

I. JESUS’ TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM AND THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

- A. In this fifth chronological section (Rev. 19:11–21:8), John describes Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Rev. 19:11-21) after ending the Armageddon campaign that culminated at the Battle for Jerusalem.
- B. In Revelation 19–21, there are **“seven strategic scenes”** John gives us in this section:
Scene 1: Jesus marches through the land on His way up to Jerusalem (Rev. 19:11–16).
Scene 2: Jesus will defeat the Antichrist and his armies at the Battle of Jerusalem (Rev. 19:17–21).
Scene 3: Satan and his host of fallen angels will be cast into prison for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1–3; Isa. 24:21).
Scene 4: Saints will be given the governmental leadership over every sphere of the earth (Rev. 20:4–6) as it was proclaimed at the seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15-19).
Scene 5: Satan is released after 1,000 years, to test what Jesus built during His Millennial reign before giving the Kingdom to the Father, giving those with natural bodies the chance to choose righteousness, demonstrating the depravity of man and Satan’s unrehabilitated state after being in prison (Rev. 20:7–10).
Scene 6: God’s final judgment of His enemies on the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11–15).
Scene 7: The Father will establish His throne on the New Earth with His people forever (Rev. 21:1–8).
- C. **Millennial Age** - Revelation 20:4-6 and 21:9–27 contains brief information regarding the literal 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth called the Millennium. The Old Testament prophets fill in much of the gaps for what will be occurring on the earth at this time.
- D. **“A little while”** - Revelation 20:3; 7–10 explain a short time frame God calls when Satan is back on the earth one last time to serve God’s final purposes before his everlasting destruction.
- E. **Eternal Age** - Revelation 21:1–8 tells of the time when the Father dwells on earth with resurrected saints.

II. SCENE ONE: JESUS MARCHES THROUGH THE LAND UP TO JERUSALEM (REV. 19:11–16)

- A. **The Battle for Jerusalem** - Revelation 19 gives us more detail about the **beauty of Jesus** as a Bridegroom, King, and Judge than any other passage in the book as He confronts evil and delivers Israel. Each phrase is significant—they are “hints” that we are to search out by using the Bible to get a greater picture of what the Spirit is saying here about Jesus’ beauty.
- B. **BACKGROUND:** All the nations will gather against Jerusalem (Joel 3:2, 12; Zech. 12:3; 14:2; Zeph. 3:8; cf. Ezek. 38:4; 39:2; Rev. 16:14). God’s end-time plan is “Jerusalem-centric.”

3In that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone...all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. (Zech. 12:3)
- C. The battle for Jerusalem is the spiritual, political, and military struggle for the control of Jerusalem. This is one of the most significant battlefronts in the spirit today and will be won only by Jesus’ second coming to end the Armageddon Campaign. The valley of Megiddo, in the northern part of Israel, will function as the military staging area where the kings of the earth and their armies gather.

D. John saw Jesus traveling to Jerusalem for the final battle in natural history (Rev. 19:19–21).

¹¹I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns...¹³He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood...¹⁴The armies in heaven...followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations... He Himself treads the winepress of the...wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶He has on His robe...a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:11-16)

E. ***I saw the heavens opened, and behold:*** This statement speaks of the way in which John received revelation, not of how Jesus arrives at Jerusalem. A common misperception in reading this verse in isolation is that Jesus shows up directly upon the Mount of Olives from Heaven, having skipped his journey across the land after having landed on Mt. Sinai and charging through several Middle Eastern nations (Deut. 33:2; Hab. 3:12–13; Isa. 63:1; Psalm 45:3–5; Psalm 68:24).

F. ***White horse:*** Jesus will make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a white horse, as the conquering King in the context of a military conflict. White speaks of victory and purity. Earlier, the Antichrist was shown as the mock-victor of false purity (Rev. 6:2). There are real horses in the heavenly realm. Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah and Zechariah saw horses with heavenly chariots (2 Kgs. 2:11; 6:17; Ps. 45:3-5; 68:17; Isa. 31:1; 66:15-16; Hab. 3:8,15; Rev. 19:11, 19, 21). The saints will ride horses (Rev. 19:14).

