

THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

INTRODUCTION: When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to be the virgin mother of the Son of God, he also told her that her Son Jesus would reign over His eternal _____ forever.

Luke 1:26–33 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and **the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.**"

Even from Gabriel's brief message, we can note several things:

- The throne of David will be given to Jesus.
- The throne of David is an _____ throne. There is no Scripture to indicate the throne of David was moved or exists in heaven. This is true whether we are talking about a physical throne upon which the king sits or the more general use of the term meaning rule over Israel and Judah.
- This kingdom shall be eternal. "There will be no end."

The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

Isaiah 9:6–7

6 For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace

There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The glorious _____ of the end times is the Eternal Kingdom of God in the new heavens and new earth. The wonderful culmination of the study of the end times is to study what God has told us about this Eternal Kingdom that He has made available to us through His grace.

I. ENTRANCE INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

A. The resurrections of the dead

1. **The Resurrection of _____** (John 5:28-29 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.) - The Resurrection of Life is the First Resurrection (Rev. 20:6). It consists of _____ parts:
 - a. **The resurrection of _____** (1 Corinthians 15:22-25 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. 24 Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.)
 - b. **The resurrection of the _____** (O.T. believers)
 - c. **The resurrection of those who are Christ's at His coming:**
 - 1) Those who died in Christ (1 Thess. 4:16)
 - 2) Those who are saved and living at the _____ (1 Thess. 4:17)
 - 3) Those who are saved and die during the _____ (Rev. 20:4)
 - d. **All of the saved enter into the glorious Eternal Kingdom.**
2. **The Resurrection of _____ - Second Resurrection** (Revelation 20:12-13 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.)
 - a. After the Millennium
 - b. All are raised from _____ to appear for judgment.

B. The Great White Throne Judgment

1. Only the _____ are being judged.
2. The books reveal that they are _____ of sin against Holy God.
3. The Book of Life reveals they have never trusted Christ so that their sin was forgiven because of His shed blood on Calvary's cross.
4. All of the lost are cast into the Lake of _____. **Revelation 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

II. OUR HOME IN THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

A. New heavens

1. The First heaven (_____) was enlarged to accommodate the New Jerusalem.
2. The Second heaven (_____) was changed because it was a demonic residence (Eph. 6:12).
3. The Third heaven (present _____ of God) was changed because God will move His residence to the New Earth.

B. New earth

Revelation 21:2-5 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

1. No sea (room on earth increased ___ fold!)
2. No curse - This is the reversal of the second law of thermodynamics, the law of universal _____.
3. No sorrow - No tears, no crying (All of these will still be present in the Millennial Kingdom because sin will still be present, although subdued. There will still be people who die without Christ. We who are in our _____ body will not experience sorrow to the degree we do today, for we will have been made like Christ. But even Jesus wept!

But once we enter the eternal kingdom on the remade earth, our God makes all things new! The devil and all who followed him have been cast into the Lake of Fire. There is no sin or iniquity in all the earth! With the banishment of sin comes the exile of sorrow.

4. No _____
5. No _____
6. All the bad things of life and earth are gone.
7. All that is good has come.

C. The New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9-27)

1. Already in existence and filled with homes for believers **John 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**
2. Enormous in size - 1377 mi. X 1377 mi. X 1377 mi.
 - a. Nearly _____ sq. mi.
 - b. Half the size of United States or _____
 - c. If you sliced it in 6 mile layers, it would cover the surface of the earth.
3. Indescribable in beauty
 - a. Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - b. It shines with the _____ of God.
 - c. It has a wall, _____ high, all the way around it.
 - 1) wall made of jasper, gold in color but clear like glass
 - 2) 12 gates, each with name of one of tribes of Israel
 - 3) each gate made of a single _____
 - 4) each gate has its own angel
 - d. It is built on 12 layers of foundation
 - 1) each a layer of beautiful precious stone
 - 2) each with a name of one of 12 _____
 - e. City itself of pure _____, even the streets

- f. At the peak of city, the throne of God the Father and His Son, the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ
- 1) from thence radiates the glory of God that _____ the entire city
 - 2) _____ the throne runs the river of the water of life, crystal clear and pure
 - 3) _____ the throne runs the main street of the city
 - 4) in the middle of the street and on either side of the river grows an orchard of the tree of life, bearing 12 kinds of delicious fruit, one kind growing each month

III. LIFE IN THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

A. Life with the Believers of All the _____

1. _____ **saints who trusted in the coming Messiah before He came**
2. _____ **saints**
3. **And the saints through history**
 - a. That small group of faithful Bible believing people who maintained _____ doctrine when the church at large was adapting to the pagan practices of the world around it.
 - b. Those who _____ at the stake rather than renounce Christ.
4. **And the saints you know who have gone on before you.**
 - a. dear friends
 - b. relatives
5. **But only those who _____ the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior will be there.**

B. Life in the Midst of the Pervading Presence of Almighty God

Revelation 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

1. We shall bask in His _____.
2. We shall live in the abundance of His provision.
 - a. No limit because of safety or health; we will be able to do and go.

- b. No limit because of _____ causing ignorance; we will be able to learn and understand and remember!
 - c. No limit because of _____; we will have forever to pursue our interests and desires.
3. We shall _____.
- a. We shall see God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit and we shall see Him as He is.
 - b. We will bow.
 - c. We will sing.
 - d. We will praise.
 - e. We will adore Him.

CONCLUSION: And all of this we will do FOR ALL ETERNITY. Will you be in that place? Then bow in His presence now and thank Jesus for saving your wretched sinful soul from an eternity in the Lake of Fire and instead by His love and grace giving you the unbreakable promise of such a wonderful, eternal home. He has promised you: **Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**