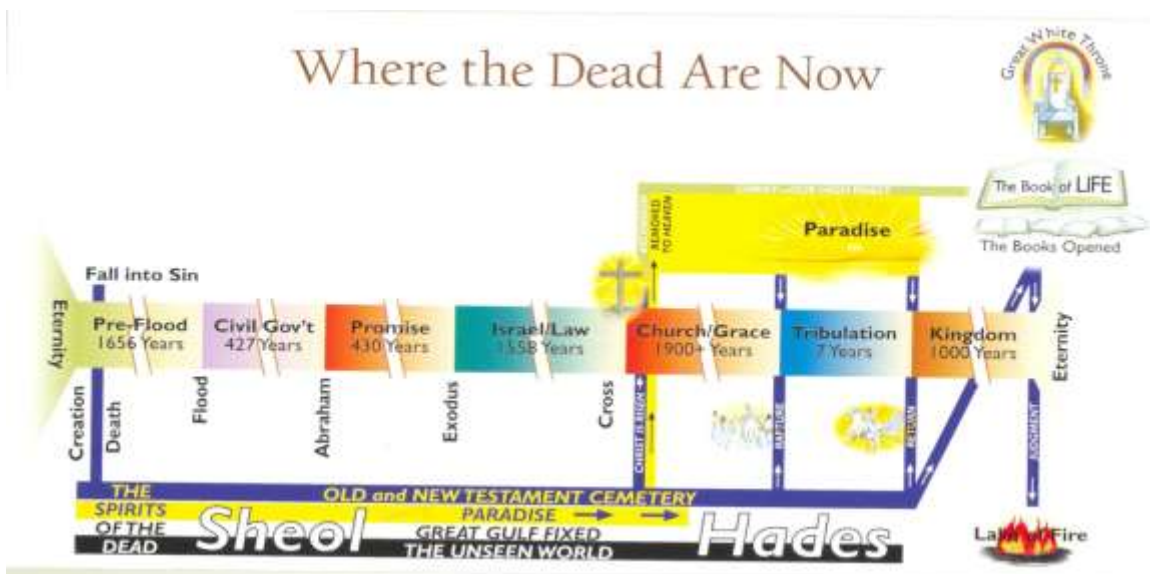


THE ETERNAL STATE: THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH (Revelation 21-22)

- Some comparisons between Genesis & Revelation:



I. THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH (Revelation 21:1)

II. THE NEW JERUSALEM (Revelation 21:2-22:5)

A. Its VARIOUS FEATURES. (21:2)

1. Its *name* is the _____ Jerusalem in contrast to the old.
2. Its *nature* is that it is _____ in contrast to Rev 11:8.
3. Its *description* is that of a _____.
4. Its *descent* is out of _____ from _____.
5. Its *preparation* was in the _____ with the results continuing in the _____ [perfect tense] as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Compare this with John 14:1-3; Revelation 19:7
 - John 14:2 --Jesus goes to prepare a place for us;
 - Rev 19:7 --The bride is ready, arrayed in fine linen.
 - When does eternal life begin and where exactly will it be enjoyed?
 - Eternal life begins at the moment of salvation
 - It will be enjoyed in Heaven,
 - In the Millennial Age, and
 - In the New Heaven and the New Earth

B. Its SUPREME REALITY. (21:3)

1. The *focal point* of the New Jerusalem is the reality that, “the _____ of _____ is with men.
2. The *fellowship* that God and believers will forever enjoy is stressed by the promises, “He will dwell _____ them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be _____ them and be their God.”

C. Its EXCLUDED CONDITIONS. (21:4) In the eternal state and the New Jerusalem, God promises to believers that there will be...

1. No more _____.
2. No more _____.
3. No more _____.
4. No more _____.
5. No more _____.

D. Its SUMMARY STATEMENT. (21:5-6a)

1. This is the first explicit statement recorded from God the _____ since Rev 1:8.
2. His dogmatic statement is simply, “Behold, I make all things _____.”

3. His self –description is, “I am the _____ and the _____, the beginning and the end.”

E. Its OCCUPANTS. (22:6b-8)

1. The inclusive offer of God is, “I will give of the fountain of the water of life _____ to him who _____”. (21:6b)

- Who is this offer made to and why is it offered ‘freely’?
 - This offer is made to those who thirst for a relationship with God. It is free because Jesus Christ paid for it when He shed his blood and died for your sins on the cross.
- What is necessary to receive this free and necessary gift, and can you be assured of it? (22:17)
 - He is offering it to you, but you have to take it by putting your faith in Jesus Christ

2. The included occupants of God’s eternal home are described as “he who _____” who is promised that he shall “_____ all things, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.”(21:7)

- Who is the overcomer? (1 John 5:14-15; Rom.8:37; Rev.3:5, 3:9-12)
 - Overcomer = every believer in Christ

3. The excluded individuals from God’s eternal home are the _____ who die in their _____ due to their rejection of Jesus Christ and remain in their sinful state throughout all eternity as they have their part in the _____ of _____, which is the second death. (21:8)

- How is this verse usually misunderstood? (Compare with John 3:16-18, 8:24; 1 Cor.6:9-11; and Rev.20:11-15.)
 - That sinners who commit these sins or persist in a pattern of these sins will not ultimately go to Heaven.

F. Its GLORY is the _____ of _____ which is what all of creation, including man, was always designed to reflect. (21:9-11a)

G. Its RADIANCE was like a most precious _____, like a jasper stone, clear as _____. (21:11b)

H. Its WALL was great and high with ___ gates, with ___ angels manning the gate [towers] like watchmen, with the names of the ___ Tribes of Israel written on them, along with ___ foundations that have the names of the ___ apostles of the Lord written on them. (21:12-14)

I. Its SPECIFIC DIMENSIONS. (21:15 - 17)

1. The shape of the city is of a _____ which is approximately _____ kilometers (1,363 miles) in length, height, and width.

2. The size of its walls is _____ meters (72 yards), which is probably in reference to its thickness.

J. Its BUILDING MATERIALS. (21:18-21)

1. The wall was made of _____ / _____ which is clear as crystal.
2. The buildings in the city were made of pure gold, like clear _____.
3. The foundations of the walls of the city were decorated with ___ kinds of precious, colorful stones.
4. The twelve gates were ___ pearls , with each gate consisting of ___ pearl.
5. The main street of the city was pure gold, like transparent _____.

* What kind of affect will all this have and why?

- Gold is always a description of deity in the Bible. When you see gold like that you stand in awe.
- We should be impressed with the priceless value and beauty of our eternal home and the amazing Grace of God.

K. Its TEMPLE is not a building, for the Lord God Almighty and the _____ are its temple. (21:22)

L. Its ILLUMINATION did not require the _____ or the _____ to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, as the _____ is its light. (21:23)

M. Its ACCESSIBILITY will be _____ to not only allow its residents full functionality but to permit the _____ Gentile people groups to worship inside the city and for the _____ of the earth to bring their glory and honor into it. (21:24-26)

N. Its VISITORS do not involve the _____ but only those who are written in the _____ Book of Life. (21:27)

* Who does this exclude and include? Why?

- Excludes unbelievers / includes believers

Revelation 21:26-27

And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

- Revelation 22:1-5