

## Apocalypse; the beginning or the end?

### Revelation 21:

*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. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. 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. 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, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 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. 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. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. 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.*

## Apocalypse; the beginning or the end?

As we look towards the close of the Book of Revelation, John describes the New Heaven; New Earth and New Jerusalem. Chapter 20 concludes with the Judgment and also mentions that the first Heaven & Earth had “*fled away so that there was no place found for them*” they no longer existed. Chapter 21; verse 6 has God saying “***It is done***” This is a point where most believe the finality of the Apocalypse; the “End of the World” had come to pass and the New Earth; wherein no one is to die, get sick or suffer sorrow was to begin the Everlasting Age we’ve all been taught exists after the Apocalypse. Everything in reference to those saved; or to those damned from this point on should be written in the past tense; but are they? Notice the following phrases in this chapter after God says “***It is done***”

***I will give unto him that is athirst.*** “*I will give*” signifies future tense; “*that is*” also signifies either present or future tense. If this were something already accomplished; shouldn’t God have said “I have given to him that was athirst”?

***He that overcometh shall inherit.*** This also represents future tense. For an event already gone by this should say “He that overcame did inherit”

***I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*** These also are shown in future tense. God did not say “I am his God and he is my son”

***shall have their part.*** The word “shall” signifies future application. Simply removing this word from the phrase “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, have their part*” would make it past tense as in already having taken place.

***And the nations of them which are saved shall walk.*** Even the best of those versed in the English language would look upon this verse and believe it does refer to past tense by pointing out “***which are saved***” which in and by itself does seem to signify past tense however; when followed by “***shall walk***” forces this phrase to future tense. Again; the simple removal of the word “*shall*” renders the phrase past tense. “*And the nations of them which are saved walk*”

***The kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*** “***Do bring***” is also present tense showing an action taking place after God said “***It is done***” Proper application to an item or event that has already taken place would be written as follows: “*The kings of the earth have brought their glory and honour into it*”

***And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*** We also see future tense applied here instead of the proper wording of “***And they have brought the glory and honour of the nations into it***” if this were about an event gone by.

***And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing.*** Wouldn’t proper past tense read “***and there has in no wise entered***”? *Shall* is future tense; as is *enter*.

If Armageddon; the Apocalypse or the Judgment was to apply to the “End of the Earth and Humanity” and no one would die henceforth; why do these phrases show souls entering Heaven and/or the lake of fire after God said it was done?