

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

CHAPTER 21

**“Your House is Ready”**

In Berkley California, near the campus of the University of California, there a one particular freeway onramp that is loaded with college kids hitching a ride home.

They have signs that say “**Sacramento**” or “**LA**”, or other destinations.

As the motorists pass by, the college students hold up their sign, in hopes of getting a ride home...

There was one young man, I liked, that was particularly impressive, his sign just said: “**Dad is waiting...**”

**Did you know that your Dad in Heaven cannot wait until you finally get home?**

**John 14:2-3**

2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you** to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also

**Keith Green said:** “*The Bible says that the Lord made the earth and the heavens in just 6 days...and Jesus said that He was preparing a home for all of you, for more than 2,000 years...Now if this earth took just 6 days to make, and that home has taken 2,000 years, Hey this is **like living in a garbage can** compared to what’s goi’n on up there!*”

I heard a story of a Cardiologists who knew and Loved Jesus, that himself one day his own heart stopped beating and he died.

After they revived him, He described a scene where he was immediately in the presence of the Lord, and that Jesus took him to go and see his new house that the Lord had prepared for him.

As they walked up a hill they came to a house that was surrounded by daffodils.

The man said to Jesus “*Lord I just love daffodils, they are my absolute favorite flower.*”

**Jesus said** “*I know,... this is your house, Didn’t I say that I went to prepare a house for you?*”

**This Morning, we are going to look at your new home, what it will look like, who will live there, what you will do there!!!**

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1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

☞ **The 1,000 year reign** of Jesus is now over.

- ☞ **The end of the** “First heaven and earth” has come.
- ☞ **Remember** the words of Peter,

### **2 Peter 3:10**

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which **the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat**; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

### **Isaiah 34:4**

4 All **the host of heaven shall be dissolved**, and the heavens shall be **rolled up like a scroll**;

**What kind of an event would cause the vast universe to simply melt with intense heat?**

- ☞ **Have you ever seen the sky** immediately after a nuclear explosion, it looks like a scroll rolling up as the atmosphere collapses upon itself.
- ☞ **In the beginning**, Genesis 1:1, God spoke the universe into existence.
- ☞ **We know from Colossian chapter 1**, that Jesus is the Creator of everything.

### **Colossians 1:16**

For **by Jesus all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**As Jesus spoke, He also assembled all of the microscopic protons and electrons and created the atoms that make up everything that exists, and It is Jesus that holds it all together...**

### **Hebrews 1:3**

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, **and upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

- ☞ **Everything in the universe**, all of the atoms that everything is made of, is held together by the “**Word of his power**”
- ☞ **All Jesus has to do is “let it go”** and the universe would simply melt and dissolve.
- ☞ **This would be the natural course** of the elements in the universe once his power releases all of the atoms.

### **Revelation 20:1**

“Also there was no more sea.”

- ☞ **Too bad**, Surfers
- ☞ **Apparently there will not be any more oceans in the new earth.**
- ☞ **The 2/3rds water** that is over the earth is the perfect amount needed to sustain life on the earth.
- ☞ **The oceans provide the water for the hydraulic cycle** of water evaporating into clouds and then being carried over the land, waters everything.

- ☞ **The oceans serve as a purifying source** because they are filled with salt, everything that is washed back into the sea is purified and reused as it is picked up in the clouds.
- ☞ **Did you know that the amount of water on the earth** is the exact same amount that the earth has always had, it is just reused over and over, it never decreases.

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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.

**New Jerusalem:** The New earth will be orbited by the new Jerusalem.

- ☞ **It appears** the new Jerusalem will be in orbit around the new earth.
- ☞ **It would be approximately** 40% larger than the size of the moon.
- ☞ **Instead of being round**, it will be cubed.
- ☞ **The new Jerusalem** will be 1400 miles cubed, how big is that?

If placed in America, it would reach from New York City to Denver, Colorado, and from Canada to Florida

- ☞ **The earth has 120 million square miles** of water surface area.
- ☞ **The earth has 60 million square miles** of land surface area.
- ☞ **The new Jerusalem** has 2 billion, 700 million total cubic miles, **or 15 times the combined land and sea surface area of the earth.** (based on 1400x1400x1400)

**It is estimated that approximately 40 billion people have lived upon the earth since the creation of Adam.**

- ☞ **Today** there are about **6 billion** (2004) living on the earth.
- ☞ **Based upon the size of the new Jerusalem**, every person who has ever lived could easily live comfortably in the new Jerusalem.

