

# FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

## Revelation 21-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“Heaven - Will You Be Going There? – Part 2”**

The “Who, What, When Where and Why” of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Last Days, Eschatology, Bible Prophecy, Current Events**

### **Revelation 21:1-8**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 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. 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. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”: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.” :6 And 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. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”...

### **Revelation 21:21-27**

The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. :22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 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. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But 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.

### Revelation 22:1-7

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 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. 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. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 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. :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.*"

## *Heaven* – Will You Be Going There?"

### 1.) The Reality of Heaven

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### 1a.) There Is The Natural Witness of Creation

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### 1b.) There Is The Personal Witness of Consciousness

## Protect Your Consciences

### 1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Holy Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having ***their own conscience seared with a hot iron.***

**kausteriazō;** *to burn shut or to close up. to become marked, identified, scarred - noticeable by branding:* — seared with a branding iron.

**To be Branded** (by sin) = the numbing or deadening of your feelings; having become insensitive; No longer capable of having feelings of responsiveness or compassion toward others & and a view of fatalism toward yourself.

## **The Gospel Message, When Believed**

acts as a cleansing agent, a goes to work from the inside out.

( our Israeli tour guide, his motorcycle crash and olive oil that pushed the debris out of his body **including his scar tissue** )

### **Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents** (*intentions*) **of the heart.**

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### 1c.) There Is The Divine Witness of Revelation

## The Bold and Out-Right Authoritativeness of the Bible.

There is the pure Testimony of Biblical Reliability.

( there is not one book of the Bible, one chapter, one verse or one word that contradicts another in the Bible )

- 1.) There is the Historicity or Historical Record of the Bible.
- 2.) There is the Archeological Evidence of the Bible.
- 3.) There is the Eschatological Argument of the Bible.
- 4.) There is the Ontological Argument of the Bible.

### **Psalm 119:89**

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

### **Psalm 18:30**

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven;

### **Psalm 119:160**

The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

### **Matthew 24:35**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**John 17:17**

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

**Psalm 19:7-9**

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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2.) The Absence of Heaven

Over and over again the Bible warns us and gives us examples regarding the dangers of Hell and a Christ-less Eternity.

Heaven is described in the Bible as being an actual place. The Bible speaks about Heaven been an actual eternal place where all of the blessings and benefits of God are realized and experienced.

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Hell too is described in the Bible as being an actual place. The Bible speaks about Hell been an actual eternal place where all of the blessings and benefits of God are gone and no elements of His goodness are realized or experienced.

The exact same word is used when describing hell in the Bible as being eternal and forever - - It is the exact same word used to describe Heaven!

**Matthew 25:41**

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting** fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

“a reality that we’d rather not consider.”

In his book *The Problem of Pain* C.S. Lewis wrote that if he had his druthers, Hell would be a doctrine he would, “willingly remove from Christianity.” “But,” he says, “it has the full support of Scripture and, specially, of Our Lord’s own words; it has always been held by Christendom; and it has the support of reason. If a game is played, it must be possible to lose it.”

Dante Alighieri - The Divine Comedy

“All Hope Abandon, Ye Who Enter Here.”

## In Hell – There is the Perfect Absence of God

It's a place of burning / It's a place of gnawing / It's a place of terrorizing / It's a place of darkness / It's a place of falling / It's a place of drowning / It's a place of loneliness. (the damnable actions of the EXPERTS who have forced the sick and elderly into confinement in the name of 'SAFETY' against COVID.)  
= absolute isolation, forever!!!

### 1 Thessalonians 1:7b-10a

**:7b** When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10a** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe.

## The Absence Of Heaven

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### 2a.) Into The Void of Love

The very existence of love supports the fact that God loves us.  
The very desire of love supports the fact that we need God.  
The very act of love supports the fact that we cannot be alone.

“The absence of heaven would mean  
the absence of love and the absence of love would mean  
the absence of God.”

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### 2b.) Into The Void of Light

Darkness in this physical world is something measurable.  
We can detect elements of darkness by the absence or “void of light.”

The Bible speaks of the darkness that can be felt.  
A Darkness That Can Smother

**Exodus 10:21**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness which may even be felt."

A Darkness That was (is) a Moral Darkness  
A Darkness That Steals...

**Joshua 24:14b**

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and **put away the gods** which your fathers served..."

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2c.) Into The Void of Life

The "Forever Living" Death

Look around, "LIFE" is not always being lived.

**1 Timothy 5:6**

But she (he, we all) who lives in **pleasure** is dead while she lives.

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3.) The Entrance Into Heaven

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3a.) There Is Limited Seating Available

**Matthew 7:13-14**

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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3b.) Reservations Are Required

There’s no “general boarding” regarding Heaven.  
It Takes a Reservation to Enter Heaven.

**Revelation 20:11-15**

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and book(s) were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Right Now @ 00:00 am - The Book of Life Contains**

The names of every human being that has ever lived. As of right now – all of those names are currently written down in the Book of Life.

But there is the Day of Judgment coming when the Books will be opened and then, scrolling down we come to the final book, the Lamb’s Book of Life, then it will be opened to see if your name is in there

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3c.) Act Now While Supplies Last

By “Supply” I mean “Time” and “Opportunity.”

Time is running out.

NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME / TODAY IS THE DAY.

**Romans 10:9-10**

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**John 1:10-12**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to **those who believe in His name:**

NOTE HOW PERSONAL IT WAS (IS)

**Luke 23:39-43**

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." :40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." :43 And Jesus said to him, ***"Assuredly, I say to you, today YOU will be with Me in Paradise."***

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*End of Study*

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