

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?”

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

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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.*"

**Have you ever had the opportunity to
tour a great house or castle or palace?**

Catherine the Great Palace

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England's Blenheim Palace

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The White House

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All of them speak of a "sanctified" desire, an "appreciated" security

In Every Great House:

**There are tour guides to lead you on a walking tour through the most
fascinating rooms, the impressive courtyards, banqueting halls and
stunning gardens!**

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1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

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

1.) The Reality of Heaven

Isaiah 66:1

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

A Challenge Please.

Think about the following points of this study as either evidence found at a crime scene or equations added to a mathematical model - - it all must come together. The clues or data will have to fit if we are going to prove the case or get the answer!

The Reality Of Heaven

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

1a.) There Is The Natural Witness of Creation

Creation to me is like (hors d'oeuvres) that are "presented" before some grand dinner. The hors d'oeuvres – are just samples, not the real meal, just a reminder that something greater is coming!

There is the "Natural Creation Argument" in the Book of Job.
When the LORD was trying to "set right" Job's perspective regarding the relationship between man's powerless situation and the vastness of God's

Job 38:31-32

"Can you Job **bind** the cluster of the Pleiades, Or **loose** the belt of Orion? 32 Can you **bring out** Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you **guide** the Great Bear with its cubs?"

Psalm 8:3

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The Reality Of Heaven

“Heaven Will You Be Going There?”

1b.) There Is The Personal Witness of Consciousness

Job 14:14

If a man dies, shall he live again?

Job was fully aware – *there must be more...*

Romans 2:14-15

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

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.*

Branded (by sin), having become insensitive,
No longer capable of having feelings of responsiveness or compassion.

The Reality Of Heaven

“Heaven Will You Be Going There?”

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.

End of Study

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