

Revelation, Chapters 20-22

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Introduction

The book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ – that is, it is the Father’s revelation given *through* Jesus Christ *about* Jesus Christ. In it, the Father uses vivid, larger-than-life visions to show us what He is doing through His glorious Son. The visions give us the big picture of God’s actions past, present, and future. These visions seem less focused on relaying specific historical events and more focused on showing us a broad view of what God is doing. They relay history from a perspective that is wider and higher than any single historical incident can possibly capture.

The five-volume **Revelation** series in “Fresh Views of Timeless Truth” is designed to help us see and respond to the truths in this amazing, and sometimes intimidating, book. It is not a commentary, and thus it makes no attempt to explain every image, detail, and interpretation. Instead, it focuses on the major truths taught in Revelation and provides devotional resources to help us understand and respond to them.

With each passage of scripture you’ll find:

- The scripture itself.
- A devotional reflection and/or prayer response based on some major truth in that passage.
- An original hymn that helps us respond to that truth with body, mind, and heart. The words and music of the hymn are provided, along with a link to that hymn’s recording on our website, LNWhymns.com. Everything there is downloadable and free.

As with every word I write, this book is written with the purpose and deep desire that you be drawn to our magnificent Father. What a glorious, eternal destiny He has created for us in His Son, Jesus Christ!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.
(Ephesians 1:18-19, NASB)

--Ken Bible

Revelation 20:1-10

(NASB)

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding
the key of the abyss and
a great chain in his hand.
And he laid hold of the dragon,
the serpent of old,
who is the devil and Satan,
and bound him for a thousand years;
and he threw him into the abyss, and
shut it and
sealed it over him,
so that he would not deceive the nations any longer,
until the thousand years were completed;
after these things he must be released for a short time.

Then I saw thrones, and
they sat on them, and
judgment was given to them.
And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded
because of their testimony of Jesus and
because of the word of God,
and those who had not worshiped the beast or
his image,
and had not received the mark on their forehead and
on their hand;
and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
The rest of the dead did not come to life
until the thousand years were completed.
This is the first resurrection.
Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection;
over these the second death has no power,
but they will be priests of God and of Christ and
will reign with Him for a thousand years.

When the thousand years are completed,
Satan will be released from his prison,
and will come out to deceive the nations
which are in the four corners of the earth,
Gog and Magog,
to gather them together for the war;
the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and
surrounded the camp of the saints and
the beloved city,
and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.
And the devil who deceived them was thrown into
the lake of fire and brimstone,
where the beast and the false prophet are also;
and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

You Are in Full Control

Prayer Response to Revelation 20:1-10

Father, You bind and You loose the forces of evil
as suits Your purpose.
You give them just enough rope to
hang themselves.

When Jesus was being tortured and killed,
it seemed that evil had a free hand to do
anything it wished to the Son of God.
But even then, You were sending signals
reminding us that You were in full control:
Prophecies given long ago
were being fulfilled.
Pilate unwittingly testified to Christ
by his sign on the cross,
“Jesus the Nazarene,
the King of the Jews,”
The repentant thief acknowledged
who Jesus was.
As Your Son died,
You shrouded the world in darkness.
You tore the veil of the temple.
Even in those dark hours, You were still
sovereign, loving God,
faithfully working Your loving will and
fulfilling Your timeless plan.

In the tumultuous last days,
when it seems that evil has a free hand to do
anything it wishes to Your dear children,
You will still be in full control.
You will still be sovereign God.
All will happen according to Your loving plan.
You use even those who rebel against You
to bless Your people
perfectly and completely.

Praise to You, sovereign Father!
We are always secure in Your care!

Hymn recording; [God Blesses His People](#)

God Blesses His People

TUNE: WARRENTON (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 100:3; 121:3-8

♩ = 80

C $\frac{C_{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C $\frac{C_{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ G C $\frac{C_{sus}}{G}$

1. Yah - weh, high and ho - ly Sov-'reign, Claims the need - y as His own,
2. Yah - weh is our Great Pro - tec - tor, He our Shep - herd, we His sheep.
3. Yah - weh takes us as His chil - dren, Shares with us His ho - ly name.