**The Lord wanted every person who has ever been born to live in this city, He has had made provision for every person that has ever lived to dwell with him in his city!!!**

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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.

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.**"

5 Then NOTICE WHO IS SPEAKING: **He who sat on the throne** said, "Behold, **I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for **these words are true and faithful.**"

- ☞ **He will dwell with us:** in the O/T, the lord dwelled in the tabernacle in the wilderness and later in the temple in Jerusalem.

- ☞ **When Jesus came**, God dwelled “**Among us**” (John 1:14) for a short time.
- ☞ **During the church age**, God dwelled **within his church**, which is his temple in spirit which is known by faith and not by sight.
- ☞ **During this time in verse 3**, the lord will live in the new city of Jerusalem and **everyone will see him face to face**.

**He will wipe away all of your tears: the tears you have cried are very precious to God.**

### **Psalm 56:8**

8 You number my wanderings; **put my tears into Your bottle**; are they not in Your book?

- ☞ **The lord keeps track of your tears**, he says he has the remembrance of them in his book.
- ☞ **I believe** that someday he will present them to you.
- ☞ **Revelation chapter 20**, we saw that he keeps books as a place to remember your life.

**There Will Be No More Death: Remember Jesus Said In**

### **Revelation 1:18**

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. **And I have the keys of HELL and of Death**.

- ☞ **You will** never be sad again:
- ☞ **You will** never cry again:
- ☞ **You will never** be in pain again:
- ☞ **He will make everything new**: remember that Paul had said in:

### **2 Corinthians 5:17:**

“therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**.”

- ☞ **This is the ultimate plan of God**, to make everything new like it was intended to be in the beginning.
- ☞ **Why is it that** we like everything to be all new and clean and tidy?
- ☞ **Because you were made** in the image of your creator, this is his desire.
- ☞ **His words are true**: here God testifies that all of these things are true, that you can trust them, they will happen!!!

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- ☞ **Verse 5**: this is one of the few places in the book of revelation where we actually hear the voice of God.
- ☞ **In the next verse, 6**: The Lord say's “**It is done**”, what is done?.
- ☞ **Actually the literal Greek** “it is done” is “**Ginomai**” (**ghin'-om-ah-ee**).
- ☞ **Literally**: “**These things are done**” or “**They have come to pass**”

- ☞ **This Greek word “ghin’-om-ahee”** is also used by John as he tells us in John 1:3 that **“all things “were made” (ghin’-om-ahee) past tense, by Jesus and without him nothing was made that was made”**.
- ☞ **In verse 5 here in revelation 21**, God is saying from his throne, *all the things he had planned before the creation of the world for the world are now done*”.

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6 And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega**, the Beginning and the End. I will give of **the fountain of the water** of life freely to him who thirsts.

- ☞ **Alpha and omega** is the same as beginning and end.
- ☞ **Alpha is the first letter** of the Greek alphabet, **omega** is the last.
- ☞ **Jesus is called the author** and finisher of our faith.

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- ☞ **The fountain of the water:** Jesus said that he was the source of eternal life, that it was like a fountain within us which lasts forever.

### **John 4:14**

14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him **a fountain of water** SAME TERM AS REV. 21:6 springing up into everlasting life."

**Jesus was at the temple one day when he spoke these words:**

### **John 7:37-38**

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, **as the Scripture has said**, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

- ☞ **This was during the feast of tabernacles.**
- ☞ **On the 8th day of the feast** of tabernacles, the children of Israel celebrated the memory of how God protected them in their travels.
- ☞ **He provided manna** for them to eat and water from the rock to drink.

**On the first day of the feast a priest would read from the prophet Zechariah**

### **Zechariah 14:8**

“and in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem...

- ☞ **On each of the 8 days of the feast of tabernacles**, a priest would stand in front of the temple with a pitcher full of water and pour it out on a rock.
- ☞ **As the water was being poured out**, the people would shout” **Isaiah 12:3**.

### **Isaiah 12:3**

Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

Jesus is standing in the same place where the priest would stand and telling us that God is now dwelling with his people and from him comes the waters of eternal life.

### **Jesus Was Referring To Jeremiah 17:13 Where The Lord Is Spoken Of As “The Fountain Of Living Waters”.**

#### **Jeremiah 17:13**

O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. “Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters.”

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

#### **Matthew 25:31-46 JESUS SAID:**

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

- ☞ **One of the awesome privileges** that you will have when the lord comes for you, is that **you will be given a part of everything that Jesus has.**
- ☞ **Notice how long ago** the father prepared this for you, before there was a world!

