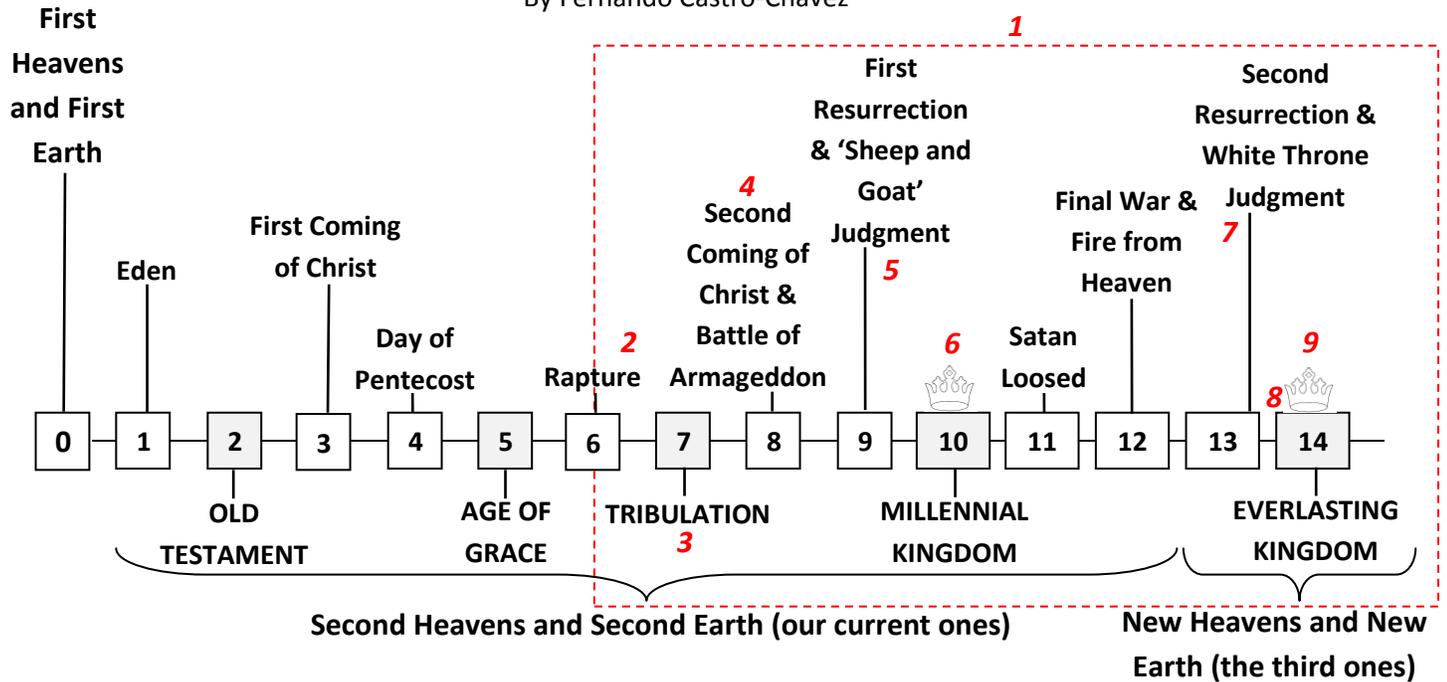


After Our Rapture (our caught up, *harpagesometha*, of 1 Thess. 4:17)

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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

Phil. 3:20-21

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

2 Cor. 5:10

1 Cor. 3:14-15

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

Jn. 17:24

Jn. 14:2-3

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

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

5. We are going to help Jesus to judge the survivors of the earth (the sheep and goat judgment, sheep entering, goats staying outside), and to see available to enter into the kingdom of Jesus the good gentiles, the ones that obeyed God and/or the faithful to their good conscience (the nation of Nineveh, Queen of Sheba, Job, Balaam, Noah) and the believers of the Apocalypse and of the O.T. (Daniel, David, Moses, etc.)

Mt. 25:31-32

Rev. 20:4

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, Rom. 5:17

Rev. 5:8-12, in 9 "redeemed us [is "them", we the saints of v. 8]", in 10 "made us [is "them"]... kings".

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.

1 Cor. 6:2-3

Jude 6-7

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, 24

9. We are going to enter into the City of God, where God will live; 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 mortal Nations outside.
Rev. 21:1-22:21, 21:24 (“of them which are saved” is not in the texts), outside only, not saved mortals!

Some Differences

 10	Millennial Kingdom	Everlasting Kingdom ¹	 14
	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 is the capital city, 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 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 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 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
	Lasts 1,000 years, Rev. 20:1-3,6,7		Lasts forever, Rev. 22:5
	Ends in a fiery war, Rev. 20:7-9,11		Never ends, Rev. 22:5

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