C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Fadd^9}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C $\frac{C_{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ C

Calls us to His ho - ly pres - ence, Wraps us in His sweet sha - lom.
Guard - ing, guid - ing, seek - ing, find - ing, He is watch - ing while we sleep.
His the pow - er, His the glo - ry, His the King - dom we pro - claim!

Refrain

G¹³ G⁷ C G Am⁷ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G^7_{sus}}{C}$ C G^{sus} G

See His face ev - er lift - ed, Ev - er shin - ing, ev - er smil - ing,

C $\frac{C_{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ C

Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er breath - ing peace.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. by Ken Bible

WARRENTON

8.7.8.7.w.Ref.

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Our Childish Perspective

Prayer Response to Revelation 20:1-10

Father, You think and act in eternity.
We live second-by-second in our little
time and
place.
Exactly when and
exactly how
will Your eternal actions
touch us?
That's what we ask.
It's all we want to know, and
we don't always understand Your answer.
Our perspective is too
small and
self-centered.

But Your timing is always perfect.
Your ways are always right.
Your gifts are always flawless.

You never take short-cuts.
You never rush.
You patiently work our redemption till it is
full and complete,
perfect in every detail,
no matter how long it takes.

Father, we joyfully and gratefully
wait on You.
We relax in Your care,
trusting and
worshiping all the while.

Hymn recording: [Wait on the Lord](#)

Wait on the Lord

Psalm 37

♩ = 76

C G^{sus} G C G⁷_{sus} D C_E F D^{m7}_F G^{sus} G C_E

1, 3. Wait on the Lord. Chil-dren, wait on the Lord. When your
2. Rest in the Lord. Chil-dren, rest in the Lord. You can

F C C_E F

sor - rows press you, And their voice is strong, When your dark - ness deep - ens And the
trust your Fa - ther - He is with you still. He can work His pur - pose, And you

C G⁹_B A^m F C_G G^{sus} G⁷ A^m F F^{add 9} C_G G^{sus} G⁷

pain is long, Just wait on the Lord. Chil-dren, wait on the Lord.
know He will, So rest in the Lord. Chil-dren, rest in the Lord.

1, 3 1st time: D.C.
2nd time: Fine
C^{sus} C

2 C^{sus} C C_E F F^{M7} F⁶ C_E C^{sus}_D C A^m_C

Lord. Yet a lit - tle while, Just a lit - tle while, You will

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PSALM 37
Irregular

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D_m⁷ F G⁷ G⁹ G⁷ C G_{sus}_D C_E C_E F F_M⁷ F⁶

see, You will see. For He knows you, Tru - ly

C_E C_{sus}_D C C_B A_m⁷ E_m_G F F_C F⁶ F G⁷_{sus} G⁷ D.C. al Fine

knows you, and He is love, Al - ways love.

Satan Bound

Reflection on Revelation 20:1-10

*Not everyone will agree with
this interpretation of the millennial reign.
I offer it for your consideration.*

Has Satan been bound?
Is the millennial reign being fulfilled now,
 in our day?
Don't look at the broad, largely-unbelieving world.
As with all the other fruits of the Kingdom of God,
we see Satan's binding best
 in the Church and
 in the lives of individual believers.

Wherever Jesus Christ is
 trusted and
 followed,
see *the Kingdom come with power* (Mark 9:1).
See how Elijah has *restored all things* (Matthew 17:11).
See Messiah received as a conquering hero (Luke 19:28-40).
See His temple
 now cleansed,
 now a house of prayer for all nations (Matthew 21:12-13).
See resurrection life in full bloom (Matthew 28:1-8).

See Satan bound (Revelation 20:1-3).
See his house being plundered (Matthew 12:29).
See him falling like lightning (Luke 10:18).
See him disarmed and cast out (Colossians 2:15; John 12:31).

See Christ living and moving among His obedient people.
The Kingdom of God has come in Jesus!