¹⁵ For behold, the Lord will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For by fire and by His sword the Lord will judge all flesh; and the slain of the Lord shall be many. (Isa. 66:15–16)

O Lord, were You displeased with the rivers, was Your anger against the rivers, was Your wrath against the sea, that You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?...¹⁵ You walked through the sea with Your horses, through the heap of great waters. (Hab. 3:8, 15)

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands... (Psalm 68:17)

G. ***He judges:*** Jesus will intervene with judgment in order to put things right. His judgments include establishing new leaders, laws and policies that will help the poor (Isa. 11:4).

⁴With righteousness He shall judge the poor...He shall strike the earth... (Isa. 11:4)

H. ***He makes war:*** The most extreme judgment in history will occur in the largest, most violent battle of history. There is a fog of sentimentality around the person of Jesus in the Church. Seeing Him as the “*Jesus of Christmas*” only. Many don’t have a view of Jesus that Jesus will restore order by destroying wicked governments on the earth. The “*Jesus of Christmas*” will bring peace and goodwill to men (Lk. 2:14) by waging a just war against evil as the “*Jesus of Armageddon*.” He declares war in righteousness and through war will establish peace and justice. The Antichrist starts this war (Rev. 11:7; 12:7, 17; 13:4, 7; 17:14; 19:19; cf. Dan. 7:21; 9:26).

I. ***Faithful and true:*** Jesus is faithful to fulfill His promises and true to His loving nature in all that He does. Even in battle, Jesus is faithful to love and justice, doing all according to truth. He is the perfect leader who will provide everlasting stability to the earth under His leadership (Isa. 33:5-6, 17-24; 32:1–8).

- J. **Eyes like a flame of fire:** Eyes of fire speak of His burning heart of desire for His people (Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24; Zeph. 1:18; Jas. 4:5) and His penetrating knowledge of the thoughts, attitudes and intentions of man before Whom nothing is hidden (Heb. 4:13; Rev. 2:23).
- K. **Many crowns:** Jesus' crowns speak of His past and future victories (Josh. 5:13–15).
- L. **Robe dipped in blood:** His robe (long outer garment) will be splattered with the blood of His enemies. Some *wrongly interpret* this phrase to refer to His own blood shed on the cross.

1. Most scholars see this as referring to the blood of Jesus' enemies being on His robe (Ps. 110:5–6; Isa. 11:4; 34:1–8; 63:1–6). The word *dipped* comes from the Greek word *baptô*, from which is where we get *baptize*. The accurate concept is to “soak” in blood, more than just sprinkle. The fact his garments are soaked in blood means He is the greater David by *personally confronting His enemies*. This is a public statement that *Jesus believes in a righteous war*. He will not be ashamed of shedding blood in the process of delivering the nations from such evil.

¹Who is this who comes from Edom [Jordan]...this One [Jesus] who is glorious...traveling in the greatness of His strength?...²Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³“I have trodden the winepress...and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.” (Isa. 63:1-3)

2. Jesus will *destroy His enemies* on His way to Jerusalem (Hab. 3:12–13; Isa. 63:1; Psalm 45:3–5; Psalm 68:24), *trampling them* like grapes in a winepress (Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:20; 19:15; Isa. 63:3). He will have *landed at Mt. Sinai* with His heavenly armies (Deut. 33:2–5; Judges 5:4–5; Psalm 68:7–9;), *charging through Midian* (Western Saudi Arabia, Hab. 3:3, 7) and *Edom* (Modern Jordan, Isa. 34:5–7; 63:1–6; Joel 3:2, 12; Zech. 12:3; 14:2; Zeph. 3:8; Ezek. 38:4; 39:2; Rev. 16:14) and *visited Egypt* (Ex. 19:1f.; Isa. 27:12; Micah 7:15). He will be freeing Jewish captives and those doomed to die (Zech. 10:8; Mic. 2:12; Ezek 20:34; Zech. 9:11; Is. 27:12)
 3. **Word of God:** All that Jesus does in the battle of Jerusalem is true to Scripture. His goals, motives, and attitudes in this great battle will be totally consistent with Scripture. His name—“the Word of God”—emphasizes His promise to fill the earth with justice through this battle.
- M. **Armies followed Him:** Jesus desires partnership with His people as He takes over the nations (Rev. 19:14; John 17:24). Both the saints and angels will accompany Jesus in His armies (1 Thes. 4:14; Zech. 14:5; Mt. 25:31; Mat. 26:53; Jude 14–15).