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8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

**In chapter 20 we examined the lake of fire.**

#### **Revelation 20:15**

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire

Revelation 21:8 describes **Those** who will be in the lake of fire.

1. **The cowardly:** the fearful gr. “**Deilos**” literally those who were afraid of loosing things that they have if they become a Christian.
2. **The unbelieving:** gr. “**Apistos**” literally those who have seen all of the evidence for Jesus. His love, his mercy, his kindness, but still refuse to believe in him, not because they can’t for lack of evidence, because they will not.
3. **The abominable:** gr. “**Bdelusso**” (**bdel-oos’-so**) literally, those who stink! Those people who are consumed by their own perversions for sex, money, power or drugs. They have been completely polluted, like garbage or refuse.
4. **Murderers:** gr. “**Phoneus**” (**fon-yooce**) literally, those who take the life of their self or another human being for any reason, also those who hat another within their heart.
5. **Sexually immoral:** gr. “**Pornois**” where we get our English word “*pornography*” literally these are: adulterers, fornicators, prostitutes, sexually perverted such as homosexuals, and lesbians.

6. **Sorcerers:** gr. “**Pharmakois**” this is where we get our english word for “pharmacy” or “drugs” or “witchcraft”. Literally these are people who use drugs, practice astrology, tarot cards, ouija boards, psychics or those who listen to them.
7. **Idolaters:** gr. “**Eidoloatres**” (**i-do-lol-at'-race**) literally, those who worship and serve anyone or anything other than the God of the bible. These are known by where they spend their time, their finances, where their thoughts are.
8. **All liars:** gr. “**Pseudes**” literally, those who do not tell the truth. Those who speak with the intention of deceiving. Those who seek to persuade others to their thinking by manipulation. Those who tell partial truths.

### Paul is talking to the same type of people:

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 NOTICE THIS: **And such were some of you.** But **you were washed,** but **you were sanctified,** but **you were justified** **HOW? in the name of the Lord Jesus** and by the Spirit of our God.

#### Revelation 21: 9

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "**Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

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

### Now we begin to see what the new city of Jerusalem will look like.

- ☞ **It will descend,** or come from heaven.
- ☞ **Abraham knew about and spoke** of this city

#### Hebrews 11:8-10

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

10 for **he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

### This is Jerusalem as God had originally intended it to be:

- ☞ **A light** to all the other nations.
- ☞ **A place** of justice.
- ☞ **A place of peace.**
- ☞ **The dwelling place** of the most high God.

## Who will live in the city of the new Jerusalem?

- ☞ The Angels.
- ☞ The 24 Elders
- ☞ The Church
- ☞ Saved Israel
- ☞ Father, Son, Holy Spirit

### The angels:

#### **Hebrews 12:22**

“but you have come to mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of **angels**,

- ☞ There may be as many angels as there are stars in the universe.

**In job 38:7 the angels are referred to as stars, it is possible that God created a star for every angel.**

#### **Job 38:4,7**

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

7 When the morning **stars** sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy

### The 24 elders:

#### **Revelation 4:4**

“around the throne were **twenty-four thrones**, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

- ☞ These are the representatives from the o/t and n/t.

### The Church:

The new Jerusalem is the home of the bride of Christ.

#### **Hebrews 12:22-24**

“but you have come to **mount Zion and to the city of the living God**, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are **registered** in heaven, **you have a reservation in heaven**

### The Church Is Also See In The New Jerusalem

#### **Revelation 21:9-10**

Come, I will show you **the bride**, the Lamb's wife." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me **the great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God

### The saved nation of Israel:

- ☞ **The new city of Jerusalem is a wedding present** from Jesus to his bride, but **Israel is also invited to live in the new city.**

### **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.

- ☞ **In the parable of the 10 virgins** in Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus describes the saved nation of Israel as being like those waiting for a wedding.
- ☞ **In the next parable** in Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus describes two faithful servants who are waiting for their master to return.

**Both of these parables picture saved Israel as joining the bride and bridegroom in the new city of Jerusalem.**

**The father, the son and the Holy Spirit:**

- ☞ **We see the father** on the throne in revelation 4:2-3
- ☞ **We see the Son** in the midst of the throne in revelation 5:6
- ☞ **We hear the voice of the Holy Spirit** from revelation 22:17

**Now we see the description of the new city of Jerusalem:**

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11 having **the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone**, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

- ☞ **The first thing we notice is the light that comes from the new city.**
- ☞ **John describes** the light as being like a jasper stone.
- ☞ **Jasper** is crystal clear, reflecting the brilliant light reflected through it.

