

“I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”



Lesson 13 for March 30, 2019

A jubilant announcement is heard, it's time to return to Earth to pick up the guests of the wedding of the Lamb.

Everything happens quickly: Jesus comes back; Satan is bound, and he attempts to attack for the last time; evil is destroyed forever; the Earth is renewed; the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven.



**The invitation to the supper.
Revelation 19:1-10**



**The Second Coming.
Revelation 19:11-21**



**The Millennium.
Revelation 20**



**The new creation.
Revelation 21:1-8**



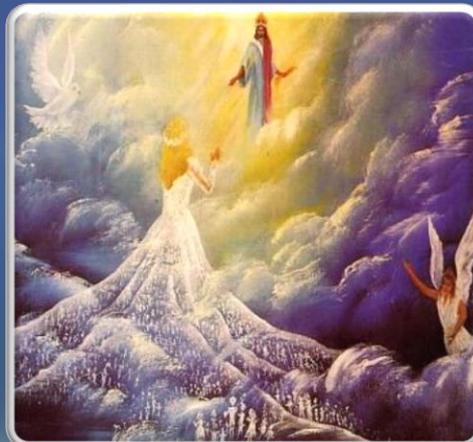
**The New Jerusalem.
Revelation 21:9-22:5**

THE INVITATION TO THE SUPPER

“Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” (Revelation 19:9)

There was an unanswered question in Revelation 6:10: “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”. Revelation 19:2 gives the answer, God “has judged [...] and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants.”

Once the judgment ends, the Lamb marries the bride who is arrayed in “in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints” (v. 8). In the Bible, a city is often used as a representation of its inhabitants (Luke 13:34).



The saints are dressed in Jesus' righteousness. They are the guests of a wedding supper. They decorate the New Jerusalem—the bride of the Lamb—with their presence (Rev. 21:9-10).



THE SECOND COMING



“And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.” (Rev. 19:19)



Jesus is coming back to take those who have accepted the invitation to the wedding to Heaven.

John saw an atypical representation of the Second Coming: a white horse; Jesus with bloodstained clothes, followed by angels riding horses. He is identified by two names: **“THE WORD OF GOD”** and **“KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”** (v. 13 and 16).

Jesus defeated Satan in Heaven, in the desert and on the cross. Then He will defeat him and his followers for the last time.

The symbolic meal for the birds represents the moment when Jesus will “destroy [the wicked] with the brightness of His coming.”
(2 Thessalonians 2:8)

THE MILLENNIUM

"He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."
(Revelation 20:2)

What will happen during the millennium?



The Earth will be desolate (Jeremiah 4:23-27; Isaiah 6:11; Isaiah 24:3)



Satan and his angels will be bound (they won't be able to deceive anyone; v. 3)



The righteous will reign with Christ in Heaven (v. 4b)



The redeemed will judge both angels and humans (v. 4a; Dn. 7:22; 1Co. 6:3)



The second resurrection (all the wicked; v. 5-6, 12)



Satan will be released, because he will be able to deceive again (v. 7)



The New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven (Rev. 21:2)



Satan will gather the resurrected to attack Jerusalem (v. 8-9)



The wicked will be judged (v. 11-13)



Every knee will bow before Christ (Philippians 2:10-11)



Satan and the wicked will be destroyed by fire (v. 9-10, 14-15)

THE NEW CREATION

"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." (Revelation 21:1)

John was shown the New Earth. He saw what will and will not be there:



THERE WILL BE NO

- Sea (a symbol of death and separation)
- Death, sorrow, crying, pain
- Cowards, unbelievers, the abominable, murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, liars

THERE WILL BE



- The New Jerusalem
- Comfort for our tears
- Water of life
- The presence of God

All the questions on God's justice will be answered, and the pain of being separated from our dear ones will end. Happiness will reign forever.



"Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified."
(Isaiah 60:21)



“Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven. In the home of the redeemed there will be no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. ‘The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.’

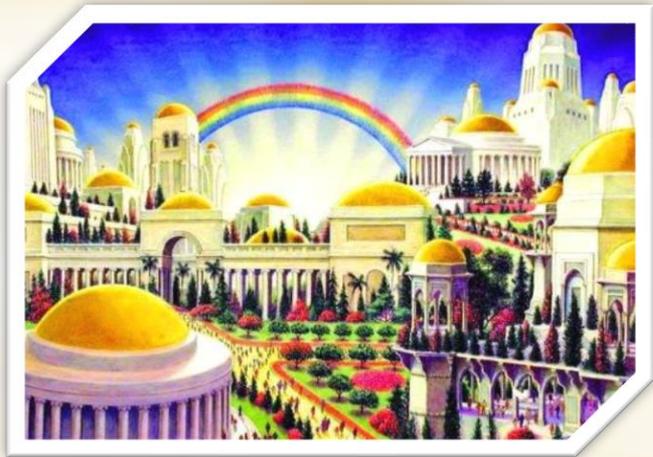
Isaiah 33:24.

One rich tide of happiness will flow and deepen as eternity rolls on.”

E.G.W. (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, cp. 37, p. 286)

THE NEW JERUSALEM

“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.” (Revelation 21:23)

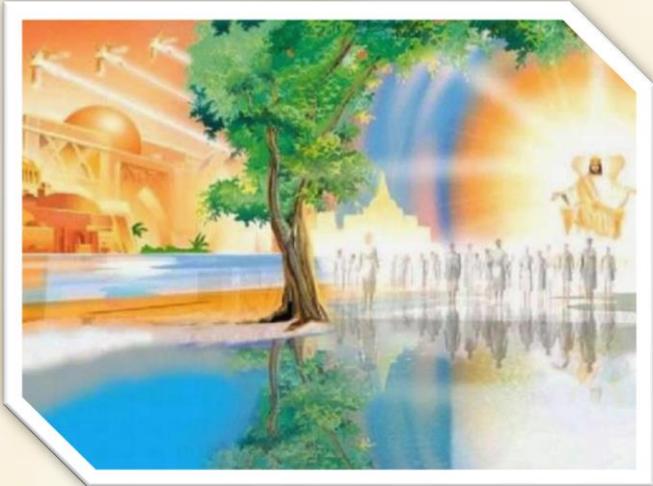


Although the description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation is symbolic, it will be an actual city.

It is the home Jesus is preparing for us (John 14:1-3), and the place where we'll live during the millennium. It will also be the capital city of the New Earth.

It is cube-shaped, like the Most Holy Place in the Temple. That represents the dwelling place of God Himself (Rev. 22:3-4).

We will gather every month to eat from the tree of life. We will also worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit together every Sabbath (Isaiah 66:23).



“The great plan of redemption results in fully bringing back the world into God’s favor. All that was lost by sin is restored. Not only man but the earth is redeemed, to be the eternal abode of the obedient. For six thousand years Satan has struggled to maintain possession of the earth. Now God’s original purpose in its creation is accomplished. ‘The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’ Daniel 7:18.”