¹⁴The armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (Rev. 19:14)

²⁴Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me... (Jn. 17:24)

¹⁴...“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands [innumerable] of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds (Jude 14–15)

- N. **White and clean:** The armies of heaven will be dressed in *fine linen, white and clean* (Rev. 19:14; cf. 3:4–5, 18: 4:4; 6:11; 7:9; 13–14; 14:14). This clothing is similar to the saints in their bridal attire as seen in Revelation 19:7–8.
- O. The sword of His mouth. Jesus will release the sword of His mouth to release judgment (Rev. 1:16; 2:12, 16; Isa. 11:4) and the literal sword in His hand (Num. 22:23, 31; Josh. 5:13; Ps. 45:3–4; 149:6–9; Isa. 27:1; 34:1–8; 66:15–16; Zeph. 2:12).

¹⁵Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of...wrath... (Rev. 19:15)

- P. **Dash the nations with a rod of iron:** (Ps. 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15) After inheriting the earth as His possession to rule, He dashes all evil infrastructures by releasing the seven bowl judgments (Rev. 11:15–19; ch. 15–16), including finance, education, military, religion, food, water, etc... He does this as an iron scepter would shatter pottery (Ps. 2:7–9). Secondly, Jesus will rule with the rod of His mouth in dealing swiftly with all rebellion during the Millennial kingdom (Isaiah 11:4; Psalm 2:10–12; Zech. 14:17–18), demonstrating His unyielding governmental absolutes to rule His inheritance righteously.
- Q. **King of kings:** All the nations on earth will see Jesus as the King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16). He will take over everything forever, for the glory of God and the good of His people. All the kings of the earth, resurrected and those in natural bodies will report to Him.

¹⁶He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS... (Rev. 19:16)

III. SCENE TWO - JESUS DEFEATS THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS ARMIES (REV. 19:17–21)

- A. Jesus will gather the birds for a great supper, feasting on the Antichrist's army (Rev. 19:17–18, 21; Ezek. 39:17–20; Mt. 24:28; Lk. 17:37). Jesus has power over all creation, even the birds. There will be a supernatural gathering of birds that will clean up the carnage of the dead armies and prevent further disease in the land as Jewish captives will soon return there.

¹⁷I saw an angel...saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses...and the flesh of all people...” (Rev. 19:17–18)

- B. All kings will be gathered with their armies (Rev. 19:19; cf. Joel 3:2, 12; Zech. 14:2; Zeph. 3:8; Luke 21:20–24). This shows the global scope of hostility and why Jesus' violent action is necessary. Jesus will arrive at Jerusalem at the perfect time to rescue the remnant of Israel (Zech. 14:5). As the Greater Moses, He will split the Mount of Olives in two to provide an escape route for those in the city (Zech. 14:4–5).

