

1 THE PROPHECY SERIES COUNTDOWN  
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3 **THE END OF ALL THINGS**  
4 **AND ...**  
5 **THE BEGINNING!**

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7 Rev. 21:4

8 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,  
9 neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are  
10 passed away.

11 I am delighted to tell you tonight that one of the world's foremost authorities on prophecy will be our special guest for a prophecy seminar next year. GRANT JEFFRIES, whom you may see regularly on TBN, will conduct the seminar in this sanctuary on Saturday night and Sunday morning and evening, March 1 and 2, and a final service on Wednesday night, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar for 2008. We are honored to have this distinguished speaker with us.

12 REVIEW OF GOD'S PROPHETIC PLAN  
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- 17 1. The Rapture
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21 Christ
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  - 24 7. The End of All Things (as we know them) And The Beginning!
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26 **I. THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH**

27 Rev. 21:1-8

28 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were

1 passed away; and there was no more sea. [2] And I John saw the holy city, new  
2 Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her  
3 husband. [3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of  
4 God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God  
5 himself shall be with them, and be their God. [4] And God shall wipe away all tears from  
6 their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there  
7 be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. [5] And he that sat upon the  
8 throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words  
9 are true and faithful. [6] And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the  
10 beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of  
11 life freely. [7] He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he  
12 shall be my son. [8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers,  
13 and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the  
14 lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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16 1. The question has to be asked: At the end of the Millennium, when Satan launches  
17 his brief and final rebellion (and his forces are destroyed quickly and finally, and then  
18 God destroys this earth, what happens to the “camp of the saints?” Are they destroyed as  
19 well?

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21 No! For it is at this moment that “the holy city, the new Jerusalem, comes down  
22 from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The believers  
23 are preserved in the Holy City, and after the earth is destroyed and renewed, the saints  
24 may come and go to the new Earth (or anywhere else they wish to go) at God’s pleasure.

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26 **QUESTION: WHY DOES GOD DESTROY THIS PRESENT EARTH?**

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28 Because it is permeated now by evil.

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- 30 • There are three heavens: the first heaven is the atmosphere - that thin veneer  
31 of oxygen that surrounds the planet. The second heaven is the cosmos, the stars  
32 and galaxies. The third heaven is the abode of God.
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  - 34 • The heavens that God will destroy will include our present atmosphere and the  
35 galaxies touched by evil contamination from earth. Ephesians 6:12 teach that  
36 Satan and his evil henchmen are performing spiritual wickedness in heavenly  
37 places. **WHATEVER HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY SATAN WILL BE  
38 DESTROYED BY GOD.**

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40 **QUESTION: WHAT WILL THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH BE LIKE**

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1 1. *There will be no more sea (Revelation 21:1).* Every grade school student knows that  
2 about 2/3rds of the earth is covered by water, rendering it uninhabitable to mankind. The  
3 one-third not covered by water has great parts of it - deserts and mountainous regions - that  
4 are also inhabitable by mankind. As Tim LaHaye has observed, “Nothing in the  
5 (scripture) text indicates a new earth limited to the 25 thousand miles in circumference and  
6 8 thousand miles in diameter of this present earth. It may be much larger; the Bible does  
7 not say. But one thing is certain – the new earth will be the Christian’s heaven. After the  
8 thousand years millennium we will live forever on the new earth described in (Revelation  
9 21 and 22).” (Revelation Illustrated / LaHaye / pages 308-308)

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11 But it is the “new Jerusalem” descending from Heaven that grips us the most in this  
12 study tonight.

