

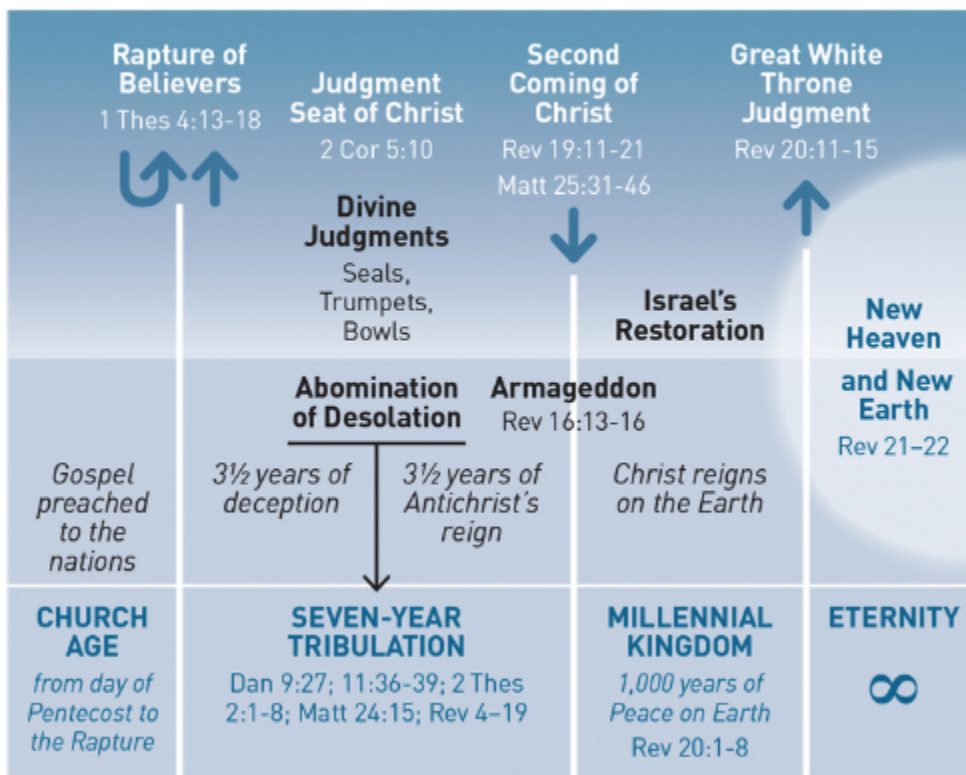
An Overview of Revelation

Part Three (Revelation chs. 20-22)

Jesus Christ will make this Earth like Heaven; only Jesus Christ is worthy and able to do so because He obediently overcame sin and death. At the end of the 7 year Tribulation, the King of Kings will come again in glory to wage war and to eradicate all who oppose His rule over the Earth!

Bible prophecy: "First the worst, then the best."

Timeline of Future Events



At the close of the Tribulation, the Earth has been prepared for a new age, a new King and a new administration.

Revelation 20 - Satan is bound, Jesus Christ reigns for 1000 years over this Earth, and then all unbelieving humans are judged at the Great White Throne judgment.

Rev. 20:1 ¶ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

Rev. 20:2 And he laid hold of the **dragon**, the **serpent of old**, who is the **devil** and **Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years;

Rev. 20:3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would **not deceive the nations** any longer, until the thousand years were **completed**; after these things he must be released for a **short time**.

When Jesus Christ begins to reign on the Earth in the Millennial Kingdom, Satan will not be able to oppose Him with any deceitful world systems.

Rev. 20:4 ¶ Then I saw **thrones**, and they sat on them, and **judgment** was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and **reigned with Christ** for a thousand years.

Rev. 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to **sit down with Me** on My throne, as I also **overcame** and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev. 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the **first resurrection**.