Hymn recording: [We Have Come, God's Living Temple \(LAUDA ANIMA\)](#)

We Have Come, God's Living Temple

TUNE: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (LAUDA ANIMA)

*Psalm 122:1; John 2:19-22; 4:23-24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19;
2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:11-16*

♩ = 92

Unison

D A⁷_E D F⁷_♯ DM⁷_{F⁷_♯} Gadd9 G D G B GM⁷_B G A Bm Em⁷ A A_G

1. We have come, God's liv - ing tem - ple, In the joy of Christ the Son.
2. Set a - side all vain dis - trac - tions. Lay your needs be - fore His throne.
3. Christ is God's e - ter - nal tem - ple, All His ho - ly pres - ence here.
4. Go and shine with God's own pres - ence! Live the love of Christ the Son.

F⁷_♯ F⁷_{A⁷_♯} Bm F⁷_{C⁷_♯} Bm D D Esus E⁷_♯ F⁷_♯ E A D F⁷_♯ Bm E⁷ A A_G

Here the Fa - ther's word is spo - ken. Here His gra - cious work is done.
Give your hands, a ho - ly of - f'ring. You are His and not your own.
By His Spir - it, we His bod - y Live to make His pres - ence clear,
By your words let Him be spo - ken, By your hands His work be done.

D F⁷_♯ DM⁷_{F⁷_♯} G D Bm F⁷_♯ G D A Em⁷ D F⁷_♯ Em G D A A D

Breathe His Spir - it! Drink His good - ness! Heav - en's life is here be - gun.
All your spir - it praise His Spir - it! Turn your tho'ts to Him a - lone.
Lov - ing, learn - ing, giv - ing, grow - ing Till our Lord Him - self ap - pear.
Breathe His Spir - it, share his good - ness Till His glo - rious King - dom come!

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LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. Tunes: CWM RHONDDA; REGENT SQUARE

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Revelation 20:11-15

(NIV)

Then I saw a great white throne and
him who was seated on it.
The earth and the heavens
fled from his presence, and
there was no place for them.
And I saw the dead,
great and small,
standing before the throne, and
books were opened.
Another book was opened,
which is the book of life.
The dead were judged
according to what they had done
as recorded in the books.
The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and
death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,
and each person was judged
according to what they had done.
Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.
The lake of fire is the second death.
Anyone whose name was not found
written in the book of life
was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Judgment

Reflection on Revelation 20:11-15

Each of us will face Jesus Christ personally, and

He will judge us.

He knows what it is to be human.

He knows our temptations.

He knows the cost of our salvation and
what it provides.

He knows and understands each of us
in every detail,
with nothing hidden.

He will judge from His great white throne in
absolute authority and
absolute rightness.

His judgment will be final and
without appeal.

He will judge us according to our deeds.

We are saved by faith,
but our daily lives are the
indisputable evidence of our faith.

We will each be judged by our
living,
active
relationship with Jesus Christ.

Those found in Him will go on to an
even higher life.

Those separated from Him will be cast into an
even deeper death.

Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ.

Trust Him.

Follow Him.

Live as He lived.

Love as He loved.

Hymn recording: [When I Face You, Lord](#)

When I Face You, Lord

Matthew 25:31-46

♩ = ca. 76

Chords: $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C $\frac{C^{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ F G C $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷

1. When I face You, Lord, On that fi - nal day, I will
2. When I face You, Lord, On that fi - nal day, When I

Chords: C $\frac{C^{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ G $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C $\frac{C^{sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$

see Your eyes, I will hear know You say, "I was need - y then
see Your eyes, Will You know my name? Will You take my hand?

Chords: C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{CM7}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{Dm7}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G $\frac{F}{G}$ C

With a dif - f'rent name. When I called, did you turn a - way?"
Will You turn a - way? Je - sus, what will I hear You say?

Refrain

Chords: $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷

Let me hear Your voice, Let me see Your face When a

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C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C $\frac{C}{E}$ G $\frac{F}{G}$ G⁷ C $\frac{C}{E}$
 heart cries out From a need - y place. As You gave to

F $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{CM^7}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{Dm^7}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G G¹³
 me, Let me give Your grace. Let me be Your hands to -

A^m $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ F $\frac{Dm}{G}$ G⁷ $\frac{F}{G}$ C
 day. Let me be Your hands to - day.

