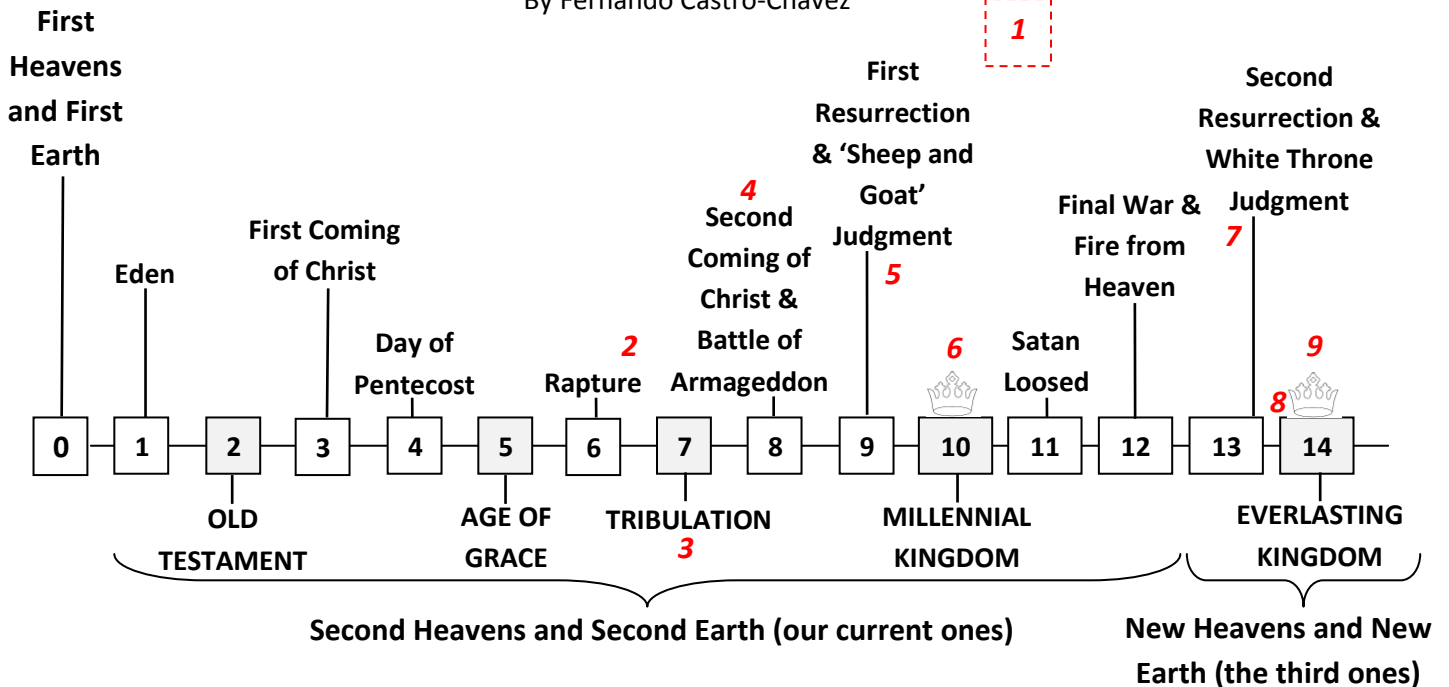


After Our Rapture (our caught up, *harpagesometha*, of 1 Thess. 4:17) v. 2 [05/25/2012]

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What will happen to us, the born again believers, after our collective departure from planet earth? According to what is already revealed in the Scriptures, some of the comforting things of our future are:

We are going to be living in Heavens for a season (7 yr.), these still are the Second Heavens

1. We, in our immortal bodies, are going to be always with Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 4:17b-18

“We ...shall be **caught up** together ...in the clouds to meet the Lord **in the air**”

“...so shall we ever be with [sun, in close proximity to] **the Lord**”, “...comfort [*parakaleite*, encourage] one another with these words.”

Phil. 3:20-21

“Our conversation [*politeuma*, the seat of the government of which we are citizens (*polites*), and of which we have both rights and responsibilities, citizenship] is [*huparjei*, now exists] in heaven [*ouranois*, heavens]; from whence also we look for [earnestly wait for, eagerly wait for] the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change [*metasjematisei*, transform, transfigure, change the fashion of] our vile body [*soma*] [body of humiliation], that it may be **fashioned like** [*summorphon*, conformed] **unto his glorious body** [*somatí*] [the body of his glory], according to the working [*energeian tou dunastai*, exertion of the power] whereby he is able even to subdue [subject] all things unto himself.”

2. We are going to receive recompenses (i.e., crowns, or nothing) according to our works done now.

2 Cor. 5:10

“For **we must all appear** [*fanerotenai*, be exposed, be manifested, be revealed] **before** [in the presence of] **the judgment seat** [*Bematos*] **of Christ**; that every [each] one may receive [according to] the things

done in [*dia tou*, through, by means of] his body [*somatos*], **according to that he hath done** [*epraxen*, practiced, made a practice of doing], **whether it be good** [*agaton*] **or bad** [*phaulon*, worthless, of low quality].” [This is talking about receiving our exclusive (saints only) recompenses, or their lack thereof].