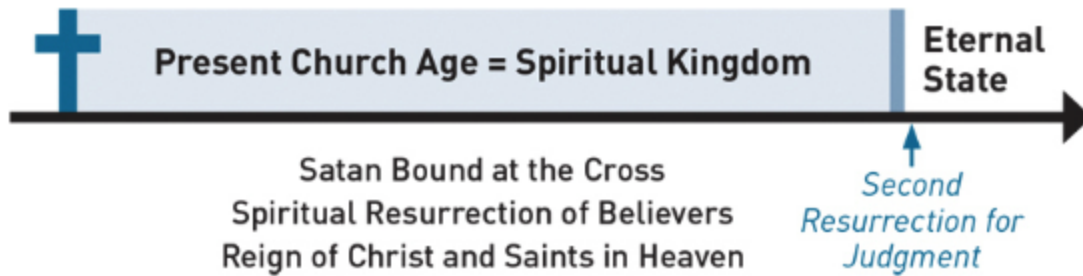
Rev. 20:6 Blessed [= Privileged] and holy is the one who has a part [= share] in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be **priests of God and of Christ** and will **reign [= be kings] with Him** for a thousand years.

What Happens to a Person After Death?

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. . ." (Heb. 9:27)

	At Death	Bodily Resurrection	Judgment	Eternal Destination
Christian	Christ's Presence SOUL BODY The Grave	Resurrection at the Rapture SOUL BODY	Judgment Seat of Christ in Heaven for Rewards	Heaven
Old Testament Believer	Paradise / Abraham's Bosom SOUL BODY The Grave	Resurrection at Christ's Second Coming SOUL BODY	Judgment on Earth for Rewards	Heaven
Tribulation Believer	Christ's Presence SOUL BODY The Grave	Resurrection at Christ's Second Coming SOUL BODY	Judgment on Earth for Rewards	Heaven
Unbeliever	Sheol / Hades Torment SOUL BODY The Grave	Resurrection at the End of the Millennium SOUL BODY	Judgment at the Great White Throne for Sins	Hell / Gehenna / Lake of Fire

End Times in Amillennialism — The Figurative View



End Times in Premillennialism — The Literal View



When Jesus Christ reigns for the first 1000 years on this Earth, He will lead a government of faithful believers who are priests to mortal humans who repopulate the Earth. Jesus Christ will lead the whole Earth to know God the Father in new ways before eternity begins.

*Is. 65:20 ¶ "No longer will babies die when only a few days old.
No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life.
No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!
Only the cursed will die that young!"*

*Is. 11:6 ¶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a **little boy** will lead them.*

*Is. 11:7 Also the cow and the bear will graze,
Their young will lie down together,
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.*

Is. 2:3 *And many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
That He may teach us concerning His ways
And that we may walk in His paths.”
For the law will go forth from Zion
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

The Earth will experience peace, and we will lead humanity to worship Jesus Christ. Even geography will be changed to honor Jesus Christ.

The Millennial Kingdom is also important to fulfill God’s promises to Israel, such as possessing the Promised Land in safety and security.

Hos. 2:23 *“I will sow her [Israel] for Myself in the land.
I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion,
And I will say to those who were not My people,
‘You are My people!’
And they will say, ‘You are my God!’”*

Israel will be Jesus’s special ethnic people. God’s promises to Israel will be fulfilled!

However, human beings who repopulate the Earth will still sin and die in the Millennial Kingdom. Jesus Christ will rule the nations with a rod of iron!

Zech. 14:17 *And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, **there will be no rain on them.***

Humanity will be sinful in even the best environment and circumstances. Vast unimaginable numbers will come to believe in Jesus Christ. We will get to share the message of God’s grace towards sinful people.

Rev. 20:7 ¶ *When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be **released** from his **prison,***

Rev. 20:8 *and will come out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the **war**; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.*

Rev. 20:9 *And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and **fire came down from heaven** and devoured them.*

Rev. 20:10 *And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Rev. 20:11 ¶ *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.*

Rev. 20:12 *And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.*

Rev. 20:13 *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.*

Rev. 20:14 *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.*

Rev. 20:15 *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Hell, likened to a lake of fire, is the final sentence of judgment for spiritually dead people. Hell is ultimately a place where guilty and spiritually dead people will go on dying forever.

Revelation 21 & 22 - Jesus Christ's kingdom continues into eternity on a New Earth that is Heaven on Earth.