Revelation 21:1-4

(NRSV)

Then I saw
 a new heaven and
 a new earth;
for the first heaven and
 the first earth
had passed away, and
 the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city,
 the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
 prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and
 crying and
 pain
will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

Our Joining

Prayer Response to Revelation 21:1-4

O Father, the new creation!
How we long for it!
All the root of sin and
all the fruit of sin
will be gone
completely and forever.

But surely the crown of the new creation
will be the crown of the first creation:

Your people,
made in Your own image,
breath of Your own breath,
life of Your own life.

We who were once
stained by sin,
bound by death,
rebellious,
far away and
unfaithful,
will be the pure and glorious bride of
Your own dear Son.

As His bride, we will not arise from the earth but will
descend from heaven itself,
perfectly prepared and
beautifully adorned
by You.

In Jesus Christ, Your holy and loving Son, we will be
lovingly,
intimately joined with You
in perfect,
constant,
eternal union,
with all trace of separation gone forever.

One with You, Father.

One in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, how we long for His return!

How we yearn for our joining!

Hymn recording: [Christ and His Bride](#)

Christ and His Bride

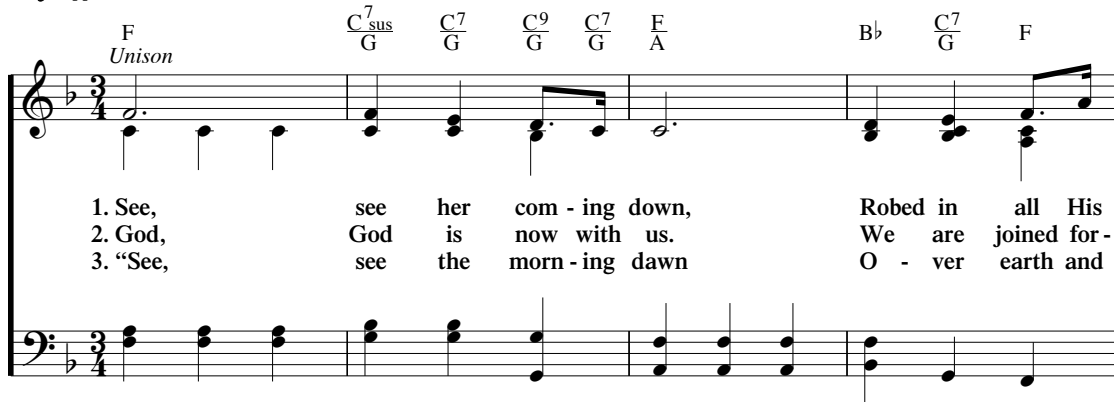
Revelation 21:1-11

♩ = 60

Unison

F C⁷_{sus} C⁷ C⁹ C⁷ F A B^b C⁷ F

1. See, see her com - ing down, Robed in all His
2. God, God is now with us. We are joined for -
3. "See, see the morn - ing dawn O - ver earth and



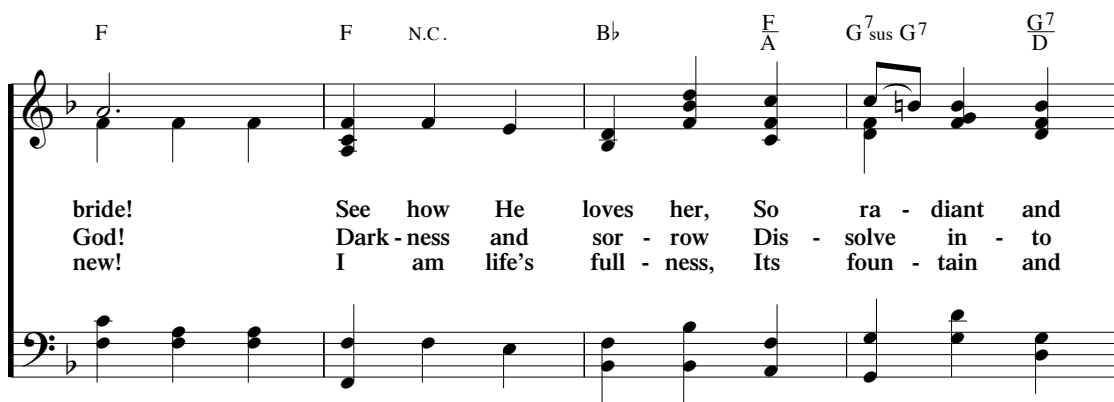
C G⁷_{sus} C B^b F A Gm⁷ B^b C⁷ Am⁷

splen - dor. Christ takes His bride! Christ takes His
ev - er. One with our God! One with our
heav - en! All now is new! All now is