1 Cor. 3:14-15

“If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon [*epoikodomesen*, i.e., upon the foundation of Christ], he shall receive a reward. If any man's work [*ergon*] shall be burned [*katakaesetai*, burned up], he shall suffer loss [*dzemiotesetai*]: but he himself shall be **saved** [*sotesetai*]; yet so **as by fire** [*puros*].” [Even the lowest (the most imperfect, sinner, wicked) of the born-again believers will be saved!]

3. We are going to live in heavens for a season, not forever.

Jn. 17:24

“Father, I will [*thelo*] that they also, **whom thou hast given me, be with me** where I [*ego*] am; that they may behold my glory [*doxan*], which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before [*pros*] the foundation [*kataboles*] of the world [*kosmou*].” [This is something that Jesus is requesting to God! For us to be with he is now (in the heavens of God)!]

Jn. 14:2-3

“In my Father's house [*oikia*] are many [*pollai*] mansions [*monai*, rooms, places to live, dwelling places, abiding places]: if it were not so [if not], I would have told you. I go [*poreuomai*] to prepare [*etoimasai*] a place [*topon*] for you. And if I go [*poreuto*] and prepare [*etoimaso*] a place for you [*topon*], I will come [*erjomai*] again [*palin*], and receive [*paralempomai*] you unto [*pros*, towards] myself [*emauton*]; that [in order that] **where I [*ego*] am, there ye may be also.**” [lit., Jesus is telling them that they (and us!) will be one good day where he is now (in Heavens) to the abode of God].

Jn. 14:6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me**” [lit., nobody, no Jew or Gentile, will be in the Heavens of God, where Christ is now, except through accepting Jesus Christ as their Living Lord; however they will also have a different hope (rising up on earth to enter the earthly Kingdom of Christ)]

We are coming back to live in this temporarily Restored Earth (1K), which still is the Second Earth

4. We are going to descend with Jesus to earth, to defeat the antichrist (in the battle of Armageddon).

Jude 14b

“...Behold, **the Lord cometh** [*helten*, came, in past tense or prophetic perfect] **with ten thousands** [*muriasin*, with a lot] **of his saints** [holy ones].” [These saints, holy ones are you and me! Coming with Christ in the second part of his second coming! After our seven years of bliss in God's Heavens, to defeat the Antichrist and his hosts. The first prophet ever, Enoch saw us coming in victory with our Lord!]

2 Thess. 1:7b-8a,10a

“...**the Lord Jesus shall be revealed** [*apokalupsei*] **from heaven** [*ouranou*] **with his mighty** [*dunameos*, powerful] **angels** [*angelon*, messengers]” [angels of power] [the angels of his power] “In [*en*] flaming [*flogos*] fire [*puri*] [fire of flame]”, “When [whenever] **he shall come** [*elte*, comes, shall have come] **to be glorified** [*endoxasthenai*] **in his saints** [*hagiois*, holy] [because we, those saints, are coming in victory and in glory with him, with Jesus!], and to be admired [*thaumasthenai*, marveled at] **in all** [*pasin*] **them that**

believe [pisteusasin, believed]... **in that day** [*hemera*]" . [These verses indicate that these are no ordinary angles but, that they are us! We that are his, and we are his mighty messengers! Here the equality is his mighty angels = his saints = all them that believed].

5. We are going to help Jesus to judge the survivors of the earth (the sheep and goat judgment, sheep entering and goats staying outside), and the good and/or believers of the Apocalypse and of the O.T.

Mt. 25:31-32

"When the Son of man shall **come** [*elte*, comes, shall have come] **in his glory**, and all [*pantes*] the *holy* angels [*angeloi*] with him, then shall he **sit upon** [on] **the throne of his glory** [*doxes*] [glorious throne]: And before [*emprosthen*] him shall be gathered [*sunajtesontai*] all [*panta*] [the] nations [*etne*]: and he shall separate [*aforisei*] them one from another [*allelon*, i.e, individuals], as a shepherd divideth [*aforidzei*] his sheep [*probata*] from the goats [*eripson*]" [The same 2 Thess. 1:10 context of Christ coming to be glorified, he is in now sitting in his glory while his mighty angels = his saints gather together every survivor from after the days of the Apocalypse, the good ones, the sheep will be able to enter into his one thousand years Kingdom]

