

A TOUR OF HEAVEN
REVELATION
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“Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.” (Hebrews 11:10, NLT)

“Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem.” (Galatians 4:26a, NLT)

“God, ... has prepared a city for them.” (Hebrews 11:16b, NLT)

“This world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.” (1 John 2:17, NLT)

1. THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH.

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.” (Revelation 21:1-2, NLT)

- a. We have our origins in a garden. We will dwell in a city.
- b. A city where God is celebrated.
- c. The gates are named after the 12 tribes of Israel.
- d. The foundations stones are named after 12 apostles of Jesus.
- e. Think about the implications of this.
- f. The city is huge, a perfect cube of 1,400 miles.
- g. The Holy of Holies was a cube.
- h. There’s a place for me.
- i. A river flows through the middle of the city.

“The angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the Main Street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used to heal the nations.”
(Revelation 22:1-2, NLT)

- j. On each side there is a tree of life.
- k. There is no more sea to separate us from one another.

“We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.”
(Philippians 3:20-21, NLT)

2. GOD WILL DWELL WITH US; WE WILL SEE HIS FACE.

“No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. And there will be no night there — no need for lamps or sun — for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:3-5, NLT)

3. MEMORIZE THESE FIVE WORDS.

“I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:5)

4. GET READY!

“Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” ... “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega — the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.” (Revelation 21:5b-7, NLT)

“Everything you have heard and seen is trustworthy and true. The Lord God, who inspires his prophets, has sent his angel to tell his servants what will happen soon.” “Look I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book.” (Revelation 22:6-7, NLT)

“I, John, am the one who heard and saw all these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. 9 But he said, “No, don’t worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God!” Then he instructed me, “Do not seal up the prophetic words in this book, for the time is near. Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy.” “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshippers, and all who love to live a lie.” (Revelation 22:8–15, NLT)

5. CONCLUSION.

“I Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.”

*The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come.**” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book. He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!”*

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s holy people.”

(Revelation 22:16–21, NLT)

A. Come!

B. Wash Your Robes.

C. Worship God.