F F N.C. B^b F A G⁷_{sus} G⁷ G⁷ D

bride! See how He loves her, So ra - dant and
God! Dark - ness and sor - row Dis - solve in - to
new! I am life's full - ness, Its foun - tain and



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MUSIC: George Frederick Handel and Ken Bible

LARGO

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C $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat C⁷_{sus} C⁷ 1, 2 F 3 Dm

ho - ly, Faith - ful and pure.
 glo - ry. Death is no more.
 o - cean. Come live in me!

Gm⁷ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ B \flat M⁷ C_{sus} C $\frac{E_{sus}}{C}$ F $\frac{E}{C}$ F

Come live in me!"

Revelation 21:5-8

(NASB)

And He who sits on the throne said,
"Behold, I am making all things new."

And He said,
"Write, for these words are
faithful and
true."

Then He said to me,
"It is done.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
I will give to the one who thirsts
from the spring of the water of life
without cost.

He who overcomes will
inherit these things, and
I will be his God and
he will be My son.

But for the
cowardly and
unbelieving and
abominable and
murderers and
immoral persons and
sorcerers and
idolaters and
all liars,
their part will be in the lake that burns
with fire and brimstone,
which is the second death."

Unbroken Oneness

Prayer Response to Revelation 21:5-8

Father, in the new creation, the source of the entire
glorious transformation

will be Your

full,

immediate,

personal,

undiminished,

unveiled presence.

Your life force,

Your unbridled joy,

will make all things new.

You will be

the life,

the splendor, and

the holiness of the new heaven and earth.

We Your people will finally

see You and

live in You and

know You

for what You have always been:

the Beginning and the End,

the Source and the Goal.

All of life,

every breath, will be lived

from You,

through You, and

to You.

As Your true children,

all that is

will be ours

in You.

But our greatest inheritance will be

You,

Yourself.

As You are the

joy,

peace, and

sufficiency of Your Son Jesus,

You will be our
joy,
peace, and
sufficiency,
constantly,
completely,
forever.

Heaven will be
unbroken,
unclouded,
unhindered,
uninterrupted
oneness with You.

Hymn recording: [Imagine Your Creator's Breath](#)

Imagine Your Creator's Breath

Tune: LAND OF REST

Genesis 2:7; Isaiah 11:6-9; 35; John 15:5; 20:22;
Ephesians 3:14-19; Colossians 2:9-10; 3:1-4; Revelation 21:1-7

♩ = 120

F Gm Gm9 Gm11 F C9 C7 C Bb

1. Im - ag - ine your Cre - a - tor's breath, His
2. Im - ag - ine all the life - tor of God, A -
3. Im - ag - ine peace so sweet and deep That
4. Im - ag - ine dead and bar - ren lives Now
5. Our Fa - ther, as we trust and wait, You

F A Bb6 BbM7 Gm11 Bb C7sus C7sus C C G E Dm Dm7 Am

heart, His love with - in, His wis - dom shap - ing
bun - dant, rich, pro - found, The life His love has
He and we are one, And all that bound - less
fruit - ful in the Vine. Each bro - ken heart will
prove each prom - ise true. The high - est hopes that

Bb F Bb Gm7 Bb C7 C Bb F A Dm Bb Am C7 F F C F

all you are, His thoughts where yours be - gin.
longed to share Now grow - ing all a - round.
love can be Has on - ly just be - gun.
burst with joy And praise His wise de - sign.
heav - en holds Are all com - plete in You.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune; arr. by Ken Bible

LAND OF REST
C.M.

Alt. Tunes: ST. ANNE; AZMON; CORONATION; MAITLAND

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Revelation 21:9-21

(NIV)

One of the seven angels
 who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues
came and said to me,
 “Come, I will show you the bride,
 the wife of the Lamb.”