¹⁹And I saw the beast [Antichrist], the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him [Jesus] who sat on the horse and against His army. (Rev. 19:19)

²I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...³Then the LORD will go forth [Jesus' second coming] and fight against those nations...⁴His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two ...making a very large valley...⁵Then you shall flee through My mountain valley...The LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. (Zech. 14:2–5)

- C. The Antichrist will be defeated in the sight of all the nations (Rev. 19:20). It is my opinion that as the Jewish captives flee through the valley, they run past Jesus on His way to confront the Antichrist and False Prophet in the temple of God (2 Thes. 2:4; John 2:13–17; Isa. 66:6). He and the false prophet will die from the breath of Jesus' mouth and the brightness of His coming (Isa. 30:27–28; 2 Thes. 2:8) as they are cast alive into the Lake of Fire 1,000 years ahead of anyone else (Isa. 30:33; Dan. 7:11; Rev. 19:20–21). The rest of those killed during the Bowl judgments (Rev. ch. 15–16; 19:21) will wait in Hell for the Great White Throne judgment where they appear before Jesus to receive their final verdict (John 5:28–29; Dan. 12:1–3; Rev. 20:11–15).

²⁰Then the beast [Antichrist] was captured, and with him the false prophet... These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Rev. 19:20)

⁸...the lawless one [Antichrist]...whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thes. 2:9)

- D. Jesus attends to every detail, even the clean-up of the dead (Rev. 19:21). All the kings and their armies that survived the seven bowl judgments will be executed (Ps. 110:5–6; Isa. 24:6, 17–21; 66:24; Ezek. 38:18–23; Zech. 14:12–15; Rev. 16:17–21; 18). It will take *seven months* to bury the bones of the dead (Ezek. 39:11–16) and *seven years* to burn the weapons (Ezek. 39:9). Some suggest this passage must be taken symbolic because of the use of horses and wooden weapons. One solution is that these details tell us that after so much war in the final 3 1/2 years, the sophistication of human warfare has been reduced for many.

²¹And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. (Rev. 19:21)

⁵The Lord ... shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. ⁶He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. (Psalm 110:5–6)

- E. The pinnacle of the Second Coming royal procession will be Jesus' reentry into Jerusalem to be officially received by the governmental leaders of Israel as their Messianic King. Jesus prophesied to the leaders of His generation saying, "***you shall see me no more until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD'***" (Mt. 23:39). God does not force Himself on anyone but only comes when asked. The moment of the Jewish leaders finally accepting Jesus has come!

- F. At this time, the Jewish leaders will ask the question concerning their Deliverer, "***Who is this King of Glory?***" (Ps. 24:7–8) and then as they see Jesus' nail marked hands (Isa. 49:16; John 20:20, 25; Gal. 6:17; Rev. 5:6), "***What are these wounds in Your hands?***" (Zech. 13:6). God will supernaturally open their eyes, as He replies, "***Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends***" and as they "***Look upon the One whom they pierced***" (Zech. 12:10–14; cf. Gen. 45:1, 4), they recognize that this is in fact "Jesus of Nazareth" their long-awaited Messiah - the "Son of David". In one day the entire nation will be saved (Zech. 13:1, 8–9; Rom. 11:26–27). Jesus will be celebrated as the Son of David in a hosanna coronation parade hosted by the leaders of Israel. They will open the gates of Jerusalem to Jesus in an official declaration of Him as their King after He rescues them to end the Armageddon campaign (Psalm 118).

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates [of Jerusalem]! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle [Armageddon campaign]. (Ps. 24:7–8)

G. Jesus is the “**greater Joseph**,” *forgiving* the debt of betrayal from His own brethren (Gen. 45:4; 50:19–21; Mt. 26:25; Lk. 22:48; Jn. 13:21; Mk. 15:13–14; John 19:15; 8:37; 1:11; 20:19; Acts. 7:52; Zech. 12:10–14; 13:6), *preserving* His family in their *time of trouble* being sent ahead by God (Gen. 45:5–10; Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1), *bringing peace* to family *discord* (Gen. 37:11,18–20; 45:5; 50:19–21; Zech. 12:10–14; 1 Kings 12; Isa. 11:13; Isa. 9:6) and *healing* (restoration) from the unrecoverable tragedies incurred over Israel’s painful history (Gen. 37:34–35; 42:36; 44:22; 46:29–30; 47:11–12; Deut 28:64–67; Isa. 43:27–28; 54:1–8; Jer. 23:39–40; 24:9; 29:19; Isa. 49:20–21; 25:8–9; Ps. 147:3; Mat. 23:37; Isa. 61:1).

