

# The King Is Coming - 10

## The New Heaven and New Earth

**Introduction** - “The last word of **Revelation 20** is “fire.” It refers to the eternal fires in the lake of fire and to the eternal abode of all those who reject Christ.” (Robertson) In the last lesson, we considered what the Bible describes for us concerning the judgment of Satan and Man. From the fearful words in that chapter concerning the consummation of this millennial reign of Christ, we now turn to a time when our thoughts are of eternity. In **chapters 21 and 22**, we find the end of God’s recorded revelation to man. Leading up to this is **the introduction of the New Heaven and the New Earth.**

### The Passing Of This Earth and This Heaven

**Verse 1** records, “*1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for **the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.***”

Along with this verse, we must read **Revelation 20:11** and **2 Peter 3:10–14** These verses speak of a time **when heaven and earth will pass away.** Remember the Words of the Lord Jesus Christ. He stated in **Matthew 24:35**, “*35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*”

**Isaiah 65:17** tells us, “*17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: And the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*”

“Just as God brought this world into existence out of nothing, so can He turn it into nothing and create a new heaven and a new earth.” (Robertson)

**Psalm 102:25–27** (As quoted in Hebrews 1:8-12) “*25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: And the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: **Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:** 27 But thou art the same, And thy years shall have no end.*”

The Bible does not reveal much about the new heaven and new earth other than their existence. In fact, one of the only statements concerning the new heaven and new earth is that **there will be no more sea.** Notice what the Lord says in **verse 5.**

“*5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*”

“The eternal state is clearly indicated in the absence of sea, for frequent mention of bodies of water occurs in millennial passages (cf. **Psa 72:8; Isa 11:9; Isa 11:11; Ezk 47:10; Ezk 47:15; Ezk 47:17-18; Ezk 47:20; Ezk 48:28; Zec 9:10; Zec 14:8**). The evidence of **Rev 21:1** is so specific that most commentators do not question that the eternal state is in view.” (Walvoord)

**Isaiah 57:20** associates the wicked with the sea, stating, “**20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.**”

Perhaps, since we are entering eternity, the sea represents something contrary to rest, as it is always moving and troubled. Not only do we see the New Heaven and New Earth, but the Bible also gives us a glimpse of eternity. The Bible turns our attention to New Jerusalem.

## The Picture Of New Things

As we move further into this chapter and the next, we understand we are looking at the eternal state. “The new city which John saw coming down from God to the new earth will be the home of the redeemed.” (Robertson) The description of this city is given to us in **Revelation 21:19–22:6**. “[this city] will be the dwelling place of our Lord, for He is coming to dwell with His people. This place is so glorious that God uses negative statements to describe it.” (Robertson) Withstanding the beautiful stones, transparent gold, and pearly gates, there are remarkable statements concerning eternity. The first is:

1. No \_\_\_\_\_

One of the chief characteristics of this city is that it is a place where **there is no sin**. The Bible says in **chapter 21, verse 27**, “*27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*”

As I stated earlier, can anyone but God alone contemplate in totality all the terrible consequences sin has had on humanity and this world? I believe Abraham had this city, or at the very least, kind of city, in mind when the book of **Hebrews** tells us in **chapter 11, verse 10**, “*For he (Abraham) looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*”

2. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 22:3** “*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:*”

3. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 21:4** “*4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, **neither sorrow**, nor crying...*”

4. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 21:4** “*4 ... neither shall there be **any more pain**: for the former things are passed away.*”

“In eternity there will be no sickness, no need for hospitals, no drives to raise money to combat diseases such as cancer or heart disease. There will only be everlasting health.” (Robertson)

5. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 22:4–5** “4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and **they shall reign for ever and ever.**”

6. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 22:5** “5 And **there shall be no night** there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

7. No \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 21:4** “4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, ...”

No More Curse = Perfect Restoration (**22:3**)

Throne in Their Midst = Perfect Administration (**22:3**)

Servants Shall Serve = Perfect Subordination (**22:3**)

Shall See His Face = Perfect Transformation (**22:4**)

Name on Foreheads = Perfect Identification (**22:4**)

God is the Light = Perfect Illumination (**22:5**)

Reigning forever = Perfect Exultation (**22:5**)

## The Plea Of The Holy Spirit

As we come to this final place in the Scriptures we encounter some closing statements by God. In the book of Revelation, **the Lord sums up the message of the Bible** and there are three sections we ought to make special note of.

### The Last \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 22:17** “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

**This invitation for all is to come to the Lord.** You will notice one word in particular mentioned **three times**: ‘come.’ The message of the Bible is God's invitation to man to be reconciled to Him through the atoning work of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He has paid our sin debt on the cross of Calvary, there is a way to be reconciled to Him. And He says to all, ‘Come.’ The invitation can be traced all throughout the Scriptures. Think of when God invited Noah into the ark: In **Genesis 7:1**, “And the Lord said unto Noah, **Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**”

As we move through God’s written revelation, we think of the words found in **Isaiah 1:18**, “**Come now, and let us reason together**, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” The Lord Jesus Christ extends an invitation to the weary. In **Matthew 11:28**, He says, “**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you**

rest.” In **John 6:37**, we see a blessed promise, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”*

Here in our text is a chorus of invitations,

The Holy Spirit of God says, “Come.”

The Bride of Christ, the Church, says, “Come.”

The one who hears and is redeemed says, “Come.”

And then we see that whosoever is thirsty is invited to “Come.”

The word ‘freely’ reminds us that salvation is the gift of God. In **Ephesians 2:8–9** we read the words, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* Paul’s message of salvation was the gospel message. In **Acts 20**, he summed up his preaching by telling the Ephesians elders, **Acts 20:20–21** *“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

“God swings the door of salvation wide open. He invites all sinners to come and to drink of the water of life. What is the water of life? It is salvation through faith in Christ. How do we take it? Freely, without money and without price. It is for everyone.” (Robertson)

## The Last \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 22:20a *“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. ...”*

I want us to realize that here at the end of the Bible, at the end of God’s revelation to man, the Bible’s parting words are that Jesus is coming again. Not only does it say He is coming, but it says surely I come quickly. I want you to understand that the promise of the Bible—the promise of God—is that He is coming. He says, Surely I come and adds the words quickly. Not only do we have the Last Promise--- but notice the Last Prayer.

## The Last \_\_\_\_\_ In The Bible

Revelation 22:20 *“... Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”*