And he carried me away
 in the Spirit
to a mountain great and high, and
showed me the Holy City,
 Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God.
It shone with the glory of God, and
 its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel,
 like a jasper,
 clear as crystal.

It had a great, high wall
 with twelve gates, and
 with twelve angels at the gates.
On the gates were written the names of the
 twelve tribes of Israel.

There were
 three gates on the east,
 three on the north,
 three on the south and
 three on the west.

The wall of the city had
 twelve foundations,
and on them were the names of the
 twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked with me had
a measuring rod of gold to measure
 the city,
 its gates and
 its walls.

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.

The angel measured the wall using human measurement,
and it was 144 cubits thick.

The wall was made of jasper, and
the city of pure gold,
as pure as glass.

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,
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.

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.

The Jewel

Prayer Response to Revelation 21:9-21

Father, in the new creation
Your splendor in
Your Son
will be
the Light of the world and
the glory of all the universe.

We Your people,
redeemed from every age and nation,
will be fully formed as
Your temple,
Your dwelling place.

We will be expertly prepared,
pure and transparent, so that
Your blazing glory,
the light of all You are, will shine
within us and
out through us
unhindered.

Your presence within will make us
glow and
sparkle
like a precious jewel.

We will be perfectly fashioned to radiate
Your love,
Your life,
Your holiness,
Your boundless joy.

All the universe will bask in the beauty of
Your presence in
Your people.

Hymn recording: [Revelation 21](#)

Revelation 21

♩ = 92

C G C C $\frac{C \text{ sus}}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G^7}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ A m $\frac{D^7}{A}$ G sus G

1. See the peo - ple love cre - at - ed, See the bride of Christ the Son!
 2. God now lives a - mong His peo - ple. See His glo - rious pres - ence here,
 3. All cre - a - tion now is bask - ing In the fire of all He is.

C $\frac{C \text{ Em}^7}{B \text{ B}}$ A m F M⁷ F⁶ C add 9 $\frac{C}{E}$ D m⁷ $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ sus G⁷ C

See the world all pure and glo - rious, See what bound - less grace has done!
 Shin - ing, spark - ling thro' His peo - ple Pure, trans - par - ent, crys - tal clear.
 All the beau - ty, all the bril - liance, All the glo - ry now is His.

A m E⁷ $\frac{E^7}{G\#}$ A m E sus E m F add 9 F $\frac{C}{E}$ D⁷ $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$ G sus G

No more sin or sep - a - ra - tion- All their root and fruit are gone.
 What a jew - el! What a ra - diance! See tran - scend - ent glo - ry shine
 He is life and joy and splen - dor, Love in all its depth and height

C $\frac{C \text{ Em}^7}{B \text{ B}}$ A m F M⁷ F⁶ $\frac{C \text{ add 9}}{E}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ D m⁷ $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ sus G⁷ C

All is new, and all is ho - ly! Night is past! O what a dawn!
 Thro' a peo - ple heav - en - fash - ioned, Glow - ing with His life di - vine!
 Shin - ing thro' a ho - ly peo - ple Blaz - ing with His ho - ly light.

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander and Ken Bible

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Alt. Tunes: AUSTRIAN HYMN; PLEADING SAVIOR; HYMN TO JOY

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Revelation 21:22 – 22:5

(NRSV)

I saw no temple in the city,
for its temple is
the Lord God the Almighty and
the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light, and
its lamp is the Lamb.
The nations will walk by its light, and
the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
Its gates will never be shut by day —
and there will be no night there.
People will bring into it
the glory and the honor of the nations.
But nothing unclean will enter it,
nor anyone who practices
abomination or
falsehood,
but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of
the water of life,
bright as crystal,
flowing from
the throne of God and
of the Lamb
through the middle of the street of the city.
On either side of the river is
the tree of life with its
twelve kinds of fruit,
producing its fruit each month; and
the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
Nothing accursed will be found there any more.
But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and
his servants will worship him;
they will see his face, and
his name will be on their foreheads.
And there will be no more night;
they need no light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will be their light,
and they will reign forever and ever.

The Fruits of Your Presence

Prayer Response to Revelation 21:22 – 22:5

Father, we will have no more need for a temple,
no need for a symbolic reminder of Your presence.