Rev. 20:4

"And **I saw thrones**, and **they sat upon them**, and **judgment** [*krima*] **was given** [i.e., not judging or ruling authority, but sentence, or pronouncement or award in their favor] **unto** [to, for] **them**: and *I saw* the souls of them that were [had been] beheaded [*pepelekismenon*] for the witness [*marturian*, testimony] of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which [*hoitines*, whosoever] had not [did not] worshipped [*prosekuunesan*] the beast [*terion*], neither [*oude*] his image [*eikona*], neither [*ouk*] had received [*elabon*] his [the] mark [*jaragma*] upon [*epi*, on] their foreheads [*metopon*], or in [and, *kai* upon, *epi*] their hands [*jeira*, hand]; **and they lived** [*edzesan*, lived again, came to life] **and reigned** [*ebasileusan*] **with Christ a thousand** [*jilia*] **years** [*ete*]" [We are those they of the beginning of the verse, and from our thrones of judgment we will help on raising believers that died on the days of the Apocalypse, and they have the promise to reign with Christ for those thousand years].

6. We are going to help Jesus Christ to bless and to rule the world in the Millennial Kingdom on earth, seeing, at its expiration date, that the enemies of Christ lead by Satan surround his City aiming to destroy it, but fire from God consumes them (killing the goats).

2 Tim. 2:11-12

"It is a faithful [*pistos*, trustworthy, dependable] saying [*logos*, dictum, maxim] [Faithful is the saying, the word]: For **if we be dead** [died] **with him** [*sunapetanomen*], **we shall also live with him** [*sudzesomen*, live together also with]: If we suffer [*jupomenomen*, endure], **we shall also reign with him** [*sumbasileusomen*, reign together also]: if we deny [*arnesometa*] him, he also [*akeinos*] will deny [*arnesetai*] us" [We will live again and forever, and we will also reign with Christ! Part of our duties as Kings and Queens will be to do what we read before in Rev. 20:4; just think about it, if we are going to receive numerous crowns, those are the symbols of authority because we will reign with Christ!]

Rom. 5:17

"For if by one *man's* offence [*paraptomati*, transgression] death [*tanatos*] reigned [*ebasileusen*] by [*dia*, through] one [For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one]; **much more they which receive** [*lambanontes*] [the] **abundance** [*perisseian*] **of grace** [*jaritos*] and of the gift [*doreas*] of righteousness [*dikaiousunes*, justice] **shall** [will] **reign** [*basileusousin*] **in** [*en*] **life** [*dzoe*] by [*dia*, through]

one, Jesus Christ.” [We will be reigning in life, having the total assurance of reigning in life within the millennial Kingdom of Jesus!]

Rev. 5:8-12

“8 And when he had taken [*elaben*, took] the book [*bibion*, scroll], the four [*tessera*] beasts [*dzoa*, living beings, living creatures] and four and twenty [*eikosi tessares*] elders [*presbuteroi*] fell down before the Lamb [*arniou*, little lamb], having every one of them [each one] harps [*kitaran*, a harp], and golden [*jrusas*] vials [*phialas*, cups, bowls] full [*gemousas*] of odours [*tumiamaton*, incense], which are [i.e., symbolize] the prayers [*proseujai*] of [the] saints [*hagion*, holy].

9 And they sung [*adousin*, sing] a new [*kainen*] song [*oden*], saying [*legontes*], Thou art worthy [*axios*] to take [*labein*] the book, and to open [*anoixai*] the [its] seals [*sphragidas*] thereof: for thou wast slain [*esphages*], and **hast redeemed** [*egorasas*, bought, purchased, didst purchase] us [**them**, which in this context means “us”, the born-again believers living in heaven at the time of this vision] **to God by thy blood** [*haimati*] **out of every** [*pases*, all] kindred [*phules*, tribe], and tongue [*glosses*], and people [*laou*, town], and **nation** [*etnous*];”

10 “**And hast made** [*epoiesas*, madest] us [*autous*, **them**, again in this context this means “us”, the born-again believers who are going to be living in heaven at the time of this vision] **unto** [to, or for] **our God kings** [*basileias*, a Kingdom] **and priests** [*hiereis*] [a priestly kingdom]: **and we** [**they**, again in this context this means “us”, the born-again believers who are going to be living in heaven at the time of this vision] **shall reign** [*basileusousin*] **on** [*epi*, upon] **the** [*tes*] **earth** [*ges*].” [If in doubt that this is talking about us, just read and re read with the light of God the verses for our administration that we read in 2 Tim. 2:11-12 and in Rom. 5:17; so, not only Enoch saw us coming from heaven, here John in prophetic vision is seeing us dwelling, or cramming the Heavens of God!].

11 “And I beheld [*eidon*, saw, looked], **and I heard** [*ekousa*] the [**a**] **voice** [*phonen*] **of many** [*pollon*] **angels** [*angelon*] round about [*kuklo*, around] the throne and the beasts [*dzoon*, living creatures] and the elders [*presbuteron*]: and the number [*aritmōs*] of them was ten thousand times ten thousand [*muriades muriadon*, myriads of myriads, Hebraism for “countless numbers”), and [*kai*] thousands of thousands [*jiliades jiliadon*];” [again, here the prophet John saw a lot of these angels, that because of the context, once more I equate them to the ones mentioned in the previous two verses (9 and 10): the redeemed with Christ’s blood = the kings and priests that will reign on the earth = many angels (in heaven at that prophetic time), is very similar to the numerous description of the holy saints that Enoch saw; so, again, not only Enoch saw us coming in glory with Christ, but John saw us in heaven and heard our numerous voices!]

