

Our Destiny

4/28/24

Our goal

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

²⁵ And convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

Our future itinerary

Heaven (intermediate state - 2 Corinthians 5 - Last week's sermon)

Tribulation (7 years - Revelation 6-19)

Rapture (beginning, middle or end of tribulation - 1Thessalonians 4:13 ff)

Marriage supper of The Lamb (Revelation 19:5 ff)

Armageddon (Revelation 19:11 ff)

Judgement Seat of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:8 ff)

Millennium (Revelation 20:1 ff)

Gog and Magog (Revelation 20:7 ff)

Great White Throne judgement of unbelievers (Revelation 20:11 ff)

New heavens and earth (Revelation 21:1-22:5)

New heavens and earth

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,

⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be *any* death; there shall no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

⁷ "He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

⁸ "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

⁹ And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

¹¹ having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

¹² It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

¹³ *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

¹⁶ And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

¹⁷ And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, *according to* human measurements, which are *also* angelic *measurements*.

¹⁸ And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

¹⁹ The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple.

²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

²⁴ And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

²⁵ And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed;

²⁶ and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

²⁷ and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

² in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;

⁴ and they shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

⁵ And there shall no longer be *any* night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

⁴ What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?

⁵ Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty!

⁶ Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet,

⁷ All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,

⁸ The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

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