Your presence will be
full,
personal,
immediate.

We Your people will be Your temple.
You will live in and among us.

We will need no other sources of light.
You and Your Son will be the light, and
You will shine
within us and
in our midst.

We will glow and sparkle transparently
with the glory of Your presence.

Life will be
fresh,
fruitful,
abundant,
freely available,
constant,
forever.

We will live at its very source.
There will be no need to
hoard it or
haul it
in small doses.

It will flow in the water around us.

It will grow on all the trees.

Health and wholeness on every level will be
complete and
universal.

There will be no more curse,
no more shame.

Never again will we hang our heads and say,
“I am only human.”

Christ the Holy,

Christ the Glorious
 is the new Adam, and
 we are of His race.
We are His beautiful bride,
 His chosen ones,
 a blessing to all creation.

No longer will we be banished from the presence of the King.
 We will see His face.
His name,
His character,
His glory
 will radiate from us.
We will fully share
 His life,
 His authority,
 His holy splendor
forever and ever.

Hymn recording: [When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done](#)

When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done

*Psalm 23:1-3; 36:8-9; John 10:1-4, 14, 27-28; 1 Corinthians 15:36-55;
Revelation 7:15-17; 21:22-27; 22:1-5*

♩ = 80

N.C. Gm F sus F Eb F Gm Gm/D Bb Bb/C Gm/D D7sus Gm/Bb Cm/A Gm

1. When Christ our heal - er's work is done, No pain and no more death.
2. No shame or sor - row, no more night- Christ will be all in all.
3. With bod - ies made for heav - en's life, All will be praise to You!

N.C. Gm F sus E/C Eb Dm Cm7 Cm/A Gm Gm/F Eb Cm/Eb D sus D

We'll drink Your life in Christ the Son, Your glo - ry, Your breath.
Our Lord will be our one de - light. What joy when He calls!
The day will rise in Christ the Light, And all will be new!

D Cm Gm/Bb D7/A D/F# Gm Gm/D Cm6 Gm/Bb Cm/A Eb/A D sus D

The shal - low pleas - ures of this earth Will hold no more ap - peal.
He'll lead our souls by qui - et streams, And need will be no more.
We'll feast on heav - en's Bread and Wine And thirst for Him a - lone.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Appalachian Folk Tune and Ken Bible

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N.C. G m F sus $\frac{F}{C}$ E \flat D m C m7 $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ G m D+ D7 G m

We're made for joys of great - er worth. No pain, no more death.
No tears, no grief, but joy su - preme With Christ all in all.
Then ev - 'ry breath will be di - vine, Our Fa - ther, in You!

Revelation 22:6-16

(NASB)

And he said to me,
 “These words are faithful and true”;
and the Lord,
 the God of the spirits of the prophets,
sent His angel to show to His bond-servants
 the things which must soon take place.

“And behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is he who heeds
 the words of the prophecy of this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things.
And when I heard and saw,
I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel
 who showed me these things.
But he said to me,
 “Do not do that.
I am a fellow servant of yours and
 of your brethren the prophets and
 of those who heed the words of this book.
Worship God.”

10 And he said to me,
 “Do not seal up the words of
 the prophecy of this book,
for the time is near.
Let the one who does wrong,
 still do wrong;
and the one who is filthy,
 still be filthy;
and let the one who is righteous,
 still practice righteousness;
and the one who is holy,
 still keep himself holy.”

“Behold, I am coming quickly,
and My reward is with Me,
 to render to every man
 according to what he has done.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,

the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they may have the right to the tree of life,
and may enter by the gates into the city.

Outside are the dogs and
the sorcerers and
the immoral persons and
the murderers and
the idolaters, and
everyone who loves and practices lying.

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel
to testify to you these things
for the churches.

I am the root and the descendant of David,
the bright morning star.”

Ultimate Urgency

Reflection on Revelation 22:6-16

We are approaching the gate to eternity.

The end will come
quickly,
suddenly,
unpredictably,
irreversibly,

The fate of each person will be eternally fixed.

The righteous will go to
complete,
unending union with
the Source of all good.

The wicked will go to
complete,
unending separation from
the Source of all good.

Heaven or
hell,
blessed or
cursed,
inside or
forever outside.