## 13 THE NEW JERUSALEM

### 14 Rev. 21:9-27

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16 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the  
17 seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the  
18 Lamb's wife. [10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and  
19 shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**  
20 [11] Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a  
21 jasper stone, clear as crystal; [12] And **had a wall great and high,** and had **twelve gates,**  
22 and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the  
23 twelve tribes of the children of Israel: [13] On the east three gates; on the north three gates;  
24 on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. [14] **And the wall of the city had**  
25 **twelve foundations,** and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15] And  
26 he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the  
27 wall thereof. [16] And **the city lieth foursquare,** and the length is as large as the breadth:  
28 and he measured the city with the reed, **twelve thousand furlongs.** The length and the  
29 breadth and the height of it are equal. [17] And **he measured the wall thereof, an**  
30 **hundred and forty and four cubits,** according to the measure of a man, that is, of the  
31 angel. [18] **And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold,**  
32 **like unto clear glass.** [19] **And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished**  
33 **with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second,**  
34 **sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; [20] The fifth, sardonyx;**  
35 **the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the**  
36 **tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. [21] And the**  
37 **twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of**  
38 **the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. [22] And I saw no temple therein:**  
39 **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. [23] And the city had**

1 **no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten**  
2 **it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.** [24] And the nations of them which are saved shall  
3 walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.  
4 [25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for **there shall be no night there.**  
5 [26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. [27] And there shall in  
6 no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or  
7 maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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9 1. Will the city of verse 10, descending out of heaven from God, come clear to this earth  
10 and be a part of the newly-reconstructed earth? Some commentators think so. Some do  
11 not. I frankly don't know. If I had my preference (and so far God has not taken time to  
12 consult me on this issue - smile!) I would like to have the holy city in space. But  
13 wherever it is stationed, either on this earth or in space somewhere, the city will be beyond  
14 anything we have ever known.

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16 2. (Verse 11) This new Jerusalem city will have "the glory of God." There are many  
17 outstanding cities in this world which I have visited and enjoy. None of them had any  
18 Godly glory in them. Can you even imagine a city such as this one that will be our  
19 headquarters for eternity?

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21 3. (Verse 11) The city will give off light as a jasper stone - that is, it will seem that it is  
22 the source of light, rather than reflecting some other light.

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24 4. (Verse 12) The city will have a wall, great and high. It will have 12 gates (the  
25 current old-city walls of Jerusalem have 8 gates, 7 of them open.) At each gate there will  
26 be an angel. Each gate will be named after one of the disciples (not including Judas - but  
27 Matthias who was named to succeed him - see Acts 1).

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29 5. The city is massive - apparently a cube. Rev. 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare,  
30 and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve  
31 thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

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33 An English furlong is about 600 feet. Applied to Rev. 21:16 then, the new Jerusalem  
34 would be close to 1400 miles high, 1400 miles wide and 1400 miles long. (Since we will  
35 have resurrected and glorified bodies, the physics of adapting to a cube rather than a  
36 rectangle would be of little consequence to us.

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38 The wall itself is 216 feet thick. And its components are beyond imagining:

39 Rev. 21:19-20

40 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious

1 stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the  
2 fourth, an emerald; [20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the  
3 eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the  
4 twelfth, an amethyst. (Can you even imagine the vivid colors coming from the wall itself -  
5 rather than the bland color of natural stone?)  
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Tim LaHaye: *The various foundations are represented as layers built upon each other, each layer extending around all four sides of the city. JASPER - gold in appearance but like clear glass in substance. SAPPHIRE - a stone similar in hardness to a diamond and blue in color. CHALCEDONY - an agate stone thought to be sky blue with other colors running through it. EMERALD - bright green in color. SARDONYX - red and white stone. SARDIUS - reddish in color. CHRYSOLYTE - golden in color but transparent. BERYL - sea green. TOPAZ - greenish-yellow and transparent. CHRYSOPTERUS - yet another shade of green. JACINTH - violet in color. AMETHYST - usually purple.*  
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The twelve gates are twelve pearls (verse 21). And the street of the city is pure gold.

7. The New Jerusalem will have no temple for Christ Himself is our temple. (Verse 22)

8. This celestial city will be energized by the light from God Himself: Rev. 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.

