

Part 1

Last time, we ended with this sentence:

There will be room enough for every family to stretch out and live life to the fullest in the Kingdom of God.

Then will be true the saying from the end of so many fairy tales: '... and they lived happily ever after.'

At the end of the 1000 years, every lost soul from all time will be judged, condemned and sentenced to Eternity in the Lake of Fire to join the Antichrist, his False Prophet, Satan and all his fallen angels and evil spirits.

God will destroy the present Heavens and Earth and then create a New Heaven and a New Earth.

*'And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. ⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. ⁶ And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. ⁷ He that overcometh **shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**' Rev 21:1*

Remember: we are joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ; all things were created by Him and for Him; He owns all things and we, as His Bride and His fellow heir, will also own all things.

'For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him' Col 1:16

'He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?' Rom 8:32

'The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.' Rom 8:16 We will also be glorified with Him.

New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven to the New Earth. I believe that New Jerusalem is the place the Lord Jesus Christ did prepare for us when He returned to Heaven after His Resurrection: *'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.'* John 14:1

When He comes for us, in the Rapture, I believe New Jerusalem is the place to which He will take us. During the 7 years of the Tribulation, on Earth, we will spend that time getting to know Him and each other and we will receive our eternal rewards... we will be instructed as to over what He has intended for each of us to rule and reign. Some of us will receive large areas over which to rule and reign while others will receive relatively small areas of authority as well as everything in between.

Remember, Israel are the Earthly people of God... their inheritance is Earthly. We, the true Church, are the Heavenly people of God; our inheritance is Heavenly and throughout all His Universe. We, with Israel, are the Children of God but we, as the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ, will, I believe, move freely throughout the Earth, the New Jerusalem and all the Universe as we live fully within the physical and spiritual realms. To us, as it is for the Lord Jesus Christ, the physical and spiritual will all be as one.

Also remember, as the Children of God, not only will we be 'like Him:' *'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because*

it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**' 1 John 3:1, but we will **always be with Him:** 'For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.** ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.' 1 Thes 4:15

We will rule and reign with Him during His Millennial Reign and then we will rule and reign with Him, over all the Universe, forever.

I think the best way for us to understand these 'Last Things,' is to go through the last few chapters of Revelation:

Revelation 19: 'And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

This is in Heaven, at the end of the 7-year Tribulation. We, the bride, will have made ourselves ready for our marriage to the Lord Jesus Christ. This does not mean that we have made ourselves holy or righteous: that was accomplished, for us, long ago by the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. I believe that it simply means we will have made ourselves ready just as any bride makes herself ready: we will dress accordingly; we will put on the various crowns we did earn as well as any other rewards, badges, ribbons, etc. which will be indicative of our rewards, earned.

⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Many, other than the bride, will be called and invited to the wedding and the marriage supper. These will probably be Israelites, and all those who became believers during the Tribulation. Remember: **only the true Church is the Bride of Christ. Once the Rapture occurs, there will be no more additions to the Church/Bride.**

¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

This will include us, His Bride; '... so shall we always be with the Lord.' We are included in, 'the armies of Heaven.' I believe His myriad holy angels will go forth to capture every fallen angel and evil spirit to be imprisoned, with Satan, for 1000 years although we are only told that Satan will be imprisoned.

¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

²⁰ *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

²¹ *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.'*

Revelation 20: *'And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. We are not told whether or not other fallen angels and evil spirits are imprisoned for 1000 years; we can only surmise but that would make sense in that during the 1000 year Millennial Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, even though there will be those who are born but refuse to submit to Jesus Christ's rule, no one would be able to ever say something like: a devil tempted me.'*

⁴ *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Those killed for their faith, during the Tribulation, will also be resurrected to reign with Him but not as His Bride.

⁵ *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

This is the **continuation** of the first resurrection which began with Jesus Christ Who later raised us at the Rapture and then on to this portion of the first resurrection at the end of the Tribulation.

⁶ *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

⁷ *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

⁸ *And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

⁹ *And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

¹⁰ *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Again, we are only told that Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire but we can know that all of his fallen angels and evil spirits will also be cast into the Lake of Fire: *'Then shall he say also **unto them on the left hand**, Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels...**'* Matt 25:41

¹¹ *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

¹² *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

We will never be judged according to our works; we have been judged according to the Works of the Lord Jesus Christ. The only judgment we will see is the judgment of our works resulting in Eternal Rewards or the loss of Eternal Rewards.

¹³ *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

All these being raised up are the unrighteous dead from all time.

¹⁴ *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

¹⁵ *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Revelation 21: *' And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.'*

No more sea; why do you suppose God bothered to include that little phrase.

I think He wants us to realize and remember that all of our mountains and all of our oceans are the result of sin: man's sin in the Garden and all of man's sin before the Flood.

Before God caused the Great Flood, we read: *'And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly,'* Gen 1:20

Also: *'And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. ⁶ But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.'* Gen 2:5

The Word only says, 'waters:' that may mean rivers, lakes and streams. It appears that when God created the Earth and everything in it, it acted as a perfect and complete organism... not that the Earth, itself, is alive, but that it functioned as if alive. We are told that, when God caused the Flood: *'In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.'*

The Earth was 'fed and nourished' by an underground water system acting like our own blood and vascular system. The Earth had been created perfectly and man was created to fill up the Earth and to tend and rule over it. When God caused the flood, He broke up the underground water system creating great raised up regions as mountains and hills and also vast depressions which were then filled up as oceans when the water all drained off the Earth.

When God creates a new Earth, it appears that it will, once again, be formed as a perfect system like it was before the Flood and especially as it was before Adam and Eve sinned, unleashing death and destruction over all the Earth.

There will be no more sea... no more oceans... just lakes, rivers and streams. I don't see any reason to believe that God will not recreate, perfectly, most every kind of animal we see today.

In His newly recreated, perfect Earth, there will no longer be oceans, mountains or valleys, all of which seem to have been the result of sin; there will be no more sin in His New Earth.

And... again... I believe we are meant to use our God given imaginations coupled with common sense and wisdom, built on the foundation of the Word of God in order to figure out some of these things.

Rev 21:2: *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

⁴ *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

Here... in the New Heaven and New Earth is when He will finally 'wipe away all tears.'