

A New Heaven And A New Earth

# After The End .....

- What happens after God's final triumph over evil at the end of the millennium ([Revelation 20:7-9](#)).
- God will give us a new Heaven and a new Earth ([Isaiah 65:17-19](#), [66:22](#); [1 Peter 3:7-13](#))
  - This will be a renewed heaven and a renewed earth. They will be made new again.
  - Heaven will be beyond expectation – a place where is no more pain, no more weeping, and no more death.
  - This is what God had in mind from the beginning.
- [Revelation 20:10](#), [11:8](#)
  - Faithful followers of Jesus will be welcomed into a new heaven and a new earth while all who failed to submit to the Son of God would experience unending torment.
  - God will “send spiritual wickedness and the angels who transgressed and became apostates together with the ungodly, unrighteous, wicked, and profane into eternal fire.
  - God will be his grace confer immortality on the righteous, holy, and those who have kept his commands and persevered in his love. God will surround them with eternal glory.
- What is eternal glory?
- What is eternal fire?

# What Do We Mean By Heaven?

- Popular View of Heaven

- A place for disembodied, ghost-like beings
- A place where people sing all of the time
- A place up among the clouds
- A place everyone goes after death.
- A place where all beings live as angels.

- Biblical View of Heaven

- The final destination for all believers is not an ethereal place like the above. The final destination of all believers is the renewed heavens and earth anticipated in [Revelation 21](#)
- A very physical future awaits us when Christ comes back.

# What Is The Renewed Heaven and Earth?

- Christ will renew all things upon his return ([Revelation 21:1-3](#))
  - Heaven and earth will not be a different creation or a non-creation
  - Heaven and earth will be this creation renewed
  - God will restore his creation to its original glory and purpose.
  - What God began in Eden, he will fulfill in Revelation
  - From the beginning, God's intent was for his glory to cover the earth as water fills the seas ([Numbers 14:21](#), [Isaiah 11:9](#), [Habakkuk 2:14](#))
  - Adam and Eve were commanded to expand the family

# New Earth

- John tells us very little about the new heaven and the new earth
- John does reveal that the new earth will have no sea, but he doesn't offer any clues about what that means.
  - Perhaps it means all water will be fresh water rather than oceans of salt water

# A New City -- New Jerusalem

- An exquisitely beautiful, holy city that comes down out of heaven from God (apparently onto the new earth)([Hebrews 11:10](#), [13-14](#), [16](#))
- The patriarchs looked forward to this city; they knew this world was not their home.
- [Revelation 21:4-5](#). All things are made new. God will personally dwell with and care for his people. God's people will never experience pain, sorrow, and death.
- [Revelation 21:6-8](#). Those who believe and obey the gospel will inherit eternal life.
- [Revelation 21:9-14](#). The gates and foundations of New Jerusalem defined.
- [Revelation 21:15-17](#). The measurements of the city. Shaped like a cube, 1,500 miles wide, long and high. The walls are 2/3 as thick as a football field length. ([Hebrews 8:5](#), [9:7](#), [12](#), [24](#))
  - 1,500 miles is the approximate distance between New York City and Dallas. This cube would occupy a land area of 2.25 million square miles.
  - We are not given clues as to the layout of this city although our minds immediately conceive of different levels like an office building, apartment complex or large indoor shopping mall

# A New City -- New Jerusalem (2)

- [Revelation 21:18-21](#). The Glory of God
  - The city shines with the radiance of the glory of God. The city will be illuminated solely by the glory of God ([Revelation 21:23](#))
  - Each gate, never closed and attended by an angel, was made of a single pearl.
  - The walls were made of jasper, clear as crystal,
  - The city and street running through it of pure transparent gold.
  - The foundations glowed with precious stones that, although their names are variously rendered in the many translations of the Bible, most likely replicate the high priest's breastplate in [Exodus 28:17-22](#)
- [Revelation 21:22](#) -[22:21](#) The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are both temple and light for the Holy City
- God's throne is in the city, and his servants will reign with, see his face, their foreheads will be stamped with his name.
- There will be no more curse (condemnation for sin).
- All who wash their robes (in his blood) have a right to the tree of life and can enter the gates to city.
- No words of boasting or anger will be heard, no unkind deeds will ever be committed because every resident will have been made holy by the redeeming grace of God and will remain in that state for eternity. Since God and everyone in the city will be holy, the city itself will be holy.
- Crystal-clear water will flow from the throne of God, and on each side will grow the tree of life. ([Revelation 22:1-2](#)) The redeemed will be invited to eat freely of the Tree of Life and live eternally in their newfound perfection.