Rev. 21:1 ¶ *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.*

Rev. 21:2 *And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.*

Rev. 21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,*

Rev. 21:4 *and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."*

Rev. 21:5 ¶ *And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."*

Rev. 21:6 *Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end..."*

Rev. 21:6 "...I will give **to the one who thirsts** from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Rev. 21:7 "He who **overcomes** will **inherit** these things, and I will be his God and he will be My **son**.

Rev. 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their **part [= share]** will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Rev. 21:9 ¶ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, **the wife of the Lamb.**"

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a **great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,**

Rev. 21:11 **having the glory of God...**

This New Jerusalem is like a Temple where you find God's presence.

Rev. 21:11 ...Her **brilliance [= brightness/shining]** was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

Rev. 21:12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates [= gate-towers], and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of **Israel**.

Rev. 21:13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

Rev. 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb**.

Rev. 21:15 ¶ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

Rev. 21:16 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, **fifteen hundred miles**; its length and width and height are equal.

Rev. 21:17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.



We have no idea how huge this New Earth or the new creation as a whole might be!

Rev. 21:18 *The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was **pure gold, like clear glass.***

Rev. 21:19 *The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned **with every kind of precious stone.** The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;*

Rev. 21:20 *the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.*

Rev. 21:21 *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a **single pearl.** And the street of the city was **pure gold, like transparent glass.***

The New Jerusalem is full of light and color!

Rev. 21:22 ¶ *I saw **no temple** in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*

Rev. 21:23 *And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has **illuminated** it, and its lamp is the Lamb.*

Rev. 21:24 *The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.*

Rev. 21:25 *In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;*

Rev. 21:26 *and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;*

Rev. 21:27 *and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

If our home is the New Jerusalem, who are the “nations”? Who are the “kings”?

Rev. 22:1 ¶ *Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,*

Rev. 22:2 *in the middle of its street. On either side [= on one side and on the other] of the river was the [= a] tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

These new trees of life can perpetuate life for the “nations.” They provide “healing” to their normal bodies. They are without sin, but they need to eat from the trees of life.

Rev. 22:3 *There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;*

Rev. 22:4 *they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.*

Rev. 22:5 *And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.*

The description of the nations on the New Earth entering the New Jerusalem to worship, their eating from the tree of life for “healing,” and resurrected believers like us living in the New Jerusalem makes it likely that there will be a New Humanity on the New Earth. If so, this New Humanity will be like Adam and Eve, but they will never sin. We will be “trophies of God’s grace,” kings and priests to this New Humanity.

Is. 9:7 ***There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,***

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Rev. 22:6 ¶ And he [the angel] said to me, “These words are faithful and **true**”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must **soon** take place.

Rev. 22:7 ¶ “And behold, I [Jesus Christ] am coming **quickly**. **Blessed [= privileged]** is he who **heeds** the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Rev. 22:8 ¶ I, John, am the one who **heard** and **saw** these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

Rev. 22:9 But he *said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who **heed** the words of this book. Worship God.”

Rev. 22:10 ¶ And he [the angel] *said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is **near**.”

Rev. 22:11 “Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still **keep himself holy**.”

Rev. 22:12 ¶ “Behold, I [Jesus Christ] am coming **quickly**, and **My reward is with Me**, to render to every man according to what he has **done**.”

Rev. 22:13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Rev. 22:14 ¶ **Blessed [= privileged]** are those who **wash their robes**, so that they may have the right [= ruling power] to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

Rev. 22:15 Outside are the **dogs** and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

Rev. 22:16 ¶ “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things **for the churches**. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Rev. 22:17 ¶ 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**.

Rev. 22:18 ¶ I testify to everyone who **hears** the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone **adds** to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; **Rev. 22:19** and if anyone **takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part [= share] from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Rev. 22:20 ¶ He [Jesus Christ] who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming **quickly**.” Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Jesus Christ has told you to “heed” the book of Revelation. There’s no time to waste to get ready for Jesus’ coming. If you disregard Revelation’s message in real terms in your life, you will miss out on what Jesus wants to give you.

Be ready today for the Lord Jesus Christ’s coming and His reward for your life.

Are you ready? Can you say from your heart, “Come, Lord Jesus?” Is there anything in you that makes you hesitate to say it?

Rev. 22:21 ¶ *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*