

KINGDOMS OF SAND

“NOT OF THIS WORLD” SERIES – PART 3 OF 6

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REVELATION 21:1–7 (EXCERPT)

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! **God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God...**” He who was seated on the throne said, “**I am making everything new!...**”

JOHN 14:1–3, REV 19:11–16, MAT 25:31–46, 2 THES 1:7–10; 2:8, 2 PET 3:3–4, HEB 9:27–28

1 PETER: NOTICE THE EMPHASIS **ON HEAVEN!**

WHEN YOUR LIFE IS FULFILLED IN HEAVEN:

1. You’ll receive an _____ INHERITANCE.

“...In his great mercy he has given us **new birth** into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and **into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...**”

2. Your salvation will be FULLY REVEALED.

“...**This inheritance is kept in heaven for you**, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of **the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time...**”

3. You’ll face the _____ JUDGMENT.

“...Since you call on a **Father who judges each person’s work** impartially, live out your time **as foreigners** here in reverent fear...”

4. You’ll receive _____ THAT REFLECT YOUR LIFE.

SEE MATT 19:27-29 AND REV 22:12

“...**Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care...** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you will receive the crown of glory** that will never fade away...”

5. The glory of Christ will be FULLY REVEALED.

“...the proven genuineness of your faith...may result in praise, glory and honor **when Jesus Christ is revealed...**”

WHEN YOUR LIFE IS FOCUSED ON HEAVEN:

1. You will live in a way that _____ SOMEONE’S ETERNITY.

“...I urge you, **as foreigners and exiles**, to abstain from sinful desires...Live such good lives among the pagans that...they may see your good deeds and **glorify God on the day he visits us...**”

2. You will show hope that REQUIRES _____.

“...“Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to **give the reason for the hope that you have...**”

3. You will experience the _____ AND REJUVENATION OF THE FATHER.

“...the God of all grace, **who called you to his eternal glory** in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, **will himself restore you** and make you strong...”

2 PETER 3:10–14

HEBREWS 12:22–29

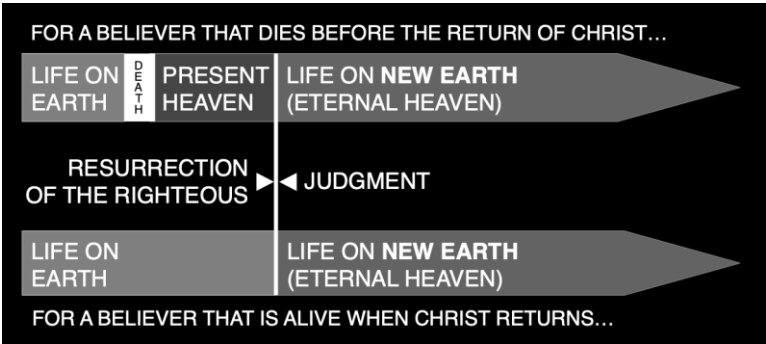
FOR YOUR OWN STUDY:

5 PHASES OF OUR EXISTENCE

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- 1: THE WOMB 2: OUR PRESENT LIFE (PROBATION) 3. TEMPORARY STATE
4. RESURRECTION 5. ETERNAL STATE

RESURRECTION Dan 12:1-3, Matt 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, John 11:23-26, John 11:38-45, Job 19:25-27, Ps 16:9-11, Ps 49:14-15, Is 26:19, John 5:28-29, Acts 23:6-9, Acts 24:15, Rom 8:11, 1 Cor 15, 2 Cor 4:14, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thess 4:13-18
NEW HEAVEN & EARTH Is 25:6-8, Is 65:17-19, Is 66:22-23, Matt 8:11, Matt 19:27-29, Acts 3:20-21, Rom 8:18-23, Heb 11:16, Heb 13:14, 2 Pet 3:10-13, Rev 3:11-13, Rev 21:1-22:5
THE PRESENT (TEMPORARY) HEAVEN Luke 16:19-31; 23:42-43, 2 Cor 5:6-8;12:3-4, Phil 1:22-24



* The thin, vertical, white line above is simplified. Various Christians interpret the length of time, and the events described here, very differently. For an understanding of the many views of this timeframe, I recommend reading “The Christian Millennium” by Kevin J. Conner. To learn Pastor Nate Swanson’s view on this timeframe, read “In the Light of Eternity” by Jay Zinn.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES AND REWARDS BASED ON HOW I LIVE:
1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10, 2 JOHN 8, ROMANS 14:10-12, 1 JOHN 2:28, REV 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26-28, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21, 11:18...

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED STUDIES OF LIFE AFTER THE RETURN OF JESUS:

- “In the Light of Eternity” by Jay Zinn (shorter, more approachable)
- “Heaven” by Randy Alcorn

RECOMMENDED READING:

- “Countdown to Eternity” by Jay Zinn (book of Revelation)
- “Erasing Hell” by Francis Chan
- “A Life God Rewards” by Bruce Wilkinson
- “Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis

RECOMMENDED FANTASY NOVELS BASED ON SCRIPTURE:

- “The Unveiling” by Jay Zinn (covers events of Revelation)
- “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis (regarding Heaven)

RECOMMENDED VIEWING:

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