

John's Vision of Heaven

Revelation 21-22

Characters: Narrator, John, Angel, Loud Voice, God, Jesus

Narrator: John, one of the twelve disciples, had been exiled to the island of Patmos because he taught about Jesus. While on Patmos, God gave John a vision of the final days of earth, and a peak at heaven. In the vision, John saw the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down from heaven to the new earth, for the old earth had been destroyed. While the new city was coming down, John heard a loud voice:

Loud Voice: 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 he will be there God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, crying, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

God: I am making everything new! Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I give water from the spring of life to those that are believers, but the unbelievers will get their water from a lake of fire.

Angel: Come, John, let me show you the new city of heaven.

Narrator: John and the angel went to the new Jerusalem, and the angel showed John around the city. The wall around the city was made out of gold and other fine jewels, and was 144 cubits (200 feet) thick, and 12,000 stadia (1,400 miles) in length. The city had 12 foundations, and 12 gates along the wall. The city had no temple, because Jesus was its temple, as well as its light—there was no night there. The unbelievers were separated from the city by the mighty walls. The angel also took John to the center of the city, down the greatest street. The River of Life was flowing down the street, starting from the throne of God. The Tree of Life was also along this river, which had fruit that provided healing for all nations.

Angel: Through baptism, God's name will be on every person's forehead here. There will never be any night again, for Jesus is our light. This kingdom will last for eternity. Write these words down, as they are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits and the prophets, sent his angel to his servant to show him the things that must take place.

Jesus: Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words in this book!

Narrator: John was in complete awe at the new heaven. He fell down at the angel's feet, and almost began to worship him, until the angel stopped him.

Angel: No! Do not worship me! I am only a servant of God, just like you! God is the one to be worshipped! Do not seal up the words in this book you are writing, for the time of the second coming is near. Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong, and let him who does right continue to do right.

Jesus: Behold, I am coming soon! I am coming with my reward, and I will give it to anyone according to what he or she has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Blessed are the believers, but cursed are those that did not repent and the unbelievers, for they will be separated from me for all of eternity. I warn those that add or take away from the book you are writing—if anyone removes words from this book, I will take his share of the Tree of Life away from him. If anyone adds to this book, God will add to him the plagues that are described in this book. Yes, I am coming soon!

Romans 6:23

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 14:1-3

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In 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. ³And 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."

Matthew 24:36

³⁶"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

2 Peter 3:9

⁹The 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."