# What God Began In Eden, He Fulfills In Revelation

<b>From The Beginning, God's Intent Was For His Glory To Cover The Earth As Water Fills The Seas</b>	<b><a href="#">Num 14:21</a>, <a href="#">Isaiah 11:9</a>, <a href="#">Hab 2:14</a></b>
Adam & Eve were commanded to expand the family of humanity beyond Eden until the image of God encompassed the earth.	<a href="#">Genesis 1:26-28</a>
They chose sin instead.	
Israel was called to extend God's glory throughout all creation	<a href="#">Psalm 2:8</a> , <a href="#">72:8-19</a>
They Chased After Other Gods	
Jesus alone perfectly exemplified the Glory of God	
Through the new heaven and new earth where Jesus will reign over all creation	
God's original intent will be fulfilled; his glory will fill the entire cosmos like water that fills the seas	

# Heaven: What Remains/What Ends

What will continue in our glorified bodies	What will end in our glorified bodies
Relationship with God ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:3</a> )	Sin ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:8</a> , <a href="#">27</a> )
Relationships with fellow human beings ( <a href="#">Luke 24:39</a> , <a href="#">John 20:27</a> )	Death ( <a href="#">Revelation 20:14</a> , <a href="#">21:4</a> )
Physical bodies ( <a href="#">1 Corinthians 15:42-44</a> )	Curse ( <a href="#">Revelation 22:3</a> )
Ethnic backgrounds ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:24</a> )	Hunger and thirst ( <a href="#">Revelation 22:1-2</a> )
Eating and drinking ( <a href="#">Revelation 22:2</a> , <a href="#">Luke 24:36-42</a> , <a href="#">Acts 10:41</a> )	Weeping ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:4</a> )
The natural world ( <a href="#">Revelation 22:2</a> )	Sadness ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:4</a> )
Learning ( <a href="#">1 Corinthians 13:12</a> )	Sickness and pain ( <a href="#">Revelation 21:4</a> )
	The need for marriage and childbearing ( <a href="#">Matthew 22:30</a> , <a href="#">Mark 12:25</a> )

# God Renews The Believers Bodies

- Because Christ has been raised from the dead, our hope is true and secured.
- Christ is the first-fruits or first example of all who will be raised into new life ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#))
- Our future includes a resurrected body; that is, it will be a physical reality. Our future resurrected bodies will be like Jesus' own resurrected body ([1 Corinthians 15:42-49](#))
- The women and the disciples recognized Jesus after his resurrection ([Matthew 28:9, 17](#))
- Jesus' body was physical ([Luke 24:39](#))
- Jesus ate with his disciples ([Luke 24:41-43](#))

# God Renews The Believers Bodies (2)

- Yet it was not a body like ours today.
- The Apostle Paul ([1 Corinthians 15:39](#)) uses two ways to explain this difference ...
  - Just as different animals have bodies suited for their environments (sea, air, ground) so our resurrected bodies will be suited for the renewed creation
  - There are also “natural bodies” and “spiritual bodies” Both Jesus’ pre- and post-Resurrection bodies were physical; the difference has to do with whether this body will perish. Natural bodies die; spiritual bodies do not.
- Natural bodies are polluted with sin which damages them causing death and decay and are unfit for a future in God’s presence.
- Just as God will renew this creation , also marred by sin, God will give us renewed bodies that will not be polluted by sin, will not decay, and will be fit to continue forever in the presence of God.

# The Renewed Life in Heaven

- Emotions and relationships will be ‘renewed’ ([1 Corinthians 13:12](#))
  - Our most important relationship in heaven will be our fellowship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - We will be his people and he will be our God in an intimate and perfect relationship that lasts forever ([Revelation 21:3](#))
  - God himself will provide everything that we need ([Revelation 21:6](#))
  - We will worship him face-to-face ([Revelation 22:3-5](#))
- There will be no brokenness in heaven at all whether emotional or physical.
  - God will renew our bodies and they will be beautiful and work as God intended them to.
  - Some speculate that since Jesus scars were visible after his resurrection that martyrs will wear their healed scars as badges of honor.

