

Seal 7, Trumpet 7, Sign 7, Plague 7, Word 7, Vision 7: The New Heaven & New Earth

^{21.1} Then I saw a new Heaven—*spiritual realm*—and a new Earth—*material realm* (Isa 65:17-25, 66:22)! For the first Heaven and the first Earth departed and the Sea—*the chaotic realm*—was not there anymore (Ezek 26:16, 32:2-4; Rev 13:1, 20:11). ² I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem—*the Church*—coming down out of Heaven from the Creator, prepared and arranged like a bride for her man (Isa 4:2-6, 54:4-8, 61:10; Zech 8:1-8; Rev 3:12, 12:-16, 14:3-5, 19:7-9, 20:9). ³ I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying,

“Look! The dwelling of the Creator is with humans! He will dwell with them and they will be his people! The Creator himself will be with them (Exod 29:45-46; Lev 26:11-12; 1 Kgs 8:27-30; Isa 7:14, 12:6; Jer 31:33; Ezek 37:27, 43:7; Zech 2:10-11; Rev 3:20, 7:15)! ⁴ He will remove every tear from their eyes, and death, grieving, weeping, and pain will be no more (Isa 25:7-8, 35:10, 51:11, 60:20; Jer 31:12; Rev 5:4-5, 7:16-17)! The first things have departed!”

⁵ The one seated upon the throne said,

“Look! I am making everything new (Isa 42:9, 43:19)!”

Then he said,

“Write! For these words are faithful and true (Dan 8:26; Rev 3:14, 19:11)!”

⁶ He said to me,

“It has happened (Rev 1:3, 1:19, 4:1, 6:9-11, 10:6-7, 11:15-17, 12:10, 16:17, 19:6)! I AM, the First and the Last, the Source and the Completion, and I will freely give from the Water Springs of Life (Isa 12:3, 44:6, 48:12, 55:1; Jer 2:13; Rev 1:17, 2:8, 7:17)! ⁷ The one who finishes-the-race will inherit these things! The Creator will be with him and he will be my child (2 Sam 7:14; Psa 37:7-11, 89:26-27)! ⁸ But the fearful, the unfaithful, the detestable, the killers, the prostitutes, the drug-addicts, the idolaters, and all liars, will take part in the Lake that burns with fire and sulfur (Mal 3:5; Rev 9:17-18, 14:10, 17:16, 19:20, 20:10). This is the second death (Rev 2:11, 2:23, 20:6, 20:14).”

⁹ Then one of the seven angels having the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues (Rev 15:6-7, 17:1), arrived and spoke with me, saying,

“Come! I will show you the Bride, the Lamb’s woman—*the Church* (Rev 12:1-6, 14:3-5, 19:7-9, 21:2)!”

¹⁰ He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and he showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem—*the Church*—coming down out of Heaven—*the spiritual realm*—from the Creator (Isa 2:2-4, 11:6-10; Ezek 40:2; Matt 5:14; Rev 1:10, 3:12, 4:2, 14:1, 17:3, 20:9, 21:2). ¹¹ *The Church* had the Creator’s glory and the light of it was like a precious stone, a jasper shining like a crystal (Gen 1:27; Isa 60:1; Rev 4:6, 18:1). ¹² *The Church* had a great and high wall with twelve gates. Upon the gates were twelve angels and the written names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel—*the story of the Creator journeying with Israel was the entry point into the Church* (Ezek 48:30-35; Rev 7:4-8, 12:1). ¹³ There were three gates from the east, three from the north, three from the south, and three from the west—*welcoming people from every corner of the Earth* (Rev 7:1, 20:8). ¹⁴ The wall had twelve foundations and upon them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb—*the teachings of the apostles were the boundaries of the Church* (Acts 2:42; Rev 4:4).

¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure—to protect—the City, its gates, and its walls—*the Church* (Ezek 40:3; Rev 11:1-2). ¹⁶ *The Church* is laid out with four sides and its length is as much as its width. He measured the *Church* with his rod and it was 12,000 stadium-lengths—*12 times 1,000*—and the length, width, and height were equal—*like the Holy of Holies, the Creator’s dwelling place in the temple* (1 Kgs 6:20; Ezek 48:16-20; Rev 7:5-8). ¹⁷ He also measured its walls—*its teachings*—and they were 144 arm-lengths—*from the 12 children of Israel and the 12 apostles*—a human measure which is also an

angel's—as they were inspired by the Creator (Rev 7:4).¹⁸ The structure of its wall—the teachings of the apostles—was jasper—transparently reflecting the Creator (Rev 4:3). The Church was pure gold like pure glass—a refined and transparent reflection of the Creator (Zech 13:9; Mal 3:3; Rev 1:20, 3:18, 4:4, 8:3).¹⁹ The foundations of the wall—the teachings—of the Church were arranged with every precious stone (Rev 17:4). The first foundation was diamond, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh hyacinth, and the twelfth amethyst—reflecting the beauty of the Garden of Eden and the garments of the priests (Exod 28:15-30; Isa 28:16, 54:11-13; Ezek 28:13-19; Zech 9:16).²¹ The twelve gates—the story of the children of Israel—were twelve pearls with each one of the gates being made from one pearl—the wisdom gained through Israel's experiences and struggles of walking with the Creator (Matt 7:6). The street—the way of life and interactions—of the City—the Church—was pure gold like transparent glass—honest and refined.

²² I saw no temple in the Church, for the Lord, the All-Powerful Creator and the Lamb is its temple (Rev 3:12, 7:15, 11:1-2, 11:19, 14:15-17, 15:5-8, 16:17).²³ The Church has no need for the sun or the moon to give it light, for the Creator's glory gives it light and its lamp is the Lamb (Psa 84:11; Isa 60:19-20; Rev 1:20, 4:5, 8:10, 8:12, 11:4, 12:1, 18:1, 18:23).²⁴ The ethnic-groups will walk around by the Church's light and the rulers of the Earth will bring their glory to it (Psa 72:10-11; Isa 49:22-23, 60:2-5; Matt 5:14).²⁵ The Church's gates will never close on any day, for they have no night—time of darkness (Isa 60:11; Zech 14:7).²⁶ The rulers of the Earth will bring the glory and honor of the ethnic-groups to the Church.²⁷ But never will any unholy thing enter into the Church nor anyone who practices detestable and false things, but only those written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Isa 52:1, 60:18; Ezek 44:9; Rev 3:5, 13:8, 14:5, 17:8, 20:12).

^{22.1} Then he showed me the River of the Water of Life, which was bright as crystal, coming out from the throne of the Creator and the Lamb (Psa 1:1-3, 36:5-9, 46:4; Zech 14:8-11; Rev 1:17, 2:8, 7:17, 8:10-11, 9:14, 12:15-16, 16:4, 16:12, 21:6).² The River of Life went through the middle of the Church's street (Rev 11:8, 21:21). On both sides of the River, the Tree of Life was producing twelve kinds of spiritual fruit during each month (Gen 2:9-10; Isa 5:7, 27:6; Ezek 47:1-12; Rev 2:7, 14:4, 18:14). The leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the ethnic-groups (Psa 147:2-3).³ Every cursed thing will no longer be (Rev 18:21-23). The throne of the Creator and the Lamb will be in the Church and his servants will serve him (Rev 7:15).⁴ They will see his face (Rev 1:16, 6:16, 10:1, 20:11) and his name will be upon their foreheads—their thoughts and minds (Rev 7:3, 9:4, 13:16, 14:1, 14:9, 17:5, 20:4).⁵ Night will no longer be and they will not have any need for lamp light or sunlight, for the Creator Lord will shine light upon them and they will rule into the ages of the ages (Isa 50:10-11; Rev 11:15, 20:6).