

Sunday May 10, 2015 – Session 1

## Revelation 22:1-7 – “A Glimpse of Our New Home”

Read [Revelation 22:1-7](#), and note the [Biblical timeline](#).

### Review: HOLY CITY – NEW JERUSALEM

- I. JESUS CHRIST WILL BE THERE – PERSONAL PRESENCE.
- II. PERFECT HAPPINESS – TEARS, DEATH SORROW, PAIN GONE FOREVER.
- III. PERPETUAL NEWNESS – NOTHING WILL GROW OLD.

Review: [REVELATION – ENDINGS in Revelation 21 and 22](#)

### REVELATION 22:1-7

#### [Rev. 22:1, 2](#)

Two great principles are presented to us as we come to the final scenes of a great book, the book of Revelation. Both symbols present eternal life: “*Water of life*” and “*Tree of life*”.

Going back to the Garden of Eden, we find a river which branched into four rivers called the Water of Life. Also Eden was a garden of trees among which was the Tree of Life. In this New Jerusalem, there is a river and the throne of God is its living fountain supplying an abundance of water.

The “*Tree of Life*” is a fruit tree, bearing 12 kinds of fruit each month. In eternity we will eat (that makes you happy, doesn’t it?) There will be a continuous supply in abundance and variety. Compare the menu to [Gen. 1:29, 30](#) – the *Garden of Eden menu*. Even the *leaves* are beneficial, with medicinal value. But why is there *healing* in a perfect universe? Does that mean that the bodies of the earth dwellers in eternity will be different than the bodies of the church, whose bodies are like Christ? The word is  $\theta\epsilon\rho\alpha\pi\epsilon\acute{\iota}\alpha\nu$ , meaning “therapeutic” – John MacArthur wrote: “*The leaves will enrich heavenly life, making it full and satisfying.*” J. Vernon McGee commented, “*That may be the reason that they (people on earth) come up to the New Jerusalem – not only to worship, but also to be renewed physically and spiritually.*”

Then he adds: “*the possibility of sin entering is not there.*”

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#### [Rev. 22:3-5](#)

1. The first creation was blighted by the curse of sin.
2. The new creation will never be marred by sin. Sin will never be permitted to enter even potentially. It was potentially in the Garden of Eden in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Let’s [check the trees](#) again).
3. In this New Jerusalem we have the general headquarters for God the Father and God the Son. *“Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it”*. WHY no mention of the Holy Spirit?
  - a. In the first creation, the Holy Spirit brooded over the face of the waters ([Gen. 1:2](#)).
  - b. The Holy Spirit is the instrument today of regeneration in the life of the sinner. That ministry will no longer be needed in the new creation, therefore there is silence related to the Holy Spirit at this point.
4. *“His servant shall do Him service”* shows us that Heaven is not a place of inactivity or unoccupied idleness. There will be no need for rest; there will be ceaseless activity, though our minds cannot comprehend it now.
5. Moses in the Old Testament, and Philip in the New Testament, desired to see the face of God, but were not allowed to have that experience. But here, we have the statement: *“And they shall see his face”*
6. *“His name shall be in their foreheads”*. We will bear His name, be like Him, yet without disturbing one’s particular personality.
7. God lights the universe by His presence, for God is light. *“No night there”*.
8. The bride will reign with the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### [Rev. 22:6, 7](#)

Here, we have the promise of the return of Christ, presented also in [Rev. 22:12](#) and [Rev. 22:20](#) (read).

- RAPTURE
- CHRIST’S RETURN