

UNLOCKING PROPHECY #24

Revelation's World of Tomorrow

The New Heaven & New Earth

- † Revelation 21:1, "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."
- † Acts 3:20, 21, "And that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."
- † Abraham, "...waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).
- † Hebrews 11:24-26, "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward."
- † Hebrews 11:16, "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."
- † "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland" (Hebrews 11:13, 14).
- † 1 Corinthians 2:9, "But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- † Revelation 21:2, "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
- † Revelation 21:14, "Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."
 - These followers of Christ were people with their faults but their names are on the foundations of the Holy City. Why? Because God is saying to us, if they can make it, so can we. Heaven is not a place for a few super-spiritual elite people. It is a place for common sinners who are redeemed by the blood of Christ.
- † Revelation 21:16, "The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal."
 - This square city is 1500 miles in circumference, 375 miles on each side. One mathematician estimated that the New Jerusalem could house two billion people just on the ground floor. If we use magnificent multi-story buildings the possibilities are endless.
- † Revelation 21:21, "The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass."
 - There are four sides. Each side has three gates. Most cities in the ancient world had very few gates. In this way they were able to keep the enemy out. But Heaven's goal is to get as many people in as possible.
- † As this brilliant city descends toward earth, fire flashes down to destroy the wicked and purify the planet. The surface of the earth becomes a lake of fire. All the reminders of a sin-scarred world are swept away. But after the flames, Revelation tells us a new heaven and a new earth appears. The New Jerusalem settles down on a brand new planet.
- † Isaiah 35:1, "The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."
- † Revelation 21:4, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
- † Revelation 22:1, 2, "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."
- † Isaiah 40:31, "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."
- † Isaiah 60:18, "Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise."

† Isaiah 11:9, *“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”*

What Will Our Physical Condition Be In This New Earth?

† Philippians 3:20, 21, *“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”*

† When Jesus Christ was resurrected did he have a body? Yes! What kind of body was it? It was a glorious resurrected immortal body. Jesus ate in His resurrected body didn't He? Yes. (see Luke 24:36-51).

† In Heaven we will recognize one another by our:

- unique mannerisms
- voice intonations
- individual personalities (Just like the disciples recognized Jesus)

† Isaiah 33:24, *“And the inhabitant will not say, ‘I am sick’; the people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.”*

† Isaiah 35:5, 6, *“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.”*

What Will We Do In The New Earth?

† Build houses: Isaiah 65:17, 21, 22, *“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.... They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.”*

† We'll get to fellowship with family & friends: Matthew 8:11, *“And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”*

† Worship God on the Sabbath: Isaiah 66:23, *“... from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.”*

† Revelation 21:3, *“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.’”*

† Revelation 22:4, *“They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.”*

† We need to hear this good news over and over again because we tend to forget.