



“And He Who is seated on the Throne said, ‘See! I make all things new.’ Also He said, ‘Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine).’ And He [further] said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life. He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.’” - Revelation 21:5-7 (AMPC)

As it was in the beginning, so shall it be there.

The last three chapters of Revelation correspond with the first three chapters of Genesis.

Creation (Chapter 1) New Recreation

Paradise of Man Paradise of God

Paradise Lost Paradise Regained

Man Expelled Man Brought Back

A Garden A City

Only a garden with a man and a woman.

Now a city in the midst of a garden and a multitude no man can number.

Only one entrance into the garden.

Now 3 gates in each direction—East, North, South, West

Each gate is a pearl.

The gates will never be shut.

Angels are stationed at each gate.

Cherubim guarded the entrance to the garden.

There is an abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of God.

Divine gates for a divine city.

“Thus there will be richly and abundantly provided for you entry into the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” - II Peter 1:11 (AMPC)

The Tree of Life, also in Genesis, in the midst of the earthly paradise, is in the midst of the Holy City. This is a real tree and yet symbolizes Christ Himself (as does the Water of Life).

This tree is laden with fruit, twelve kinds in twelve different seasons.

God makes all things new.

“And He Who is seated on the Throne said, ‘See! I make all things new.’” - Revelation 21:5 (AMPC)

“...What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him...” - I Corinthians 2:9 (AMPC)

God’s redemption is much broader than the individual redemption of sinful man.

He fully intends to redeem His entire creation—everything which sin corrupted.

“The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God’s glorious sons and daughters! For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God’s children. To this day we are aware of the universal agony and groaning of creation, as if it were in the contractions of labor for childbirth. And it’s not just creation. We who have already experienced the first fruits of the Spirit also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God’s sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed.” - Romans 8:19-23 (TPT)

“Futility” in verse 20 means “purposelessness” or “the frustration” (or chaos).

Everything in God’s creation is under the “sin curse.” The destiny assigned by God cannot be fully experienced until God “makes all things new.”

Each of us came, were created with an earthly destiny and an eternal destiny.

Because of Adam’s sin, disobedience, unbelief, our earthly destiny is hindered and cannot be fully realized.

We only received the “first fruits” of the Holy Spirit (a foretaste of the blissful things to come).

The words “first fruits” are actually “down-payment” of our divine life which is to come in Heaven.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is actually the beginning of our eternal life in the Holy City.

He is preparing us on Earth for what He has prepared for us in Heaven.

We are His poem, His artwork, His workmanship.

“We have become His poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!” - Ephesians 2:10 (TPT)

Heaven and Earth are joined together for those of us who love and serve Him.

Your earthly destiny is tied to, joined with your heavenly destiny.

Our obedience here creates our life there.

God is here and now refining us, chastising us, conditioning us until the “word” of our life is “fully spoken.”

Our life on Earth and in Heaven are ordained to be a distinct and distinguished poem, expressing in some unique way His mind and will for us.

Verse 6 – *It is done!*

Finally, in the New Jerusalem, we are whole, complete, forever in His presence.

We are fulfilled – our destiny being lived our continually.

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