.* (Also *Ps 78:69 & Eccl 1:4*).

One could perhaps deduct, when adding these verses to the above, that the 'building blocks', and 'foundation' comprising this current earth will remain, much like if one were to put in a 'new' kitchen in a house. Although the contents are completely gutted and removed such that there is no hint of the old kitchen left, the structure nevertheless remains.

### The current heaven: (paradise):

Paul equates the third heaven to paradise.

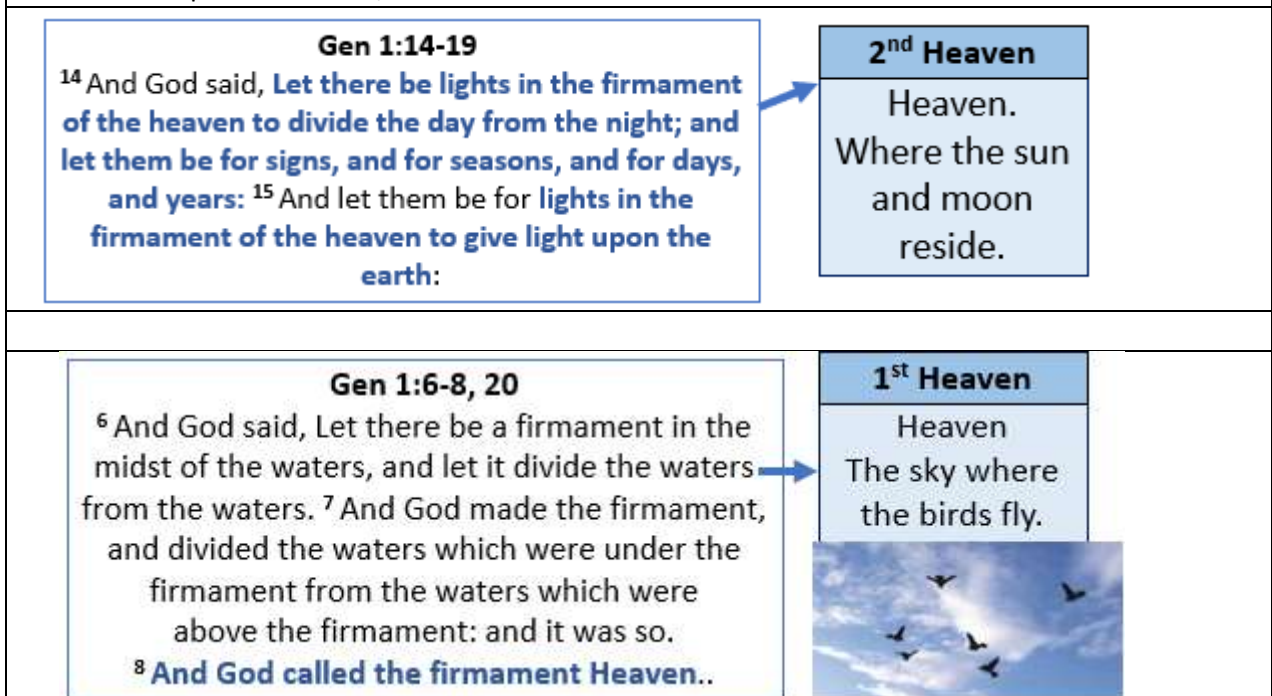
The second Heaven is where the stars, sun and moon are.

The first heaven is the sky, where the birds fly.

### 2 Cor 12:2-4

<sup>2</sup> I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) **such an one caught up to the third heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) <sup>4</sup> How that **he was caught up into paradise,** and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter



**The city of the living God, The HEAVENLY JERUSALEM.**

**Heb 12:22-23** *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup>To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,...*

By faith the Old Testament saints foresaw the day that God would re-build a perfect world and a heavenly city, to replace this corrupted and defiled world.