*⁵ But now, **do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves...for God sent me before you to preserve life....⁷ And God sent me before you...to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ So now it was **not you** who **sent me here, but God...** (Gen. 45:5, 7–8)***

IV. SCENE THREE AND FOUR - THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST—

SATAN IN PRISON (REV. 20:1–3) AND THE SAINTS’ GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP (REV. 20:4–6)

A. Satan will be bound with supernatural chains and then cast into the pit or prison (Rev. 20:1–3), including fallen angels and all powers of darkness that had been in heavenly places and were cast to the earth during the final 3 1/2 years (Isa. 24:21–22; 27:1; Rev. 20:1–3; Rev. 12:1–3). Presently Satan and his fallen angels deceive mankind, blind people groups, stir up sin, war and all evil things.

*²He [an angel] **laid hold of the Dragon, that serpent of old...the Devil and Satan, and bound him for one thousand years; ³and he **cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations...After these things he must be released for a little while.** (Rev. 20:2-3)***

B. Revelation 20 sheds light on Satan’s character:

1. The “**dragon**” denotes his ancient and powerful cruelty without any capacity for mercy.
2. The “**serpent of old**” refers to the subtleties of the liar and deceiver in the Garden (Gen. 3).
3. The “**Devil**” means slanderer or accuser.
4. The name “**Satan**” means “adversary”, as the one who opposes and attacks us.

C. Revelation 20 sheds light on Satan’s five-fold fall:

1. From the **third Heaven** to the mid-heaven (Isa. 14:12; Ezek. 28:16; Lk. 10:18)
2. From the **mid-heaven** to being solely confined to the earth (Rev. 12:12–17)
3. From **the earth surface** to the bottomless pit for 1000 years (Isa. 24:21–22; Rev. 20:1–3)
4. From **the bottomless pit** to the Lake of Fire after the Millennium (Isa. 24:21–22; Rev. 20:10)
5. The final **Lake of Fire** will be Satan’s permanent home forever (Rev. 20:10)

D. Resurrected saints will be given governmental leadership of the earth for one thousand years (Rev. 20:4-6; cf. Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 22:5; Mt. 19:28; 20:21-23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim.

2:12; Rom 8:17). Jesus told his disciples they would rule with Him on thrones (Mt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30). The martyrs highlighted here in Revelation 20 are not the only ones who reign but are highlighted here to help the saints have patience and stand steadfast (Rev. 2:10; 13:10; 14:12).

⁴I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus...and they lived and reigned with Christ for one thousand...⁶Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him 1000 years. (Rev. 20:4-6)

²³His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ (Mat. 25:23)

E. Resurrected saints will live in the New Jerusalem but have assignments upon the earth much like angels do today (Rev. 21:9–27; John 14:2–3; Gal 4:26; Heb. 11:10; Phil 3:20).

F. The Millennium is a literal 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world from His Throne of Glory in Jerusalem. Millennium is the Latin ‘mille’ a thousand. At this time the Kingdom of God will be openly manifest affecting every sphere of life (spiritual, political, judicial, social, financial, agricultural, educational, technological, environmental, arts, athletics, etc.). The result will be a 1,000-year period of unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteous rule and prepares the earth for the Father’s arrival. *Here are some of the features of the Millennial era:*

G. Removal of Israel’s sin in a day—the first holy nation on the earth (Isa. 4:3–4; 33:14; 59:20; 60:21; 62:1–2; Ezek. 20:37–38; Rom. 11:25–26) and the restoration of their priestly ministry on the earth (Ex. 19:6; Isa. 60:1–22; 61:6; Zech. 8:23). They will be the first saved nation and reveal the blessings and goodness of God for those who walk with Him and His ways.