# The Renewed Life in Heaven (2)

- Because we do not understand the nature of the future bodies, it is difficult to KNOW whether they will NEED food, clothing, and languages.
  - Jesus drank and consumed food in his glorified body ([Luke 24:36-42](#), [Acts 10:41](#))
  - John's descriptions of the new heaven and new earth include fruit trees and a river . ([Revelation 21:6](#), [22:1-2](#))
  - Jesus was seen wearing “a long robe ...” ([Revelation 1:13](#))
  - Jesus promised faithful followers that would receive ‘white garments’ ([Revelation 3:5](#))
  - Robes & clothing mentioned throughout Revelation in connection to the glorified people of God ([Revelation 4:4](#), [6:11](#), [22:14](#))
- We will worship God non-stop
  - Worship is not just the singing and praying part of Christian church services. Everything we do can be worship; from the moment we wake up, take our meals, relate to others, do our work, play games and live life.
  - Worship is not just an activity, it is primarily an attitude
  - Worship is the attitude that arises when we recognize how God is and who we are:

# Understanding God & Ourselves Renewed

God	Human
He is the creator	We are the creatures he created
His in control of our lives	We depend completely on God's grace and mercy
He is all powerful	We are limited and weak
He knows all things	We know imperfectly
He loves us unconditionally	We are just learning to love in the same way.

# What Can We Know About Heaven?

- We will be with God
- We will be with fellow believers
- Heaven is far greater than we can ask or imagine
- In Scripture, “heaven” can refer both to the physical reality beyond the earth ([1 Kings 21:24](#), [Psalm 19:1](#), [Acts 1:11](#)) and to the spiritual dimension wherein God dwells in glory ([1 Kings 8:27](#), [Amos 9:6](#), [Acts 7:55](#))
- Heaven is where the final judgment will occur ([Revelation 20:7-15](#))
- After the final judgment, the distinction between heaven and earth will pass away. The “New Jerusalem” will descend from heaven to earth ([Revelation 21:2-10](#))
- Although sin has profoundly affected creation, God never called creation evil. Creation is under a curse.
- Jesus came to lift that curse and turn it into a blessing.
- God is redeeming all of creation. At the end of time, God will renew all things to their original intention.

# God's Original Intention For Creation

- God created the whole universe for his own glory and relationships
- God intended all his creatures to relate to each other, to nature, and to himself in harmony.
- Humanity's main and great goal in life is to glorify God ([Isaiah 60:1](#), [1 Corinthians 6:20](#), [10:31](#)) and enjoy him forever ([Philippians 4:4](#), [Revelation 21:3-4](#))
- Sin twisted God's original intentions, However, because of God's grace and faithfulness, his plans would not be frustrated. God planned to rescue his creation from the effects of sin ([Rom 8:18-27](#))
- Through the saving work of Jesus on the cross ...
  - People can find peace with God and each other.
  - Believers can begin the reconciliation with one another and God's world through Jesus Christ.

# What Will We Do In Heaven?

- Scripture has not provided any details about activities in heaven.
- It is also unknown if work will be part of our obligations in heaven
  - Work preceded humanity's fall into sin ([Genesis 1:28, 2:15](#))
  - Work was part of what God declared to be "very good" in his original creation ([Genesis 1:31](#))
  - Work was one of the means by which Adam would have expanded Eden to fill the earth with God's glory.
  - Whatever work we may do will be a free and joyous response to all that Jesus has already accomplished. ([Hebrews 5:8-9, 10:12-22](#))
  - Music will likely be part of the experience of heaven
  - Perhaps art and architecture could provide opportunities for praise in heaven as well ([Ezra 3:10-13](#))
  - There may be learning in heaven, believers could grow for all eternity in their knowledge of the infinite perfections of Jesus ([1 Corinthians 13:12, Colossians 3:23-24](#))

# Healing The Nations

- [Revelation 21:26](#) Indicates that the glory and honor of the nations will be brought into the Holy City and
- [Revelation 22:2](#) indicates that the leaves of the tree of life by the river of the water of life are for the healing of the nations. ([Genesis 2:9, 3:22](#); [Ezekiel 47:1-12](#))
- We have been given wonderful glimpses into heaven, but there is much yet to be revealed ([2 Corinthians 12:4](#), [Deuteronomy 29:29](#), [Ecclesiastes 3:11](#))

# The Longing For A Lasting City

- Heaven is not Shangri-La, an escapist idea; our longing for heaven provides an orientation and a goal to guide our lives here and now.
  - It is good to desire heaven
  - We must be fond of this world .. In order to change.
  - We must be fond of another world ... In order to have something to change it to. (G.K. Chesterton)
- OT: Moses Lead the Israelites to the promised land. This exodus provides a picture of what Jesus will do in the New Testament.
  - Jesus inaugurated a new exodus that will lead his people to a “lasting city” in a glorious new heaven and earth. ([Hebrews 13:14](#))