**Heb 11:8,10** <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

.....<sup>10</sup> **For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

**Heb 11:13-16** <sup>13</sup>*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, ...<sup>16</sup>But now they desire a better country, that is, an **heavenly**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: **for he hath prepared for them a city.***

**the former things are passed away.**

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **tabernacle of God** is with men, and **he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

<p><b>There shall be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>no more death,</b></li> <li>• <b>no more sorrow,</b></li> <li>• <b>no more crying,</b></li> <li>• <b>no more pain</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.</b></p>	<p>4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; 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.</p>
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<p><b>NO MORE DEATH</b></p>	<p><b>NO MORE CRYING</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Is 25:8</b></p> <p><sup>8</sup> <b>He will swallow up death in victory;</b> and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 Cor 15:54-55</b></p> <p><sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, <b>Death is swallowed up in victory.</b></p> <p><sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Is 65:18-19</b></p> <p><sup>18</sup> But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.</p> <p><sup>19</sup> And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.</b></p>
<p><sup>5</sup> <i>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.</i></p> <p><sup>6</sup> <i>And he said unto me, <b>It is done.</b></i></p> <p><i>I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.</i></p> <p><i>I will give unto him that is athirst of the <b>fountain of the water of life freely.</b></i></p>	
<p><b>Ez 39:7-8</b> <sup>7</sup> So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> <b>“Behold, it is come, and it is done”</b> saith the Lord GOD; <b>this is the day whereof I have spoken”.</b></p>	
<p><b>1 Cor 15:24-26</b> <i>Then comes the end</i>, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. <b>26</b> The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.</p>	

**Jesus has put all enemies, all things under his feet.**

*For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when **all things shall be subdued unto him**, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, **that God may be all in all***

**Phil 2:9-11**<sup>9</sup> *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;<sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

<b>JESUS HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET</b>
<b>ALL THINGS SHALL BE SUBDUED UNTO HIM</b>
<b>GOD, THE FATHER WILL BE ALL IN ALL</b>

**The overcomers:**

<sup>7</sup> *He that overcomes shall **inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son (21:7)*

**1 John 5:4-5** <sup>4</sup> *For whatsoever is **born of God overcomes the world**: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcomes the world, but **he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?***

**Shall inherit all things:**

**Matt 5:5** <sup>5</sup> *Blessed are the meek: for they **shall inherit** the earth*

**1 Pet 1:4-5** <sup>4</sup> *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**Eph 1:18** <sup>18</sup> *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.*

**Matt 19:29** <sup>29</sup> *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and **shall inherit** everlasting life*

**The overcomers mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EPHESUS:</b> Can eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. (Rev 2:7)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SMYRNA:</b> Shall not be hurt by the second death. (Rev 2:11)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PERGAMOS:</b> Will eat the hidden manna. Given a white stone with a new name written on it. He that receives it is the only one who'll know the name. (Rev 2:17)</p> </div> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THYATIRA:</b> Will give power over nations. Will receive the morning star. (Rev 2:26-28)</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SARDIS:</b> Shall be clothed in white raiment. Their name will not be blotted out of the book of life. Jesus will confess their name before His Father and before His angels. (Rev 3:5)</p>  </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHILADELPHIA:</b> Be made a pillar in the temple of God. He shall go out no more.  Will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem... Will write on him my new name. (Rev 3:12)</p> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAODICEA:</b> (v21) Sit with Jesus on his throne. As Jesus overcame and sat down on His Father's throne.</p> </div> </div>

**The lake of fire = The second death**

<sup>8</sup> *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire*

and brimstone: which is the second death.