²⁶...so all Israel will be saved...“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” (Rom. 11:26-27)

H. The Beauty of Jesus will be openly seen before Israel and all the nations (John 17:24; Mat. 17:1–2; Isa. 4:2; 11:10; 24:23; 33:17; 60:13; Psalm 27:4; Hag. 2:7).

²In that day the Branch of the LORD [Jesus] shall be beautiful and glorious. (Isa. 4:2)

¹⁷Your eyes will see the King in His beauty... (Isa. 33:17)

I. God’s manifest presence in Jerusalem. Jesus will sit as King in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem in the Glory of the Father glory and it will pour out into the city and the land (Hag. 2:9; Zech. 6:12–13; Isa. 11:10; 24:23; 60:1–3; Mat. 25:31). There will be manifestations of smoke and a cloud over earthly Jerusalem greater than the days at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 24:17–18; 33:9–10; 40:34; Isa. 4:5; 33:14). All the inhabitants of Jerusalem will be living in the intense and manifest presence of God. How amazing and terrifying!

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. (Mat. 25:31)

³And it shall come to pass that he who is left ...in Jerusalem will be called holy... ⁴When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, ⁵then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by

night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. ⁶ And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. (Isaiah 4:3-6)

- J. *Increased light*, both natural and supernatural (Isa. 9:2; 24:23; 30:26; 60:1,19). Creation will be restored so everything is brighter (sun and moon) while God’s uncreated light will surpass them all, shining out of Jerusalem and giving the earthly inhabitants a taste of heaven’s delights and perfection.

²⁶ Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord binds up the bruise of His people and heals the stroke of their wound. (Isa. 30:26)

- K. *Many nations will join Israel in worshipping the Lord* (Isa 11:10; 19:23–25; 24:16; 25:6–8; 60:6–7, 9; 66:18–23; Zech. 14:16)—In essence the greatest missions movement after the greatest war on earth (Isa. 55). In the Millennium all the kings of the earth will be saved and worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24).

²³ And it shall come to pass [after the Lord returns]...All flesh shall come to worship before Me [in Jerusalem],” says the Lord. (Isa. 66:23)

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Psalm 72:11)

- L. *International peace* from Jesus’ leadership (Isa. 2:2–4; 9:6; 60:14–15, 18)

⁴ ...They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isa. 2:4)

- M. *Natural and supernatural sources of water* turning the the land of Israel, even it’s desert places and parts of the Middle East into a vast garden like the Garden of Eden (Isa. 30:25; 33:16, 21; 35:1–8; 51:3; Joel 3:18; Ezek. 47:1–12; Zech. 14:8; Psalm 46:4; Rev. 22:1–2; Ezek. 36:35).

²⁵ There will be on every high mountain and on every high hill rivers and streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter...(Isa. 30:25)

¹⁸ And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the Lord (Joel 3:18)

- N. *Human life spans increasing* (Isa. 65:20–22; Zech. 8:4).

²² For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people... (Isa. 65:22)

- O. *Animal kingdom restored* (Isa. 11:6–9; 65:25)

⁶ “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb... And a little child shall lead them. ⁷... And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole... (Isa. 11:6–8)

- P. *During His Millennial Reign, Jesus is the “Greater Solomon”* (1 Kings ch. 3–10) *bringing Israel* (and the whole earth) into the great *peace, stability and wealth: the full expanse of her land boundaries* originally promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:7; 13:14-15; 15:18-21; 17:8; Isa. 26:15; Ezek. 34:24), *riches in precious metals, abundance of water, food and livestock* (Psalm 72:15–16; 65:13; Isa. 30:25; 33:16; 35:7; 54:11–12; 60:5–9, 11, 17; 61:5; 65:10; Jer. 33:13), *godly administration of government*, walking in the Sermon on the Mount, bringing stability and righteousness (Mat. 5–7; Isa. 32:1–8; 33:5–6; 54:13–14; Ps. 72:1–14; Mt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30), *international fame* (Psalm 68:29–31; 72:10–11; Isa. 60) and *the geopolitical epicenter of*

affection (Ps. 48:2; Isa. 60:14–15). He will *rebuild the temple* and its *glory* will far surpass that of Solomon's day (Hag. 2:9; Zech. 6:12–13; Psalm 68:29–31). As a "*wonderful counsellor*," He will solve many troubling ethnic, international, environmental, agricultural and social issues in *His wisdom* (Isa. 2:2–4; 9:6; 11:4).