9. Listen to the listing of the groups present: Rev. 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. (Verse 26) And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

10. (Verse 25) The gates will not be shut at day - and there will be no night; therefore, the gates will never close.

11. Who will NOT be there? Rev. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## REVELATION CHAPTER 22

1 The last chapter of Revelation gives us a final description of our eternal abode that is  
2 thrilling.

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4 Rev. 22:1-5

5 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the  
6 throne of God and of the Lamb. [2] In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the  
7 river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit  
8 every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [3] And there  
9 shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his  
10 servants shall serve him: [4] And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their  
11 foreheads. [5] And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of  
12 the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

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14 1. Apparently water will always be a necessity for human life. Here in Florida we  
15 understand what scarcity of water can do. In eternity, there will never be a shortage of  
16 water, the river coming from the very throne of God.

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18 2. Verse 2: The tree of life will provide “healing for the nations.” PLEASE DO NOT  
19 CONSTRUE THIS “HEALING” TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE BODY FOR THERE  
20 WILL BE NO SICKNESS IN YOUR GLORIFIED, RESURRECTED BODY. This will  
21 have to do with national relationships – Germans vs. Poles; Jews vs. Arabs, etc.

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23 3. Verse 3: “There will be no more curse.” That which God spoke as curses way back  
24 in Genesis 3 in the Garden of Eden will be permanently lifted.

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26 4. Verse 4: And they shall see His face! In our human body we could never live from  
27 the experience of actually seeing God. But in our glorified body, we shall see Him.

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29 5. Verse 5 “And there shall be no night there.” God is the light and will be with us  
30 constantly.

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32 6. Verse 5: And we shall reign (with Christ) forever and ever.

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34 According to Dr. Dwight Pentecost in his classic book “Things to Come” scripture  
35 suggests the following activities for us throughout eternity: (P. 581)

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37 A. A LIFE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.

38 1 Cor. 13:12

39 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but  
40 then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but  
3 we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

4 John 14:3

5 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;  
6 that where I am, there ye may be also.

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8 B. A LIFE OF REST

9 Rev. 14:13

10 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die  
11 in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;  
12 and their works do follow them.

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14 C. A LIFE OF FULL KNOWLEDGE

15 1 Cor. 13:12

16 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but  
17 then shall I know even as also I am known.

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19 D. A LIFE OF HOLINESS

20 Rev. 21:27

21 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever  
22 worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of  
23 life.

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25 E. A LIFE OF JOY

26 Rev. 21:4

27 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,  
28 neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are  
29 passed away.

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31 F. A LIFE OF SERVICE

32 Rev. 22:3

33 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it;  
34 and his servants shall serve him:

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36 G. A LIFE OF ABUNDANCE

37 Rev. 21:6

38 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I  
39 will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

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1 H. A LIFE OF GLORY

2 2 Cor. 4:17

3 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding  
4 and eternal weight of glory;

5 Col. 3:4

6 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.  
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8 I. A LIFE OF WORSHIP

9 Rev. 19:11

10 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called  
11 Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 Rev. 7:9-12

13 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all  
14 nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the  
15 Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; [10] And cried with a loud  
16 voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. [11]  
17 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts,  
18 and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, [12] Saying, Amen:  
19 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be  
20 unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.  
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22 A FINAL SEVERE WARNING FROM GOD TO ANYONE WHO TAMPERS WITH  
23 HIS REVEALED SCRIPTURE:

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25 Rev. 22:18-19

26 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any  
27 man shall **add** unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this  
28 book: [19] And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy,  
29 God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the  
30 things which are written in this book.  
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32 THE LORD'S LAST INVITATION TO MAN IN SCRIPTURE:

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34 Rev. 22:17

35 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him  
36 that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.  
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38 Everyone hearing or reading this study still has the ability to come to Christ.  
39 "Whosoever will...." If you still want to, take advantage of the moment. Once you cross  
40 a line, there will be no more "want to."