**1 Cor 6:9-10**

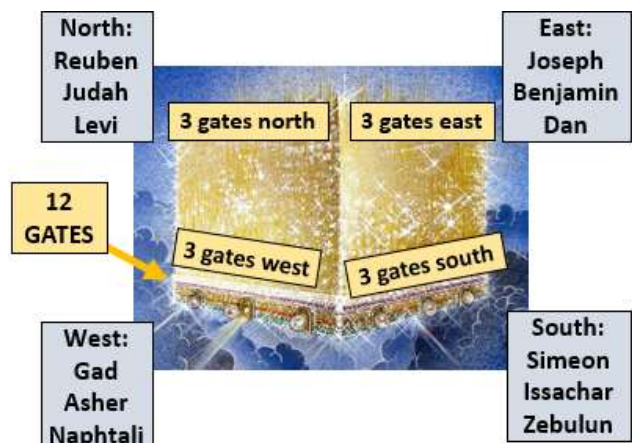
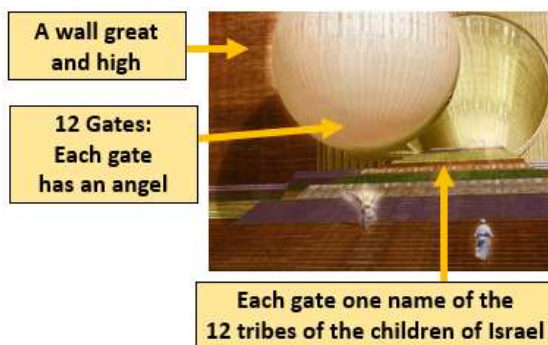
**<sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?**

Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

Rev 21:9-10 <sup>9</sup> And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

<sup>12</sup> And had a wall great and high, and had 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: <sup>13</sup> On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates



**Ez 48:30-35** <sup>30</sup> And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. <sup>31</sup> **And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.** <sup>32</sup> And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and **three gates**; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan <sup>33</sup> And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and **three gates**; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. <sup>34</sup> At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with **their three gates**; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali. <sup>35</sup> It was round about eighteen thousand measures: **and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.**

**The foundations and the dimensions of the city:**

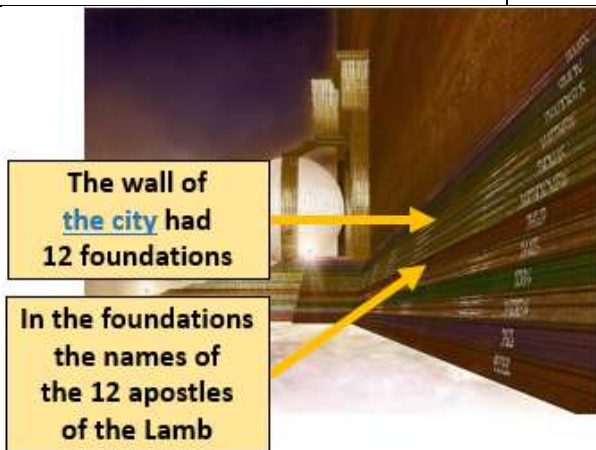
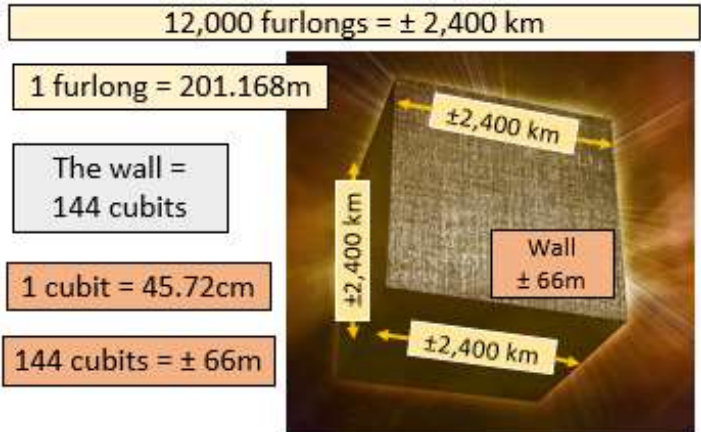
<sup>14</sup> And the wall of **the city** had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure **the city**, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. <sup>16</sup> And **the city** lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured **the city** with the reed, **twelve thousand furlongs**. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

<sup>17</sup> And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

The city ...Length = Breadth = Height = 12,000 furlongs (2,400 km) (v16)

The amazing size of the city:

Whatever was imagined with the tower of Babel is now dwarfed by a 2400km high city, covering an area the size of Europe. (Russia excl = 5.76mil km<sup>2</sup>)



**The foundations:**

- Peter (Simon)**
  - Andrew (Peter's brother)**
  - James (son of Zebedee)**
  - John (James' brother)**
  - Philip**
  - Bartholomew**
  - Thomas Mathew**
  - James (son of Alphaeus)**
  - Thaddaeus**
  - Simon (the Canaanite)**
  - Paul or ?**
- (Mark 3:16-19)

