

Chapter 22

"Eternity

the Choice is Yours"

As we are closing in on the end of John's vision, God is telling him about the end of His master plan. He will reclaim and re-establish His rightful place as the Most High Almighty God. After God presides as the Supreme Judge over the traitor Satan, He will wipe the slate clean. He will begin with clearing away the infected sinful earth and replace it with a new earth and a new heaven. [Revelation 21:1](#) "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." Conceivably this is the time Jesus referred to when He promised to be with us in [Matthew 28:20](#) to be with us "until the end of the age."

[Revelation 21:4](#) "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." Unbelievers are not the only ones who will mourn and be moved to tears at the unbelievers' fate. Believers watching from heaven will shed tears after watching family, friends, and loved ones being summarily sentenced to everlasting torment. It is consistent and plausible that Jesus too will weep at the profound sadness of the sight of believers like He did when He came to Lazarus's funeral or as he did when He was looking over the city of Jerusalem and saw in advance the coming destruction of God's chosen city. [John 11:33-35](#) "³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. ³⁴ And said, 'Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵ Jesus wept.'" [Luke 19:41-44 \(NIV\)](#) "⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.'" Additionally, Jesus has a singularly unique perspective of the cost of salvation, namely His sacrifice, and the senseless wasted lives of unbelievers because they did not accept His offer.

Continuing on. [Revelation 21:2-3](#) "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." [Revelation 21:9-21](#) gives details of the New Jerusalem. It has twelve gates made of precious stones and jewels symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel. It has twelve fountains symbolizing the twelve apostles also made of precious stones and jewels. The end of the chapter tells of the glory of God Himself, who will provide light for the people to see by. The same glory that was shown in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle of Moses and the Solomon's Temple. [Revelation 21:23](#) "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Only those souls whose name was listed in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to drink from the water fountain of life and eat from the tree of life for all eternity. [Revelation 22:1-5 \(NKJV\)](#) "¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

The books of Genesis and Revelation mirror each other in the Bible as bookends in the sense that God opens and closes them by declaring His authority. [Genesis 1:1](#) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." [Revelation 1:8](#) "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the

Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” [Revelation 22:13](#) “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.” From the beginning of creation and man to the Great White Throne Judgement and the New Jerusalem. John is admonished to share what he saw and reinforce that Jesus will return. It’s a question of when, not if. [Revelation 22:10](#) “And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.” [Revelation 22:12](#) “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” [Revelation 22:20 \(NKJV\)](#) “He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

So that’s it. Bible and prophecy scholars refer to the fulfillment of multiple signs in relatively close proximity to each other and not just a sign here or there as a convergence. Namely, the rebirth of the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem, ethnic conflicts, ecological upheaval, the formation of an anti-Israel coalition, the apathy of people to search and prioritize Godly thoughts, persecution of the faithful, both subtle and violent. In addition, technology has advanced to the point that we now have instantaneous global telecommunication, it would take less than three days to fly around the world, computers have influenced and infiltrated to such an extent that business and tracking systems are already developed to take financial control of all transactions and move to a cashless society. Research for this book on prophecy could not have been done as easily without the invention of the internet. Though there are other details that may have been left out, those that we did explore conclusively describes God’s complex, complete, expertly thought out plan with every variable accounted for in His master plan. The only issue is how will you respond? Every person’s salvation is left to the individual’s choice. Your parents, spouse, or any other person cannot do it for you. A non-choice is a default no choice. You must proactively choose to accept. It all boils down to a simple choice, acceptance or rejection? If you consider yourself a Christian, I hope you will come away with a renewed excitement about the impending return of our Lord. If you read through this book and still come away disbelieving in God’s plan you can make that choice. If you come away and have realized just how much God loves you or need to reconnect with Him, there are four Bible promises that will guide you to Him.

1. Admit that you are a sinner. [Romans 3:23](#) “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”
2. Believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins. [Acts 16:31 \(NKJV\)](#) “So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” [John 3:16](#) “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
3. Confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord. [Romans 10:9-13 \(NKJV\)](#) “⁹ That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”
4. Receive the Gift of Salvation. [Ephesians 2:8](#) “⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” [Acts 4:12 \(NIV\)](#) “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” [Romans 3:24](#) “Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

As I watch this world spiraling out of control, my belief of His soon appearing becomes more firm. This world is not our home! When you see the news through the lens of Bible prophecy if the signs of Jacob's trouble are materializing in Israel now, how much closer are we to the rapture? We are indeed the terminal generation.

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV) ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV) ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."