12 “**Saying** [*legontes*, note that these angels are not singing] **with a loud** [*megale*, great] **voice** [*phone*], Worthy [*axios*] is the Lamb [*arnion*, little lamb] that was [who has been] slain [*esphagmenon*] to receive [*labein*] [the, *ten*] power [*dunamin*], and riches [*plouton*], and wisdom [*sophian*], and strength [*isjun*, might], and honour [*timen*], and glory [*doxan*], and blessing [*eulogian*].” [One of our jobs in heaven is to proclaim the greatness of our Lord, here called the Lamb; and this is what our collective voices will say! Because, if we are not these ones, if we are not characterized as being in heaven in the days of the Apocalypse so clearly described in the book of Revelation, where else will we be found; and if it is not with our Lord, the Lamb, where else could we be found at those defining moments for the universe?]

We are going to live in the New Heavens and the New Earth, the Third Heavens and Third Earth

7. We are going to be the judges of the angels that sinned, and of the rest of humanity, and to see the temporary second resurrection of all the evil men that after that will be no more [because they are going to be sent to the lake of sulfur and fire, which is the second death, to be consumed like dry and hollow straw, that once burnt and consumed is nothing but ash].

1 Cor. 6:2-3

“Do ye not [ouk] know [oidate] [know ye not] that **the saints** [hagioi, holy] **shall** [will] **judge** [krinousin, judge and rule] **the world** [kosmon]? and if the world [kosmos] shall be judged [krinetai] by you [en humin, in you], are ye unworthy [anaxioi, incompetent] to judge [kriterion] the smallest matters [elajiston, trivial cases]? Know [oidate] ye not [ouk] that **we shall** [will] **judge** [krinoumen, to judge and to rule] **angels** [angelous]? how much more things that pertain to this life [biotika, matters of this life]?” [We are going to judge and to rule the world, if in doubt if what Rev. 20:4 says applies to us, just remember and re remember these scriptures of 1 Cor. 6:2-3 written to us, the body of Christ!]

Jude 6-7

“And the **angels** [angelous] which kept [teresantas, preserved] not [me] their first estate [arjen, preeminence, authority, own domain, their own principality], but left [apolipontas] their own [idion, proper] habitation [oiketerion], he hath **reserved** [tetereken, kept] in everlasting [aidiois] chains [desmois, prisons, bonds] under [hupo] darkness [dzofon] **unto the judgment** [krisim] **of the great** [megales] **day** [hemeras]. Even [hos, likewise] as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities [poleis] about [around] them in like [homoion] manner [tropon] [to these, the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, like that of the angels of Gn. 6, was an unnatural one, breaking through the bounds which God had set], giving themselves over to fornication [ekporneusasai, sexual immorality, an intensive form of porneuo, fornication], and going [apelitousai] after [opiso] strange [heteras, of a different kind, unnatural, other] flesh [sarkos], are set forth [prokeintai] for [as] an example [deigma], suffering [hupejousai, undergoing] the vengeance [diken, pain, punishment] of eternal [aioniou, with no end, in the age to come] fire [puros]” [These are some of the evil fallen angels that we are going to judge, according to 1 Cor. 6:3; they tried to corrupt the human genome, the “human bloodlines or lineages” by sexual intermingling of the worst sorts, by starting the sexually transmitted diseases, the hereditary diseases, the expression of bad or recessive genes due to close consanguinity, and many other evil things that are even a shame to be pronounced! (But that are clearly written in the Law of Moses, a hot research topic to understand the bones of Neanderthal and any other hominid, ‘hominin’, or pseudo-human, like Goliath and his peers)]