<sup>19</sup> And the foundations of the wall of **the city** were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;<sup>20</sup> The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Amethyst
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Jacinth
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Chrysoprasus
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Topaz
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Beryl
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Chrysolite
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Sardius
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sardonyx
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Emerald
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chalcedony
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sapphire
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jasper



**In the city there is no Temple, or need for the light of the Sun and Moon**

*Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

<sup>23</sup> 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

#### Isaiah Confirms:

*Is 60:18-22* 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction **within thy borders**; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 **Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:**

*for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.*

#### Life outside the city:

There is very specific mention of nations, on the new earth, who dwell outside the city. Because they are somehow different (but still saved) to those dwelling in the city, they will bring their glory into it from outside the city.

*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.

*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.

**A mystery...**Even though all things are made new, there is now a specific mention of the purity of the city... *Rev 21:27* And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Perhaps this verse highlights the absolute purity in the city in contrast to the previous earth.

**The nations of them which are saved:** Who are these people who will be living outside the city? Could be that the 'millennial saved' (the people who are saved during the millennium) who will populate the new earth? Perhaps these people, who will populate the new earth and comprise 'the nations', will be the ones that are coming into the city?

Note also that the gates are permanently open, they are never shut:



Perhaps there is a distinction between those of the first resurrection, (who dwell in the city) and those that are saved of the second resurrection, who dwell on the new earth? In John 14 Jesus confirms that He will prepare 'mansions' for us, who have part of the first resurrection. This will most likely be in the city, so we can be with Him forever.

Another option perhaps, why there is this distinction between the nations living outside vs those living inside, may also be that it is as a result of the rewards assigned to believers at the 'judgement seat of Christ', i.e. that rewards will determine who lives in the city and who lives without?

Isaiah confirms that there will be 'nations' on the new earth: *Is 60:21* **Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation:** *I the Lord will hasten it in his time.*


## Revelation 22: Inside the city:

*1 And he shewed me a pure river of **water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

### **The water of life:** (v1)

As water is a symbol of life on this earth, so on the new earth and in the New Jerusalem is living water the symbol of everlasting, glorious life. Jesus uses the symbol of water extensively as we read in the gospels:

*John 6:35 <sup>35</sup> And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and **he that believeth on me shall never thirst.***

<p><b>Rev 7:17</b>  <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto <b>living fountains of waters</b>: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.</p>	<p>A pure river of <b>WATER OF LIFE</b> clear as crystal</p> <p>coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (v1)</p> 
<p><b>Rev 21:6</b>  <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the <b>fountain of the water of life</b> freely.</p>	
<p><b>Rev 22:17</b> <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the <b>water of life</b> freely.</p>	

*John 7:37-39 <sup>37</sup> In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, **and drink.** <sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water.** <sup>39</sup> (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive....*

*John 4:10-14 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knew the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou would have asked of him, and he would have **given thee living water**.....13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: **14 But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

We will have a permanent source of life-giving water, a source of life and joy to the praise of Father God and Jesus Christ.

### **The tree of Life:** (v2)

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

In the midst of the street of **the city** on either side of the river was the **TREE OF LIFE.** (v2)



### **Other mentions of the Tree of Life:**

The **TREE OF LIFE** is in the midst of the paradise of God. (Rev 2:7)

The **TREE OF LIFE** is in the midst of the garden of Eden. (Gen 2:9)

Eat of the **TREE OF LIFE** and live for ever. (Gen 3:22)

Believers have a right to the **TREE OF LIFE.** (Rev 22:14)

*Gen 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

*Rev 2:7 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God*



**The throne of God: (v3)**

*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*

*<sup>4</sup> And they shall **see his face**; and his name shall be **in their foreheads**.*

Father God makes it clear in Genesis that His glory is so intense that a man would die instantly when exposed to His face, His Holiness. We have also noted that Daniel fell down, and 'lost all strength' when he met Gabriel, the Archangel. Other biblical characters had similar experiences when exposed to God's glory reflected by angels.