# Who Will Be In Heaven And How Do We Get There?

- Jesus is the only source of lasting life ([John 11:25](#), [14:6](#), [Colossians 3:4](#))
- Heaven is only for those whose names have been ascribed in “the book of life.” ([Revelation 20:15](#))
- Apart from explicit faith in Jesus, no human being will enjoy God’s glorious presence in heaven ([Acts 4:12](#))
  - OT Saints faith in looking toward the Messiah and what he will do.
  - NT Saints’ faith in looking to what the Messiah did do.

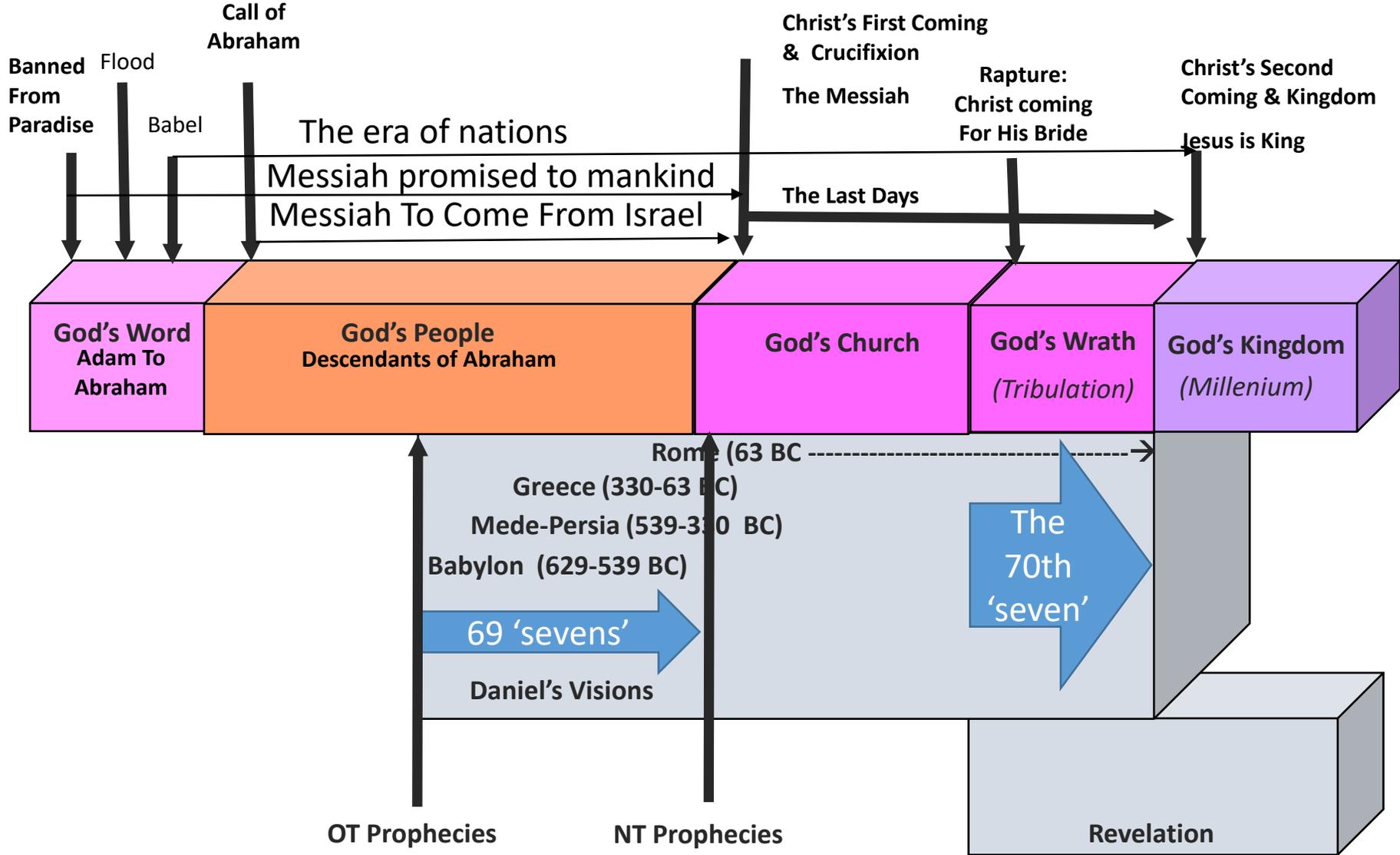
# Who Will Be In Heaven And How Do We Get There? (2)