8. We, on the New Earth, are going to see the City of God, the New Jerusalem, descending from Heaven.

Rev. 21:10-11, 2

“And he [the angel, being this, one of the seven that carried the vials of judgment] carried [apenegken] me [John] away in *the spirit* [pneumati] to a great [mega] and high [hupselon] mountain [oros, mount], and shewed [edeixen] me that [the] *great city* [polis], **the holy** [hagian] **Jerusalem** [the holy city Jerusalem], **descending** [katabainousan, coming] **out** [ek] **of heaven** [ouranou] from [apo] God, Having the glory [doxan] of God: *and her light* [foster, radiance, glare] was like unto a stone [lito] most precious [timiotato, very valuable], even like a jasper [iaspidi] stone, clear as crystal [krustallidzonti]”, “and I John saw [eidon] **the holy** [hagian] **city** [polin], new [kainen] Jerusalem, **coming down** [katabainousan, descending] **from God out of heaven** [ouranou], prepared [hetoimasmene, made ready] as a bride [numfen] adorned [kekosmemene] for her husband [andri, man, who is Jesus, the head, and his body, which is us!]” [Please, imagine that great moment, we are reigning on earth, at the end of the thousand years of the Kingdom of Christ, the evil armies of Satan had already been defeated, he has finally been put in the lake of sulfur and fire to be consumed, so now God himself in His “mother-ship” so to speak, is bringing his City of the purest Gold and of gigantic precious stones as foundations and of gigantic pearls carved as door gates, a holy city bigger than Houston, descending in the same place where Eden was located, where the promised land was... but this one is forever!]

9. We are going to enter into the City of God, where God will live; spiritual immortality in the City of God (1,400 Mi, 2,200 Km per side x 4), freely offered (by both works and/or grace) to the biologically immortal Nations outside, saved and unsaved. [The biological immortality outside the immortal City of God will be like the one that Adam and Eve had before their fall or like the one that Jesus himself had before his biological death for his loving us; that will not be spiritual immortality yet, that will be the free will of each of the newborns on the outside of God's City; if that were not the case, why the need of 12 angels keeping the ones outside from entering the Holy City (see below), and why the need to offer to the ones outside leaves for the healing, and also of both the water of life freely and of the fruit of life not freely, but by good works? Because we need to remember that the promises of the O.T. need to be completely fulfilled like the multiple ones describing just men being born from generation to generation and with no end. So, my understanding is that they are born biologically immortal and by their free will they can decide to be spiritually immortal, being then immediately in the literal and actual presence of God; Oh the greatness of the wisdom of God!]

Rev. 21:12-14, 18-19, 21-27

“And had [having] a wall [teijos] great [mega] and high [hupselon], and had twelve [dodeka] gates [pulonias], and at [epi, on, above, over] **the gates [pulosin] twelve [dodeka] angels [angelos]**, and names [onomata] written thereon [epigegrammena, that had been written on it], which are *the names* of the **twelve [dodeka] tribes [fulon]** of the children [huion, sons] of Israel: On [apo, from] *the east [anatoes]* three [treis] gates [pulonias]; on [apo, from] the north [borra] three gates; on the south [notou] three gates; and on the west [dusmon] three gates.”

14 “And the wall of the city [poleos] had **twelve foundations [temelious]**, and in [ep, on, over] them the [twelve] names of the **twelve apostles [apostolon]**, note: the 12th will not be Judas Iscariot, but Matthias (according to Bullinger), who was the one chosen by Peter and the other 10, and who received holy spirit with the other 11 (but I prefer to think that the Apostle Paul will be the good or outstanding replacement, so let's wait to see who is the one chosen by God at that day...); twelve is the basic number of the measurements of the city] of the Lamb [arniou]...”

18 “And the building [endomesis, material, fabric] of the [its] wall [teijous] of it was of jasper [iaspis]: and **the city was pure [kataron] gold [jrusion]**, like [homoion] unto clear [kataro, pure] glass [hualo].

19 **And the foundations [temelioi]** of the wall [teijous] of the city [poleos] were garnished [kekosmemenoi, adorned] with all manner [panti] of **precious [timio] stones [lito]** [Precious gigantic stones, I must say]. The first [protos] foundation [temelios] was jasper [iaspis, these stones correspond to Aaron's breastplate]; the second [deuteros], sapphire [sapfiros]; the third [tritros], a chalcedony [jalkedon, agate]...”

21 “**And the twelve gates were twelve pearls [margaritai]** [So, “Margarito” means “Mr. Pearl” (smile); but seriously, I must say that those were gigantic pearls only possible to be obtained in the massive and external sea that surround our universe! If the pearl is gigantic, just imagine how more gigantic will even be the shell that hosted it, and these are 12 of many!]: every several [each one] gate [of the gates] was of one pearl [margaritou]: and **the street [plateia, avenue] of the city was pure gold**, as it were [note: not that it is glass, but gold of a kind unknown to us] transparent [diauges] glass [hualos].”

22 “And I saw **no [ouk] temple [naon, sanctuary]** therein [in, en it]: for **the Lord God [the] Almighty [pantocrator,] and the Lamb are the temple** of it [its sanctuary].

23 And the city had [has, hath] no [ou] need [jreian] of the sun [helion], neither [oude, nor] of the moon [selenes], to [in order to] shine [phainosin] in [on, upon] it [her]: for **the glory [doxa] of God did [has] lighten [ephotisen, illuminated] it, and the Lamb is the light [lujnos, lamp] thereof.**”

24 “And the nations [etne] of ~~them which are saved~~ [the texts rightfully omit these words!!! There are no “saved” outside, they will be like Adam and Eve before their fall, as they were biologically immortal but they were not yet saved!] shall [will] walk [peripatesousin] in the light [photos] of it [her]: and the

kings [*basileis*] of the earth [*ges*] **do bring** [*pherousin*] **their glory** [*doxan*] **and honour** into it.” [So, there are still political systems going on outside the City of God, only within this City God and Christ are the ultimate Authorities and Kings! And, at least the ones outside are kind enough to recognize them and bring them their best things!]