**Ex 33:17-20** <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. <sup>18</sup> And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. <sup>19</sup> And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee,.... <sup>20</sup> **And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.**

Jesus confirms in John 1:18: **No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

**John 6:46** <sup>46</sup> **Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father**

**His name in their foreheads: (v4)...** *"and his name shall be in their foreheads"..*

We recall that the 144 000 witnesses of Revelation 7 are sealed with a special mark on their foreheads. This seems to be a mark of belonging and protection, and similar to the blood that the Israelites had to smear on their doorposts for protection.

Conversely, Satan had attempted to mimic God by marking the servants of the Antichrist with a mark on their foreheads, identifying their allegiance.

Finally, in the New Jerusalem, God will give His children a mark on their foreheads, which is His Name. He gifts us with a sign of belonging.

Overcomers get a special mention in Revelation 3:12, where they also receive the name of the 'city of my God', which is written on them.

*Rev 3:12 Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

**God gives them light: (v5)**

*v5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:.*

For emphasis, the amazing penetration and all surrounding quality of God's light is now repeated. As per the previous chapter 21, we read that there is no more need for a sun.

This re-emphasises the penetrating ability of God's glory, dispelling all darkness. Refer to Rev 21:22.

**Reigning for ever and ever:**

*V5b)....for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall **reign for ever and ever**.*

Refer to session 6, under the heading 'Believers will reign with Christ' for a discussion on 'Ruling and Reigning' with Christ.

**Dan 7:18** <sup>18</sup> **But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

**'Shortly be done', 'shortly come to pass' and 'Time is at hand',**

It is interesting that Jesus refers to the millennium and the New Jerusalem, the end-time future events to be 'shortly'. This statement is repeated (similarly) in verse 10 (*the time is at hand*), and in Revelation 1. How are we to understand this? If nearly 2000 years have passed since his first coming this would seem, from our perspective, that this is a long time.

<sup>6</sup> *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things **which must shortly be done**.*

Perhaps, in comparison to eternity, as per 2 Peter 2, where it states that from God's perspective 1000 years is like a day, then 2000 years will be 'short', and 'at hand'.

**Rev 1:1-2** *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, **to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass**; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

*10 And he said unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for **the time is at hand**.*

Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

The time is at hand



<sup>7</sup> **Behold, I come quickly**: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book. <sup>8</sup> *And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.*

<sup>9</sup> *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.* <sup>10</sup> *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: **for the time is at hand**.*

**Rewards, 'According ... his work'.**

Refer to the discussion in session 6 on rewards.

*12 And, behold, I come quickly; **and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*** <sup>13</sup> *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Works done in our own strength will have no value, but work done as directed and guided by God will receive a reward. All works are to be done on the foundation of faith. All works will also be tested and 'revealed by fire'.

**1 Cor 3:11-15** <sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

<sup>14</sup> If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward**. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

**Do his commandments:**

<sup>14</sup> *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.*

God's commandment is to believe in Jesus, love Him and love others like ourselves.

*1 John 3:23-24* **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

Hence the only 'work' that God requires of us **to do** is to believe in Jesus, sent by the father to give us life. (John 6:29)... <sup>29</sup> *Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, **that ye believe on him whom he has sent**.*

John 6 v29 & 30 furthermore show us what the 'will of the Father' is. God's will is.....that we who believe may have eternal life!

<sup>9</sup> And this is the **Father's will** which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is **the will of him that sent me**, that every one which sees the Son, and believeth on him, **may have everlasting life**: and I will raise him up at the last day.

**Outside....**the new heaven and the new earth is the lake of fire.

A reminder : "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

**Jesus, the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star**

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star**

Rev 5:5 <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof

**JESUS IS THE ROOT OF DAVID**

Is 11:1-2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and **a Branch shall grow out of his roots**:  
<sup>2</sup> And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Ruth 4:22 <sup>22</sup> And Obed begat Jesse, and **Jesse begat David**.