- There is nothing that we can do to get to heaven.
  - We can only respond to what God has already done by trusting in Jesus and surrendering our lives to him.
  - Sin is rebellion against the infinite holiness of God; even sins that seem slight to us deserve eternal judgment. Jesus took this eternal judgment on himself in place of everyone who would trust in him. ([Revelation 20:11-15](#))
  - Anyone who does not trust in Jesus will endure eternal torment in a “Lake of fire.”
- Scripture does not provide specific details about this eternal torment in the lake of fire, much of the language about hell seems to be metaphorical.
  - Scripture says hell is a place of “fire” ([Revelation 20:15](#))
  - Hell is a place of “weeping and grinding of teeth.” ([Matthew 13:50](#), [24:51](#), [25:30](#))
  - Hell is a place of “darkness” and never ending agony ([Matthew 22:13](#), [25:30](#), [Mark 9:48](#))
  - In Hell, those who have never trusted Jesus will receive their due for “things done while in the body.” ([2 Corinthians 5:10](#), [2 Peter 2:13](#), [Jude 1:15](#))

# Creation Renewal

Original Creation (Genesis)	Renewed Creation (Revelation)
Heaven and earth created ( <a href="#">1:1</a> )	Heavens and earth renewed ( <a href="#">21:1</a> )
Sun created ( <a href="#">1:16</a> )	No need of sun ( <a href="#">21:23</a> )
The night established ( <a href="#">1:5</a> )	No night there ( <a href="#">22:5</a> )
The seas created ( <a href="#">1:10</a> )	No more seas ( <a href="#">21:1</a> )
The curse enters the world ( <a href="#">3:14-17</a> )	No more curse ( <a href="#">21:3</a> )
Death enters the world ( <a href="#">2:19</a> )	Death is no more ( <a href="#">21:4</a> )
Humanity is cast out of paradise ( <a href="#">3:24</a> )	Humanity is restored to paradise ( <a href="#">22:14</a> )
Sorrow and pain begin ( <a href="#">3:17</a> )	Sorrow, tears, and pain end ( <a href="#">21:4</a> )

# Summary of The End Times



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## What You Should Have Learned.

- The Tribulation ([Revelation 4-19](#))
  - A seven year period in which God pours out his wrath upon mankind in a major push for man to turn to God. The wrath and events of this period is known as the seals/trumpets/bowls and interludes. The antichrist sets himself up as God and the entire world either worships the true God or Antichrist
- The Rapture ([1Thessalonians 4:13-17](#))
  - All believers since Christ's crucifixion are resurrected or translated and 'caught up' to be with the Lord to be his Bride
- The Marriage of the Lamb ([Revelation 19:7-10](#))
  - This event occurs in heaven at the conclusion of the Tribulation just before Jesus descends to earth to establish His Kingdom
- The Glorious Appearing of Christ ([Revelation 18:11-18](#))
  - This magnificent event culminates the entire prophetic plan of God, first seen by Enoch, "the seventh from Adam" ([Jude 1:15](#)), and last revealed to the apostle John. According to Jesus, the glorious appearing will happen immediately after the tribulation" ([Matthew 24:29](#))

# Summary Of The End Times (2)

- The Battle of Armageddon ([Revelation 14:14-20](#), [16:16](#))
  - The conflict should be called, as in the ASV Bible, “the war of the great day of God Almighty. It should not be envisioned as a single battle, rather, it is a brief war that includes several battles
- The World’s Greatest Earthquake ([Revelation 16:18](#))
  - Just before God establishes His kingdom on earth, an enormous earthquake will occur that will sink the islands of the seas and flatten the entire surface of today’s world
- The Judgment of The Nations (Also Called Sheep/Goat Judgment) ([Matthew 25:31-46](#))
  - Also called the judgment of the sheep and goats, when Jesus separates believers from unbelievers at the end of the Tribulation. The sheep are believers and they go into the Millennial kingdom, and the goats are those who have endured the Tribulation and are still unsaved, so they are taken to “everlasting punishment.”

