

## ***The Second Coming Of Christ Part 5: The New Heavens and New Earth The New Jerusalem***

The fear of death will disappear only after *Revelation 20:14-15* <sup>14</sup> *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.* <sup>15</sup> *If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.* Before that we will be with the Lord. But after death is thrown in the fiery lake of fire, Christ will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father, <sup>24</sup> *Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.* <sup>25</sup> *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.* <sup>26</sup> *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.* (1Corinthians 15:24-26)

**The new heaven, the new earth and the new Jerusalem:** <sup>1</sup> *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.* <sup>2</sup> *I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.* <sup>3</sup> *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.* <sup>4</sup> *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* <sup>5</sup> *He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"* Then he said, *"Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."* (*Revelation 21:1-5*) This here describes the new heaven and the new earth and the coming down of the new Jerusalem. So what you see now in your eyes from earth and heaven will be no longer after Revelation 20:15.

*2Peter 2:3-13* speaks about the destruction of the present heaven and earth, <sup>3</sup> *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.* <sup>4</sup> *They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."* <sup>5</sup> *But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.* <sup>6</sup> *By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.* <sup>7</sup> **By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.** <sup>8</sup> *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.* <sup>9</sup> *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* <sup>10</sup> *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.* <sup>11</sup> *Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives* <sup>12</sup> *as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.* <sup>13</sup> *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."*

At the stage of the new heaven and the new earth there will be no more sufferings, no more death or fear of death. We can read also in the bible the description of the new Jerusalem that will come down from heaven: <sup>19</sup> *One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."* <sup>10</sup> *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me*

*the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.* <sup>11</sup> *It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.* <sup>12</sup> *It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.* <sup>13</sup> *There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.* <sup>14</sup> *The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.* <sup>15</sup> *The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.* <sup>16</sup> *The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.* <sup>17</sup> *He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.* <sup>18</sup> *The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.* <sup>19</sup> *The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.* <sup>21</sup> *The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.* <sup>22</sup> *I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.* <sup>23</sup> *The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.* <sup>24</sup> *The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.* <sup>25</sup> *On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.* <sup>26</sup> *The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.* <sup>27</sup> *Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:9-27)*

The internal description of the new Jerusalem we can read in *Revelation 22:1-4* *"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb* <sup>2</sup> *down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.* <sup>3</sup> *No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.* <sup>4</sup> *They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.* <sup>5</sup> *There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."* And that what Jesus promised us in *John 14:1-4* *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.* <sup>2</sup> *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.* <sup>3</sup> *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* <sup>4</sup> *You know the way to the place where I am going."*

***My Dear and Beloved:*** The sequence of events at the second coming of Christ is as the following: 1- Rapture. 2- Tribulation. 3- Battle of Armageddon. 4- Millennial reign of Christ on Earth. 5- Satan's judgment. 6- Great White Throne Judgment (Judgment for the non-believers). 7- New Heavens and New Earth. Take heed of what you read, live a life of obedience and holiness so you will be worthy to receive all the promises of God, and we will be together with God and forever in the new Jerusalem as God's word declare: *"The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."* (*Revelation 22:6*)

***My prayer:*** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your encouraging word to me. Lord I commit my life to draw near to you, living in holiness and in full obedience to your commands and laws. Lord watch over my life, I don't want anything that will take me from you; I want to live with you forever, this is my prayer to you in Jesus name Amen.*