12 Also she had a great and high wall with **twelve gates**, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are **the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:**

**The gates to the city have the names of each of the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel.**

13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

- ☞ There are 3 gates on each of the 4 sides of the city.
- ☞ **In Ezekiel 48:30-34** we see the description of the 12 gates around the city and the location of each tribe:

### **Ezekiel 48:30-34**

30 "These are the exits of the city. On the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits

31 `the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), **the three gates northward**: one gate for **Reuben**, one gate for **Judah**, and one gate for **Levi**;

32 "**on the east side**, four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for **Joseph**, one gate for **Benjamin**, and one gate for **Dan**;

33 "**on the south side**, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for **Simeon**, one gate for **Issachar**, and one gate for **Zebulun**;

34 "**on the west side**, four thousand five hundred cubits with their three gates: one gate for **Gad**, one gate for **Asher**, and one gate for **Naphtali**.

- ☞ **Isn't it interesting** that God gave to ezeziel a vision of the new city of Jerusalem over **600 years before john wrote the book of Revelation**
- ☞ **Ezekiel and Daniel** were about the same age.
- ☞ **Ezekiel was about 17 years old in 605 b.c.** When Daniel was deported to Babylon.
- ☞ **Jeremiah was about 37 at this time**, ministering back in Jerusalem before she was taken to Babylon.

14 Now the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and **on them were the names of the twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

### **Ephesians 2:19-20**

"Now, therefore, **you are** no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the household of God, **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,

- ☞ **The church is built upon** the foundation of the apostles and prophets.
- ☞ **The foundation** that they laid through the writing of Gods Word, declaring who Jesus is, and what He will do.
- ☞ **Here we see the 12 foundations** of the city that have the names of each of the 12 apostles written on them.
- ☞ **The Breastplate of the High Priest** in the Old Testament had these same 12 stones on it.

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15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

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.

**The New City Of Jerusalem Is 1400 Or 1500 Feet square, Depending On Whose Interpretation You Accept, Across, Long, And Tall.**

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17 Then he measured its wall: **one hundred and forty-four cubits**, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

- ☞ **The walls of the city are 216 feet high**, a cubit being about 1 1/2 feet long.
- ☞ **These walls** are not for protection as in the old city of Jerusalem, but for beauty and design characteristics.
- ☞ **A 216 foot high wall** around a city 1500 miles tall would be like a curb around the empire state building.

18 The construction of its wall was of **jasper**; and the city was **pure gold, like clear glass.**

- ⊕ **The word jasper** in the scriptures can be any transparent stone, even a diamond.
- ⊕ **Apparently this stone was chosen** to reflect the light from within the city to those who see it from a distance.
- ⊕ **The gold** within the new city is so pure that it is transparent.
- ⊕ **When gold** is totally free of all impurities it is transparent!
- ⊕ **Gold is so common in heaven** that it is used like we use asphalt or concrete here on earth.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation 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 **chrysopraxe**, the eleventh **jacinth**, and the twelfth **amethyst**.

**The city is laid upon 12 layers of a foundation made up of precious gem stones.**

1. **Jasper:** a clear stone like a diamond with tremendous reflecting qualities.
2. **Sapphire:** a blue stone with gold specks.
3. **Chalcedony:** a sky blue stone with stripes of other colors running through it.
4. **Emerald:** a bright green stone.
5. **Sardonyx:** a white stone with layers of red.
6. **Sardius:** a fiery red stone.
7. **Chrysolite:** a golden yellow transparent stone.
8. **Beryl:** a sea green stone.
9. **Topaz:** a golden green transparent stone.
10. **Chrysopraxe:** a blue green stone.
11. **Jacinth:** a violet stone.
12. **Amethyst:** a bright flash purple stone.

**Can you tell from these colors, which is God's favorite color?**

- ⊕ **The earth** is what color. Blue and green.
- ⊕ **What color on earth signifies life?** Green right?
- ⊕ **Do you remember the color of the sea** around the throne? Green

**Each one of these 12 layers is inlaid with other expensive gems and the names of each of the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus.**

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.**

Each gate to the city, with the names of each of the 12 leaders of the tribes of Israel is made from a giant pearl.

- ⊕ **A pearl is formed** by a single grain of sand being placed into the clam.
- ⊕ **After constant irritation** the clam begins to place layer upon layer of a hard substance on the grain of sand until it becomes the beautiful pearl we valuable so much.