25 “And the gates of it shall [will] not [*ou me*, never ever] be shut [*kleistosin*] **at all** by day [*hemeras*]: [(]for there shall [will] be no [*ouk*] night [*nux*] there[)].” [So, the ones outside will be able to see through the inside of the Holy City but not enter yet, because one angel is guarding each door!]

26 “And **they shall** [will] **bring** [*oisousin*] **the glory** [*doxan*] **and** [the] **honour** [*timen*, the honour] **of the nations** [*etnon*, note: these are the “sheep” nations of the right hand of Christ in his millennial reign, and their good descendants] into it.” [Not only the rulers or kings from the outside, but also the rest of the people of the nations will recognize the Holy City and bring to it their goods, imagine here the most exquisite things, foods, clothes, jewels, songs, arts, etc., etc.]

27 “And **there shall** [will] **in no wise** [*ou me*, never ever] **enter** [*eiselte*] **into it any thing that defileth** [*koinon*, common thing, unclean], neither [nor] **whatsoever** [he who, or he that] worketh [*poion*, does what is] abomination [*bdelugma*, detestable, an idol], or [and] maketh a lie [*pseudo*, false, note: worketh or maketh a lying abomination, *i.e.*, an idol]: but [*ei me*, only] they [those] which [who] are written [*gegrammenoi*] in the Lamb's book [*Biblio*] of life [*dzoes*].” [So, by sheer logic, evil will still abide in the outside of the Holy City of God, even when Satan and his minions are no more, being this evil by the free act of the free will of some of the biologically immortal beings living in the outside; so, the pressure of that evil biologically immortal people will be more enduring for the free will of the ones that want to be good, and to sooner or later decide to drink the water of life freely (will this give them comfort, like the one received from the leaves of the tree of life for their healing, but not yet their hoped for spiritual immortality), and to eat of the fruit of life based on their good works (see below)!]

Rev. 21:1, 3-7

“And I saw [*eidon*] a **new** [*kainon*] **heaven** [*ouranon*] and a **new** [*kainen*] **earth** [*gen*]: for the first [*protos*] heaven [*ouranos*] and the first [*prote*] earth [*ge*] were passed away [*apeltan*]; and **there was no** [*ouk*] **more sea** [*talassa*].

3 And I heard [*ekousa*] a great [*megales*] voice [*phones*] out of *heaven* [the throne] saying [*legouses*], Behold [*idou*], **the tabernacle** [*skene*] **of God is with men, and he will dwell** [*skenosei*, to camp, to tabernacle] **with them**, and they shall be his people [*laoi*, peoples], and God himself shall be with [*met*] them, *and be their God*.

4 And God shall wipe away [*exaleipsei*] all [*pan*, every] tears [*dakruon*] from [*ek*] their eyes [*oftalmon*]; and there shall be **no** [*ouk*] **more death** [*tanatos*] [death shall be no more], neither [*oute*] sorrow [*pentos*, mourning], nor [*oute*] crying [*krauge*], **neither** [*oute*] shall there be any [*ouk*, no] more [no more] **pain** [*ponos*]: **for the former things** [*prota*] **are** [have] **passed away** [*apeltan*].” [Nothing of these things will exist, but interestingly it does not say that evil will not exist, as Rev. 21:27 shows, but it will be under control, as always depending on the free will of the humans of that time.]

5 “And he that [who] sat [*katemenos*, sits, sitteth] [the *one* sitting] upon [*epi*, on] the throne said, Behold, **I make all things** [*panta*] **new** [*kaina*]. And he said *unto me*, Write [*grapson*]: for these words [*logos*] are true [*aletinoi*] and faithful [*pistoi*] [faithful and true].

6 And he said unto [to] me, It is done [*gegonan*, they are come to pass]. I am [*ego*] [the] Alpha and [the] Omega, the beginning [*arje*] and the end [*telos*]. **I will give** [*doso*] unto him that is [to the one who] athirst [*dipsonti*, thirsts] **of the fountain** [*peges*, spring] **of the water** [*hudatos*] **of life** [*dzoes*] **freely** [*dorean*].” [This is free salvation as well at that time, through freely drinking of the water of life!]

7 “**He that** [who] **overcometh** [*Nikon*, triumphant] **shall inherit** [*kleronomesei*] **all** [*tauta*, these] **things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son** [*huios*].” [And this other thing is salvation through works,

through overcoming evil with good! So people will be free outside, both Gentiles and Jews to reach God according to their understanding and will!]