Jesus had seen
earth and heaven,
time and eternity.

He spoke of His return and the judgment
with absolute, ultimate urgency.

His coming again was
the overriding reality that should determine
our every decision,
our every priority.

He urged us,
implored us to
get ready and
stay ready.

Hymn recording: [Second Coming Hymn](#)

Second Coming Hymn

*Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 16:27; 24:30-31, 42-46; Mark 13:26-27, 33-36;
Luke 12:35-38, 42-43; 21:27-28, 33-35; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54;
Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelation 1:7; 22:20*

♩ = 100

Cm Eb B^b_D B^b_F G⁷_{sus} G

1. Je - sus Mes - si - ah is com - ing, com - ing.
2. An - gels will gath - er His peo - ple. See them!
3. Then ev - 'ry eye will be - hold Him, see Him.
4. Be on your guard, ev - er watch - ing, wait - ing,

Cm Eb B^b A^badd⁹ A^b6 B^b⁷_{sus} B^b7 B^o7

He who has come will be com - ing a - gain,
All will be changed in the blink of an eye.
None will ig - nore or de - ny Him that day.
Trust - ing, o - bey - ing, and look - ing to Him.

Cm Eb A^badd⁹ A^bM7 Gm7

Com - ing in clouds with great pow - er. See Him!
We will be like Him in glo - ry, glo - ry.
Hear all the mock - ers now weep - ing, wail - ing.
Stay at your task and be faith - ful, faith - ful.

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

ANTICIPATION
10.10.10.10.

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A \flat A \flat add⁹ Fm⁷ $\frac{Cm}{G}$ Gm⁷ Cm

As He as - cend - ed He's com - ing a - gain!
 Lift up your heads - He is com - ing a - gain!
 Make your - self read - y - He's com - ing a - gain!
 Live in the joy - He is com - ing a - gain!

Revelation 22:17-21

(NIV)

The Spirit and the bride say,

“Come!”

And let the one who hears say,

“Come!”

Let the one who is thirsty

come; and

let the one who wishes take

the free gift of

the water of life.

I warn everyone who hears the words of

the prophecy of this scroll:

If anyone adds anything to them,

God will add to that person

the plagues described in this scroll.

And if anyone takes words away from

this scroll of prophecy,

God will take away from that person

any share in the tree of life and

in the Holy City,

which are described in this scroll.

He who testifies to these things says,

“Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people.

Amen.

Free for the Asking

Reflection on Revelation 22:17-21

All God's very best gifts are
free for the asking.

*"Ho! Everyone one who thirsts,
come to the waters;
And you who have no money,
come, buy and eat.
Come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without cost.
Why do you spend money for
what is not bread,
And your wages for
what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and
eat what is good,
And delight yourself in abundance."
(Isaiah 55:1-2, NASB)*

His Spirit calls to you,
"Come!"
His redeemed people call to you,
"Come!"
All who have ever trusted Him urge you to
"Come!"

Do you have a thirst that
nothing else has ever satisfied?
Forgiveness,
purity, and
the fullness of life
are freely available.
Come!

Hymn recording: [Lay Aside Your Passing Pleasures](#)

Lay Aside Your Passing Pleasures

TUNE: BRYN CALFARIA, alt.

Matthew 13:44-46; Mark 8:31-38; Philipians 3:7-14; Hebrews 12:1-3

$\text{♩} = 68$

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/2 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 68. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment includes various chords and a bass line. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Lay a - side your pass - ing pleas - ures. Look be - yond what
2. Raise your eyes and see the Sav - ior. Feel His love, and
3. Glad - ly trade your crum - bling treas - ure. Gain the pearl of

can - not last. Shal - low hopes are mere dis - trac - tions.
hear His call. Fol - low Him in self - de - ni - al.
great - est price. Life is more than pain and pleas - ure.

Earth - ly com - forts soon are past. See in Christ a
Find your Fa - ther all in all. Take the cross, ac -
Life in Him is true de - light. Find your free - dom,

grand hor - i - zon. Find a life more rich and vast.
cept the suf - fring. Soon the cost will seem so small.
find your glo - ry, Find your - self in Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: William Owen; arr. by Ken Bible

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