

St. Stephen's Church  
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**Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**The New Heavens and Earth (:1-5); the Final Challenge (:6-8);**  
**the Comparison between the Great City of Man and THE**  
**GREAT CITY of God (:9-27); the River of Life (22:1-5); the Last Items.**  
**Rev. 21:1-27; 22:1-21**

- I. The New Heavens and Earth. 21:1-5.**
  - a. The Battlefield between us and this newness.**
    - i. Crying, tears**
    - ii. Pain**
    - iii. Death**
    - iv. Sorrow**
    - v. Former things that have typified the plight of man will have passed away.**
    - vi. The faster we understand and embrace the fact that we cannot transport ourselves across this battlefield, the better off and happier we will be.**
- II. The Final Challenge. 21:6-8.**
  - a. The Alpha and the Omega is God.**
  - b. God will give Overcomers all things.**
  - c. God will give the water of life freely.**
  - d. There are but two alternatives.**
    - i. Eternal Life for them that overcome.**
    - ii. Eternal Death for the rest, delineated as fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murders, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars.**
- III. The Great City of Man compared to The GREAT CITY of God. 21:9-27.**
  - a. City of Man grows in tandem with the City of God.**
    - i. Parable of the Wheat and Tares. Mt. 13.**
  - b. Likened unto a bride: The Bride of Jesus.**
  - c. Jesus' bride comes from God out of Heaven.**
  - d. Jesus' bride has the pure light of the glory of God shining out from her. 21:11. She is pure as God is pure.**
    - i. 1Jn. 3:1-3; Heb. 12:23.**
    - ii. The work that is left undone, that could not be done, that was not done, will be done for us by God Himself.**
    - iii. Progressive Sanctification will not be complete in this life simply because the Nature of Sin will not be eradicated until we die and are resurrected.**
  - e. Having 12 Gates and 12 Foundations; Israel's children's names and the names of the Apostles. This shows the true Church in both the Old and New Testaments. See Heb. 11:40-12:1-2 for the cloud of witnesses that are not made perfect/complete without us.**
  - f. 21:22. The physical Temple is a picture of God and the Lamb.**
  - g. There is no need of the Sun in this city. The Shekinah of God illumines it. Christ is that Shekinah. Heb. 1:3.**

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- h. **By the light of the city, illumined with the glory of God, the nations will gain direction.**
  - i. **The nations will bring their wealth into the city.**
  - j. **Nothing that is defiled will enter into the city.**
- IV. **The River of Life. 22:1-5.**
- V. **Last Items. 22:6-21.**
- a. **Dan. 12.**

**Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. 5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. 8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. 11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. 13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**

- b. **22:10. Here, the angel commands John not to seal this book, unlike the answer to Daniel's question in 12:8-9.**
- c. **Dan. 12:2. This kicks to death the idea that there will be no eternal hell and punishment for those who are not found written in the book of life. For, if there is no eternal hell, there is no eternal life, either. Since we know there will be eternal life, we must accept that there will be an eternal hell for those who exit this life Christless.**
- d. **Dan. 12:8. It is no surprise that Daniel could not process the information; it was speaking of the power of the Holy ones being broken (see Rev. 13:1-8). It is bewildering to a believer that God should allow His people to suffer defeat through no fault of their own.**

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- e. **Dan. 12:11-12.** Apparently, there is going to be 45 days of full on Anti Christ rule wherein he attacks the people of God and overcomes them, as is mentioned in Dan. 12:1; Mt. 24:3, 9, 12-13, 21-22; and in a lot of the book of Revelation that we have studied thus far.
- f. **22:11.** See Dan. 12:10. God has chosen to purify His people through the fires of suffering and trial. Also, the wicked will continue to be wicked and the evil will continue to be evil.
- g. Jesus identifies Himself as *Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last*, both *the Root* and *the Offspring of David*, and *the Bright Morning Star*.
- h. **22:18-19.** The warning about adding or subtracting. This is about this particular book of the bible, not the bible as a whole.
- i. **22:7.** What are “*the sayings of this book*” that people must keep?
  - i. **22:9.** Worship God and nobody else.
  - ii. **22:14.** Do God's commandments.
  - iii. **14:6.** The command of the Eternal Gospel.