- Q. *Sin and death defeated* (1 Cor. 15:24–26; 54–57; Isa. 25:6–8). God will completely remove the curse on the earth that came through Adam. The wicked will be the minority and the righteous will flourish.

²⁵ *For He [Jesus] must reign till He [The Father] has put all enemies under His [Jesus'] feet.* ²⁶ *The last enemy that will be destroyed is death... (1 Cor. 15:25–26)*

⁷ *... on this mountain [Jerusalem]* ⁸ *He [Jesus] will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces... (Isa. 25:7–8)*

- R. It will take 1,000 years to spread, mature and test the righteousness in every area of every nation. Jesus' government will progressively spread to all nations (Isa. 9:7). Jesus does not "fix" all injustice at once on His own but He builds His Kingdom progressively with the resurrected saints and believing peoples.

V. SCENE FIVE - SATAN IS RELEASED AFTER 1,000 YEARS (REV. 20:7–10)

⁷*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison* ⁸*and will go out to deceive the nations...* ⁹*They...surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.* ¹⁰*The devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Rev. 20:7–10)*

- A. The Lord will allow Satan, the "snake" of Genesis 3, back onto the earth in this ideal environment before handing it over to the Father as a perfect gift (1 Cor. 15:24; James 1:17).

²⁴ *Then comes the end, when He [Jesus] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Jesus] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. (1 Cor. 15:24)*

- B. *First* Jesus will allow Satan on the earth to test those in natural bodies in a perfect environment, to *reveal the human heart, exposing pride* for those who felt superior to Adam in his fall while revealing the *depth of human sin, the "mystery of iniquity"* (2 Thes. 2:7) and our *full-dependence* on God for salvation and His great mercy and love in that even in an ideal environment, men rebel because they love sin (Isa. 59:7; 2 Thes. 2:12; 2 Pet. 2:13). Men will not be able to blame their sin on their difficult circumstances.

⁷ *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work... (2 Thes. 2:7)*

- C. *Second*, The Lord will demonstrate Satan's unredeemable state, the *incurable evil* of his character and nature. After having been in prison for 1,000 years, Satan's rage has even escalated. He continues to kill, steal and destroy, lying and deceiving (Rev. 20:8; John 10:10; John 8:44). There is no place for Satan and His fallen angels in God's New Heaven and New Earth (Isa. 65:17, 22; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1). Then the Lord will cast him into the Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:10).

⁷*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison* ⁸*and will go out to deceive the nations... (Rev. 20:7-8)*

- D. *Third*, Jesus tests what He has built before handing it over to the the Father as a perfect gift (1 Cor. 3:13; 1 Peter 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:24; James 1:17) so the Father will dwell with humanity forever on a new earth (Rev. 21–22).

¹³ [E]ach one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (1 Cor. 3:13)

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above [God's nature]... (James 1:17)

VI. SCENE SIX - THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (REV. 20:11–15)

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne...¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened [the second resurrection] And another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books...¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:11-15)

- A. Directly after the final conflict with Satan, the Lord will resurrect all unbelievers and judge them before the Great White Throne *according to their works* (Mat. 5:20; Rev. 20:12). This is the second resurrection, the *resurrection of condemnation* (John 5:28-29; Dan. 12:1-3). Unbelievers also receive resurrected bodies.

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life [first resurrection], and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation [second resurrection].” (John 5:28–29)

¹ At that time... there shall be a time of trouble [Great Tribulation], such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people [Israel] shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life [first resurrection], some to shame and everlasting contempt [second resurrection].