# Summary Of The End Times (3)

- Antichrist and the False Prophet Cast Into The Lake of Fire ([Revelation 19:20-21](#))
  - In judgment for their evil deeds during the Tribulation, these two men are cast immediately into the Lake of Fire. No indication is given that they are judged as all other men are, probably because they will receive the most severe punishment imaginable for committing the worst sin known to man: deceiving other souls about God and the way to God. They will probably be willing accomplices in deceiving more people and damning more souls during that seven-year period than any two men in history.
- Satan Bound 1000 years ([Revelation 20:1-3](#))
  - The world's master deceiver will be bound in the bottomless pit so he cannot deceive men about God during the Millennial kingdom. No one knows where the bottomless pit is located: some suggest that it is at the bottom of the Great Gulf Fixed, which is mentioned in Jesus' description of Hades in [Luke 16](#).
- Resurrection of All Believers ([Revelation 20:4](#))
  - The Rapture occurs prior to the Tribulation as the first phase of the resurrection that takes all believers up to the Father's house. Some suggest that because the OT saints died in anticipation of Christ's death on the cross they will be included as well. If so, the only believers left to be included after the Rapture will be all those who receive Jesus as their Lord during the Tribulation. These Tribulation saints are both Jew and Gentile
- Christ Establishes His Millennial Kingdom ([Revelation 20:1-6](#))
  - Many OT prophecies about the kingdom of God on earth will be fulfilled at this point. However they are not included in this scripture. The only things described here are the location, duration, and the fact that Satan will be found.

# Summary Of The End Times (4)

- Satan Released One Last Time Toward End of Millennial Kingdom ([Revelation 20:7-9](#))
  - God will release Satan after the 1000 year kingdom to deceive men may seem a mystery at first, but it will give people who are born during the Millennium an opportunity to either rebel against God or receive Him and worship Him (Isaiah 65)
- The Final Rebellion ([Revelation 20:7-9](#))
  - The fact that a large multitude will choose to follow Satan is evidence that the population during the Millennium will be huge, it will be a “youth movement,” so to speak, for [Isaiah 65:20](#) indicates only believers will live past their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. If everyone who chooses to follow Satan is under 100 and “the number of them is like the sand of the seashore ([vs8](#)), then you can imagine the even greater number of believers there will be in that kingdom.
- Satan Cast Into The Lake of Fire ([Revelation 10:10](#))
  - `After the rebellion is extinguished by God, Satan will be thrown alive into the Lake of Fire. By this time, the Antichrist and False Prophet will already have been there for 1000 years, proving that hell is clearly a place of suffering for eternity.

# Summary Of The End Times (5)

- The Great White Throne Judgment ([Revelation 20:11-15](#))
  - Only the unsaved will face this judgment. No believer from any age will be there. The purpose of this judgment will be for unbelievers to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and to receive the degree of punishment they have earned by their rejection of Christ and the deeds of their life.
- The Acknowledgement That Jesus Christ Is Lord ([Phil 2:9-11](#))
  - It is probable that at this point in time, right after the Great White Throne Judgment, unbelievers will have to bend their knee and “confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father ([vs 11](#)) Had they been willing to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord during their lifetime, they would have escaped this judgment and the eternity in hell that results from it.
- The New Heaven And New Earth ([Revelation 21:1](#))
  - While we are not given many details about the new heaven and earth, we do understand that this world will be replaced by a new earth that more resembles the Garden of Eden than anything we know today.

# Summary Of The End Times (6)

- The Holy City Comes To Earth ([Revelation 21:2-8](#))
  - The incredible house that Jesus is building will descend to become the capitol of the new earth. A 1,500 mile cube, it will be large enough to accommodate all the people that have ever lived on planet earth. It will probably be centered on the site of modern Jerusalem, from which Jesus Christ will rule the world in righteousness
- Heaven Described ([Revelation 21:8-27](#))
  - The future home of all unbelievers will be a beautiful walled city where the streets are gold and the 12 gates to the city are huge, beautiful pearls. The foundation stones of the walls will be adorned with every kind of precious stones.
- Christ's Last Call To Mankind ([Revelation 22:6-20](#))
  - After promising to make his ultimate coming "suddenly," the Savior says, "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come' And let the one who is thirsty come, let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost ([vs 17](#)). This is the last call by Him who died for all mankind, to appeal to them to receive Him personally by faith. Any thirsty soul who wants God in his or her life and his/her sins forgiven through Jesus Christ can "take the water of life without cost." Salvation is a free gift of God received by faith.