Rev. 22:1-5, 14-15,17,20

1 “And he shewed [*edeixen*] me a *pure* river [*potamon*] of **water** [*hudatos*] **of life** [*dzoes*] [living water], clear [*lampron*] as crystal [*crustallon*], **proceeding out** [*ekporeuomenon*] **of the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

2 In the midst [*meso*, middle] of the street [*plateias*] of it, and on either side [*enteuten kai ekeiten*] of the river [*potamou*], was there the tree [*xulon*] of life [*dzoes*] [This sounds more like the orchard or forest of trees of life, being them at one or at the other side of this river of life], which bare [*poioun*, bearing, making] **twelve** [*dodeka*] *manner of fruits* [*karpous*], and **yielded** [*apodidoun*, yielding] **her** [its] **fruit** [*karpon*] **every month** [*mena*, each month] [This is very interesting because the months will still be the same as now]: and **the leaves** [*phulla*] **of the tree** [*xulou*] **were for the healing** [*terapeian*] **of the nations** [*etnon*].” [Very interesting that outside people biologically immortal will still need of “therapy” or healing that will be easily provided by these leaves to the one so desiring them; also notice the good logic of an orchard of trees of life being fed by the water of life, if it is only one kind of tree, producing every month the same fruit (but that sounds boring); or rather, as an orchard, having at least twelve different trees of life (fed by the water of life) producing twelve different fruits; but, oh well, I think that we will know of these things when we get there...]

3 “And there shall be no [*ouk*] more [no longer] curse [*katatema*, an accursed thing]: but [and] **the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it**; and his servants [*douloi*] shall serve [*latreuousin*, adore] him:

4 And they shall see [*opsontai*] his face [*prosopon*]; and **his name** [*onoma*] *shall be in* [*epi*, on, upon] **their foreheads** [*metopon*].” [This will be the genuine branding of God of His own, we know that the Antichrist will try to fake this with his own and evil “brand” known as “the mark of the beast”].

5 “And there shall be **no** [*ouk*, no more] **night** [*nux*] **there** [This sounds as referring only inside the City of God but not the rest of the world, remember that months will still be accounted for, so the sun and the moon will still be there, even if not necessary to light the inside of the City, but still being there for the rest of the world]; and they need [*jreian*] no [*ouk*, no more] candle [*fotos lujnou*, light of lamp], neither [Lit. and] light of [from] *the sun* [*fotos heliou*]; for **the Lord God giveth them light** [*fotisei*]: **and they shall reign for ever and ever.**”

14 “**Blessed** [*makarioi*] **are they that** [those who] *do his commandments* [*plunontes tas stolas auton*, **clean their own clothes**, wash their robes], **that** [*hina*, in order that] **they may have** [the] **right to** [over] [*hina estai he exousia auton epi*, for the authority of them to be on or over] **the tree of life** [*xulon tes dzoes*], **and may enter** [*eiseltosin*] **in through** [by] **the gates** [*pulosin*] **into the city** [*polin*].” [Oh my, oh my, this is again works to obtain salvation, not grace, the people outside needs to be and do good in order to earn the right to eat the fruit of the tree of life; so the fruit is the one that in the end will provide them for a spiritual immortality, not the leaves of the tree, and, apparently not the water of life? This water seem to be also a temporary benefit or healing when compared to the mindboggling statement that we read in Rev. 22:14. So, I just need to thank now that we are saved by grace in this age of grace thanks to the work of Jesus, giving his life for us, who accepted him as our Living Lord!]

15 “*For* without [*exo*, **outside**] *are* [the] **dogs** [*kunes*, *i.e.*, sodomites, word found in Phoenician remains, as applied to a class of servants (who “offered homosexual rituals to their goddess”) attached to a temple of Ashtoreth in Cyprus], **and** [the] **sorcerers** [*pharmakoi*], **and** [the] **whoremongers** [*pornoi*, sexually immoral men], **and** [the] **murderers** [*phoneis*], **and** [the] **idolaters** [*eidololatrai*], **and whosoever** [*pas*, everyone who] **loveth** [*philon*, likes] **and maketh** [*poion*, keeps doing] **a lie** [*pseudo*, falsehood].” [Here again, an indicative, as in Rev. 21:27, of evil going on outside the Holy City of God, and if there will be murderers, that is in clear agreement that the biological immortality will still be vulnerable under

extreme circumstances, like pulverization, chopping, draining of all blood (which is what happened to the biologically immortal Jesus), only to be overridden by the goodness of God and of His children].
17 “And the Spirit [*pneuma*] and the bride [*numphe*] say [*legousin*], Come [*erjou*]. And let him that heareth [*akouon*] say [*eipato*], Come [*erjou*]. And **let him that is athirst** [*dipson*, thirsty] **come** [*erjesto*]. **And whosoever** [*ho*] **will** [*telon*, wants to] [Lit. the one willing], **let him take** [*labeto*] [of] **the water of life** [*hudor dzoes*] **freely** [*dorean*].” [Here again it is being established by repeating twice something that we already saw before (Rev. 21:7), that the drinking of the water of life is free or by grace, but apparently not so for the eating of the fruit of life].