³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. (Dan 12:1–3)

- B. The Lake of Fire does not “purify” or “annihilate” consciousness, but is an eternal instrument of torment and punishment (Isa. 66:24; Mt. 18:8; 25:41; Mk. 9:43–44, 45–46, 47–48; Rev. 14:9–11; 20:10).

²⁴ And they shall...look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh. (Isa. 66:24)

- C. It is necessary to remove all the wicked and evil as they will have no place in the New Heavens and Earth. This is the final action in transitioning the earth.

- D. During this time, the earth will be renovated and cleansed by fire (2 Pet. 3:10–13; Rev. 20:9).

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet. 3:10-13)

- E. The earth will be “**renovated**” not annihilated; “**resurrected**” not replaced. Scripture declares that the earth continues forever (Ps. 37:29; 78:69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2; 1 Chr. 23:25; 28:8; Isa. 60:21; Ezek. 37:25; Joel 3:20). The earth is only “new” in the sense of being “re-newed” and resurrected from its present state. The phrase “passed away” (Rev. 21:1) is the same Greek words as in 2 Cor. 5:17 denoting a change, not removal. The earth will be resurrected in glory even as our natural bodies will (1 Cor. 15:35–49).

VII. SCENE SEVEN - THE FATHER ESTABLISHES HIS THRONE ON EARTH (REV. 21:1–8)

- A. The high point of history is the Father dwelling on earth with humans (Rev. 21:3). God’s purpose has always been to live together with His people *face to face on this earth*. The Father’s throne permanently coming to earth is the ultimate reality that God accomplished through Christ.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ²Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”(Rev. 21:1-3)

- B. The new earth is the permanent resting place of the New Jerusalem. Most likely the earth will have to be much larger in size to accommodate the approximate three billion saints and untold billions of angels and the massive size of the New Jerusalem as it will come down rest upon the new earth forever.

VIII. NEW JERUSALEM: THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS (REV. 21–22)

- A. Revelation 21–22 is the angelic explanation following the glory and judgment described in the Revelation 19–20 and the final angelic explanation of the book of Revelation. It reveals how Jesus will restore to us all that He intended in creating the Garden of Eden.

***¹⁹Repent...that your sins may be blotted out, so that...²⁰ He [the Father] may send Jesus...
²¹whom heaven must receive [keep] until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. (Acts 3:19-21)***

- B. The description of the City as the *Holy of Holies*—an external view (21:9–21)
1. **The City’s design:** a cube (21:16) like the Holy of Holies in Solomon’s temple.
 2. **The City’s adornment:** It has eight of the precious stones (21:19–20) that the high priest wore on his breastplate when entering the Holy of Holies, signifying nearness to God (Ex. 28:17–20; 39:10).
 3. **The City’s glory:** It is filled with the *shekinah* glory as in the temple (2 Chr. 5–7), yet with the brightness of ancient jasper that is different from modern jasper (Rev. 21:11, 23; 22:5).
 4. **The City’s construction:** gates (21:12b-14), walls (21:12a, 14–18), foundations (21:12, 19–20), and streets (21:21; 22:2).

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5. ***The City's size:*** The walls are 1,380 miles in length, height, and width (Rev. 21:12b-14).
 - C. The description of the City as the *garden of Eden*—an internal view (21:22–22:5). He described the City's beauty (21:22–27) and its life with face-to-face communion with God (22:1-5).
 - D. It is a worshipping City with no temple (21:22; 22:4a); an illuminated City with no sun (21:23; 22:5); a governmental City with God's Throne (21:24, 26; 22:3-5d); a servant City that works (21:25b; 22:3c, 5a), and a holy City without any sin (21:27, 8; 22:14–15).
 - E. The New Jerusalem will descend to the earth in two stages. First, it descends at Jesus' second coming to initiate the Millennium (Rev. 21:10). Second, it descends after the Millennial earth is purged with fire and resurrected becoming the New Earth with no sea. This occurs in the age-to-come (2 Pet. 3:5–13; Rev. 21:2).