

## AWESTRUCK

The gospel of the kingdom is still in the Book, but preachers today do not connect the gospel to Christ's kingdom of righteousness that begins in Rev 21 therefore, there is no gospel of the kingdom preaching and people do not know the reality of their hope in Christ. The reality of that hope is reached when this present earth is destroyed and all the wicked are in the lake of fire and the children of the kingdom are given a new earth where they will dwell with Christ forever. Wow! Never heard that before?

Here's the connection to the kingdom of righteousness that begins in Revelation 21:

Ps 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

The scepter or symbol for Christ's kingdom is righteousness. Sin and death will cease only after all the wicked are separated and cast into the lake of fire at the end of Revelation 20.

All the children of the kingdom will find their mansion in the newly created earth where there will be no more sea. This fact alone tells us that over 75% of the present earth's surface that is now covered with water will be land. The curse of sin is gone and the thoughts of paradise restored linger in our thoughts. If you have a good imagination, you can fill in all the rest yourself and begin to experience in your soul the beauty of a sinless creation.

Ps 37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land [Heb *erets* earth], and dwell therein for ever.

Matt 5:5 Blessed are the meek [the saved]: for they shall inherit the earth.

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

2Pet 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Rev 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.

### The New Earth and the New Jerusalem

The Heavenly City will not be the eternal dwelling place for the church. Why not? Because the new Jerusalem is prepared for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. The beauty, glory, and splendor of the City is to magnify the Creator, not the church. All the children of the kingdom will have access to the city and go in and out freely to give glory and worship to the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. Jerusalem is God's chosen and eternal dwelling place.

Ps 132:13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion [Jerusalem]; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14 This [the Heavenly Jerusalem] is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Prepared as a bride is a figure of speech called a simile. A simile resembles and uses the word bride to describe the beauty of the new Jerusalem.

Rev 21:9-10 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

That great city is what John saw coming down out of heaven, not the church and all the New Testament Saints. The new Jerusalem was prepared as or like a beautiful bride for Christ and was prophesied many times to be God's eternal city where all the children of the kingdom would come to worship Him forever.

May all your hearts be challenged to take God at His Word and as a child of the kingdom might we all occupy until He comes. May we begin to pray every day — Father, thy kingdom come!

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