20 “He which testifieth [*marturon*, testifies] [to] these things saith [*legei*], **Surely** [*nai*, yes] **I come** [*erjomai*, I am coming] **quickly** [*taju*]. **Amen. Even so, come** [*erjou*], **Lord** [*kurie*] **Jesus.**”

[19 “And if any man shall take away [*aphele*] from the words [*logon*] of the book [*bibliou*] of this prophecy, God shall [will] take away [*aphelei*] his part [*meros*] out of [from] the book of life [tree of life!, *xulon tes dzoes*], and out of the holy city [*poleos tes hagias*], and from the things which are written [*gegrammenon*] in this book [*biblio*]”.] [So, the liars are still going to be alive but outside of the Holy City of God, having only a biological immortality but not yet the spiritual one, apparently to be obtained at that time only through eating the fruit of the tree of life (apparently not only by drinking of the water of life...), the same fruit that was forbidden to be eaten by Adam and Eve when God put cherubim to protect it and a flaming sword revolving around it]

Please, notice that this is research material aiming to bring these words to your attention, for you to be full of hope, being enlightened and guided by the holy spirit within you, so be sure that you are filled with it through accepting Jesus Christ as your Living Lord. Then ask God to give you his wisdom to understand these things that are at hand.

And again, thanks God that we are living in the age of grace, a unique age for humans not yet spiritually immortal, that apparently seems to be better in grace for such kind of beings, when compared to the one that will be available to the ones living outside of the City of God in the future eternal.

Evidently, we personally or individually are going to be better at that time, with our immortal spiritual bodies, and all that it conveys; but again, not so the new generations that are going to still being born outside of the City of God, those new generations, even if being biologically immortal (like Adam and Eve before their fall), will still need to hear the Word of God and decide for their free will if accepting it or not. With the difference that, if they do, they will live holy lives and earn the right to eat the fruit of life, to then immediately be transformed into spiritually immortal beings, being capable at that time to immediately be in the presence of God, who will be dwelling forever over the earth, since this was His desire since the days of paradise.

Some Differences

[# 10 ¹] Millennial Kingdom	[# 14] Everlasting Kingdom ²
Restored heaven and earth (old ruined by Tribulation and Armageddon), Mt. 19:28, Is. 35:7, Ez. 47:8	New Heavens and Earth (old destroyed by fire), Rev. 21:1,4
Still exists the sea (the blue planet), sun, moon, day, and night, Is. 11:9, Hab. 2:14, Ps. 72:8, Zech. 9:10, Is. 32:18, 60:11	No sea (the golden planet), and no need of sun, moon, or night, Rev. 21:1,23, 22:5
Christ is King, Mt. 16:28, 25:31, Lk. 1:32, Is. 16:5, Gn. 49:10	God and Christ (the <i>arnion</i> , little lamb) are both on the throne ruling, Rev. 22:3-5
We will reign and rule with him, 2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 20:4	We will be forever with them, 1 Tes. 4:17
Jerusalem is the capital city, built with terrestrial materials, Is. 62:7, Jer. 3:17	The New Jerusalem that descended from Heaven is the capital city, having the purest gold, huge jewels and pearls, Rev. 21:11-21
Jerusalem is 4,500 cubits square, slightly less than 1½ miles square, Ez. 48:16	New Jerusalem is 12,000 stadia square, slightly less than 1,400 miles square, Rev. 21:15-18
Jerusalem populated by: saved and unsaved people, <i>i.e.</i> , immortals and mortals, Mt. 25:31-32, Mt. 12:41-42	Inside New Jerusalem, populated only by saved or immortals, 1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 21:6
Each of the twelve tribes of Israel will receive an area of Israel, Ez. 45, 47, 48	Each of the 12 tribes of Israel will have its name written on each one of the gates, Rev. 21:12-13
There will be a temple, Ez. 42:15-20, 45:2	There will be no temple, Rev. 21:22
There will still be death (even inside Jerusalem), Is. 65:20	There will be no spiritual death (only inside the New Jerusalem), 1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 21:6, 22:2
Each one of the twelve Apostles will rule and judge each one of the tribes of Israel, Mt. 19:28, Lk. 22:30	Each Apostle will have his name written on each of the 12 jewel stones of the walls, Rev. 21:14
Nations ruled with a “scepter of iron”, Ps. 2:9	No need for the “scepter of iron”, Rev. 21:26
The Devil is bound and locked (“chained”) in the Abyss, Rev. 20:1-3,7	Devil thrown in the lake of burning sulfur and destroyed, Rev. 20:10, Ez. 28:12-19

¹ These numbers correspond to the order of appearance in the diagram shown at the beginning of this document.

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