**JESUS IS THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID**

**Rom 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of **the seed of David according to the flesh**;

**2 Tim 2:8**

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ of **the seed of David** was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

**Whosoever will.**

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will**, let him take the water of life freely.

John 3:15-16 <sup>15</sup> That **whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 11:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

<sup>26</sup> And **whosoever** liveth and **believeth in me** shall never die. Believest thou this?

Acts 2:21 <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

Scriptures are very clear that each man needs to make a will decision. God works in the heart of every person on earth as confirmed by Jesus' words in John 6:43. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, **And they shall be all taught of God**. **Every man** therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes unto me.

**Add and take away:**

<sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth 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:<sup>19</sup> 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

**Deut 4:1-2**  
<sup>2</sup> **Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it,** that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

**God's timing:**

Once again there is an urgency in the testimony: *I come quickly!* The urgency is that this is a matter of eternity. Jesus presses home that time is limited, that we should not delay!

<sup>20</sup> He which testifies these things saith, **surely I come quickly.** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.  
<sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

<p><b>'Behold, I come quickly ...'</b> (Rev 22:7) <b>'And behold, I come quickly ...'</b> (Rev 22:12) <b>'Surely I come quickly.'</b> (Rev 22:20)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 Pet 3:8</b></p> <p><sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9ead3;">1,000 years = 1 day</p>
<p><b>'... I will come unto thee quickly ...'</b> (Rev 2:5) <b>'... I will come unto thee quickly ...'</b> (Rev 2:16) <b>'Behold, I come quickly ...'</b> (Rev 3:11)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ps 90:4</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9ead3;">1,000 years = as yesterday when it is past 1,000 years = 3 hours</p>

**Seek the things above!**

The urgency in Jesus' call is reflected by Paul: "**Col 3:1-2** If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.

**Matt 6:19-21** <sup>19</sup> Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup> **But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,** where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:  
<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.  
 Seek those things which are above.  
 Set your affection on things above.

**2 Cor 4:17-18** <sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; <sup>18</sup> **While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

**2 Cor 5:1-2** For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens.** <sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Look to things that are not seen but are eternal.

**Is the NEW JERUSALEM the NEW HEAVEN?**

God dwells in the New Jerusalem, with men. It seems that the 'new heaven' is the New Jerusalem

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The throne of God &amp; of the Lamb</b> is in the city. (Rev 22:1,3)</li> <li>• <b>The tabernacle of God is with men.</b> He dwells with them. They shall be his people. God himself shall be with them and be their God. (Rev 21:3)</li> <li>• <b>The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of city.</b> There is no temple in the city. (Rev 21:22)</li> <li>• <b>The glory of God</b> lightens the <u>city</u> and the Lamb is the light thereof. (Rev 21:23, Rev 22:5)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Rev 21:24</b> <sup>24</sup> And <b>the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it;</b> and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.</p> <p>The saved nations..</p>	<p><b>Who will be in the city?</b></p> <p><b>Matt 8:11</b> <sup>11</sup> And I say unto you, That <b>many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,</b> in the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. All saved Bible characters.</p>
<p><b>Rev 21:27</b> <sup>27</sup> And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; <b>but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.</b></p> <p>They which are written in the Lamb's book of life.</p>	<p><b>Heb 12:1</b> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with <b>so great a cloud of witnesses,</b> let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,</p> <p>A great cloud of witnesses. All those from Heb11. All believers that are already in heaven.</p>

### All Prophecy will be fulfilled!

Jesus' own words: **Luke 24:44** <sup>44</sup> And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled**, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me.**

**Acts 3:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> **And he shall send Jesus Christ,** which before was preached unto you:

<sup>21</sup> Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

THE PROPHET THAT MOSES SPOKE ABOUT is JESUS: (Deut 18:15,18)

**Deut 18:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> I will raise them up **a Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

<sup>19</sup> And it shall come to pass, **that whosoever will not hearken unto my words** which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

**Acts 3:22-24** <sup>22</sup> For **Moses** truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

<sup>23</sup> And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear **that prophet**, shall be destroyed from among the people. <sup>24</sup> Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, **have likewise foretold of these days.**

**Rev 22:6**

<sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel **to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.**