

DESTINED FOR GLORY

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE

YOU WILL BE "WITH" JESUS

Luke 23: 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be **with** me in paradise.”

2 Corinthians 5: 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home **with** the Lord.

Revelation 20: 4 And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God...They came to life and reigned **with** Christ a thousand years.

WHERE YOU GO AT DEATH WILL NOT BE FINAL DESTINATION

Hebrews 11: 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

THAT CITY WILL COME DOWN TO EARTH

Revelation 21: Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw **the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down** out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **the new creation** has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

CITY WILL LOOK LIKE TEMPLE-ONLY BETTER

Revelation 21: 15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. 18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.

CITY WILL LOOK LIKE TEMPLE-ONLY BETTER

19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

AT THE CENTER IS THE LORD IN HIS GLORY

Revelation 21: 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the **glory of God gives it light**, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

STORY OF BIBLE: FROM TEMPLE TO TEMPLE



The diagram illustrates the 'Creation Temple' as a series of three nested rectangles. The innermost rectangle is labeled 'TWO TREES'. The middle rectangle is labeled 'GARDEN OF EDEN'. The outermost rectangle is labeled 'EDEN'. The rectangles are nested, with 'TWO TREES' inside 'GARDEN OF EDEN', and 'GARDEN OF EDEN' inside 'EDEN'.

**TWO
TREES**

**GARDEN
OF
EDEN**

EDEN

CREATION TEMPLE: GENESIS 1-2

STORY OF BIBLE: FROM TEMPLE TO TEMPLE

**MOST
HOLY PLACE**

**HOLY
PLACE**

**JEWISH
COURTS**

TABERNACLE/TEMPLE

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**PRESENCE
OF
CHRIST**

**THE
CHURCH**

**GOD'S
PEOPLE**

CHURCH AS TEMPLE (EPHESIANS 2:20-22)

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**GOD
IN HIS
GLORY**

**APOSTLES
ANGELS**

SAINTS

FINAL TEMPLE (REVELATION 21)

JOHN 14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 **My Father's house** has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And 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. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

WHEN A CHRISTIAN DIES...

They join Christ in the Heavenly
Temple of the Lord.

ISAIAH 6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

ISAIAH 6

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

EXAMPLES OF HEAVEN BEING THE TEMPLE

Genesis 28: 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

"Paradise" at crucifixion. "Paradise"="Eden"

Psalms 23: 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

IF HEAVENLY TEMPLE IS OUR DESTINATION

Then we are called to bring as
many to God as possible.

EPHESIANS 2

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has **destroyed the barrier**, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations... 21 In him the whole building is joined together and **rises to become a holy temple** in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

IF HEAVENLY TEMPLE IS OUR DESTINATION

Then we bring people to the
Temple by bringing the Temple to
the people.

ISAIAH 6

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6 Then one of the seraphim **flew to me** with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; **your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.**”

1 PETER 2

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, **like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, **that you may declare** the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

GOD HAS TAKEN CARE OF YOUR PURITY!

1 John 1: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

IF HEAVENLY TEMPLE IS OUR DESTINATION

Then we have everything we need
in Christ.

ISAIAH 2

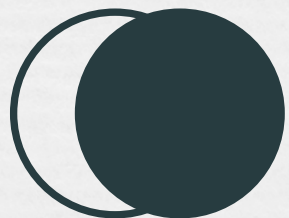
3 Many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

ISAIAH 2

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
5 Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ONE LAST THOUGHT...

Let us live by faith
and not by sight!



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