- ☞ **In ancient times** the gate was built into the wall and was as large as the wall itself, **these pearls are 216 feet tall!!!**
- ☞ **Again we see that gold is as common** as asphalt on earth, it is used to pave the streets.

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

**There is no temple in the new city because the Lord God is the temple.**

23 The city had **no need of the sun or of the moon** to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

**There is no need for a sun or moon because God's glory is so bright that it lights everything.**

24 And **the nations of those who are saved** shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

When Jesus taught the parable of the Sheep and the goats, He was giving us the basis for how He will determine which nations will go into the 1,000 year Millennium and then enter the city of the New Jerusalem.

#### **Matthew 25:31-46**

31 **When the Son of Man comes in His glory**, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

32 **All the nations will be gathered before Him**, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, **Come, you blessed of My Father**, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 for **I was hungry** and you gave Me food; I was **thirsty** and you gave Me drink; I was a **stranger** and you took Me in;

36 I was **naked** and you clothed Me; I was **sick** and you visited Me; I was **in prison** and you came to Me.'

37 "Then **the righteous will answer** Him, saying, 'Lord, **when** did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 And the King will answer and say to them, **Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**

41 "Then He will also say to **those on the left hand**, (Goats) **Depart from Me**, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 for **I was hungry** and you gave Me no food; **I was thirsty** and you gave Me no drink;

43 I was a **stranger** and you did not take Me in, **naked** and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, **Lord, when did we see You hungry** or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

45 Then He will answer them, saying, **Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.**

46 And **these will go away into everlasting punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.

**This will happen in the 45 day period of time immediately after the 7 year Tribulation and the beginning of the 1,000 year kingdom of Jesus upon the earth.**

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25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

26 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.

What will we be doing in our new Home?

1. **We will be Singing**, Isaiah 44:23, Hebrews 2:12, revelation 14:3
2. **We will be Having Fellowship**, eating and enjoying each others company.
3. **We will be Serving the Lord**, revelation 7:15, revelation 22:3
4. **We will be Enjoying our new Home/Mansion**
5. **Exercising Authority And Judgment Over Men And Angels**, 1 Corinthians 6:2-3
6. **We Will Be Learning**, 1 Corinthians 13:9-10

**Everything that we do on this earth, until the day, that we will all live together in this new city, is going to be full of tests...**

- ☞ The **tests** of life.
- ☞ The **trials** of life.
- ☞ **Not to show the Lord** how much we really trust Him, **He already knows that.**
- ☞ **But to show us** how much we really trust Him

*“I love you Lord and I trust you...”* **“Really, the Lord says to you...”**

So the Lord allows us to go through some times of difficulty so that we begin to see that we didn't quite trust Him as completely as we thought we did, and we work on that trust in the trial.

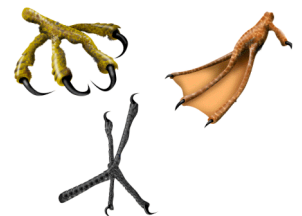
**So, until the new city, there will be lots of tests...**

There was a college student who was preparing for his College Finals in **“Ornithology”**, the study of Birds.

So he spend hundred of hours reviewing his notes on every conceivable thing that the professor had taught them throughout the semester.

He came into the class feeling confident, like he had adequately prepared himself for the final.

The Professor told the class that the final was not going to be multiple choice, or true false, it was going to be completely based on one criteria:



**The professor was going to place the legs of hundred of birds up on the video projector, and the student was to list the common name, the habitat, the genus, species, etc. just from looking at the birds legs...**

The student looked at each of the birds' legs. They all looked the same to him. He began to get upset. He had literally spent a hundred hours preparing for this exam.

**Now he had to identify birds by their legs. The more he thought about it the madder he got**

The student was livid, this was the most unfair test imaginable. He wasn't prepared to identify the birds just based on their legs.

Finally, he could stand it no longer.

He went up to the professor's desk and said, *"This test is not fair! How could anyone tell the difference between birds by looking at their legs?"*

With that the student threw his test on the professor's desk and turned to walked to the door.

The professor was surprised. The class was so big that he didn't know every student's name, so as the student reached the door the professor called, *"Young man, what's your name!"*

The college student lifted up his pant leg and said to the professor, ***"You tell me Professor..."***

**No, you can rest assured, that all of your trials are there in your life because the Lord does love you so much that He wants for you to get everything that He has prepared for you...**



So, it is one of life's natural laws, that IT IS THROUGH TRIALS THAT WE GROW IN OUR FAITH AND TRUST THE BEST...

**But this test, like all tests, will soon be over, and then you will be there living in that great city forever...**