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“The end”...OR “the beginning”? After the Tribulation...

- The Church, in our resurrected bodies/glorified bodies (II Cor. 3:18), has returned to the earth with Jesus.
- The OT saints have been resurrected; they have glorified bodies (Dan. 12:1-2).
- The Tribulation martyrs – the people who, during the Tribulation, became believers and who died during the Tribulation – have been resurrected; they have glorified bodies (Rev. 20:4).
- Gentiles who didn’t die during the Tribulation...the saved and unsaved...will be judged by Jesus (Matt. 25:31-46). The saved will go into the 1,000 year earthly Kingdom in their natural bodies.

The 1,000 year Kingdom of God on earth will be populated at the outset only with believers.

WHY will there be a Millennial Kingdom?

The kingdom of God on earth is not an option. It must occur. God MUST deliver on His promises!

God MUST dwell with man:

Ex. 25:8 – this has been God’s desire which will be fulfilled in the 1,000 year Kingdom on earth.

Jesus MUST receive His inheritance:

Psa. 2:8 – God the Father speaking to God the Son, *Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

Creation MUST be redeemed:

- Rom. 8:19-23 – the creation groans as it waits for its redemption which has been promised.
- Without a literal Millennium on earth under the reign of Jesus, God’s purpose for this world can never be fully realized. God will reverse His curse on the creation and fulfill His original purpose for the earth. The Millennium will demonstrate what life on earth would have been had man not rebelled.

The Biblical Covenants MUST be fulfilled:

- God promised Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob land, seed, and a blessing.
- During the Millennium, Israel will be given the land (Eze. 47:13-20) that God had promised in Gen. 15:18; the Messiah (the Seed [Gal. 3:16] will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem; Israel will be restored as a nation at the end of the Tribulation and will enter into the Millennial Kingdom born again. And the entire world will be blessed with Millennial conditions on the earth and with massive evangelism.

Israel MUST be vindicated before the eyes of all the nations

(Deut. 28:13; Isa. 49:22-23; Isa. 60:14-16)

Isa. 62:1-4 - For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you,

So that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God (Hab. 2:14)

WHY will Satan be bound for 1,000 years?

- So that God will manifest His perfect righteousness and also give man an ideal state in which to live and worship Jesus.
- So that Satan will not deceive the nations.
- There will be no Satanic influence. Those in natural bodies will be prone to sin. (Rom. 7:18-20 – the sin nature is strong)

WHY will there be a Temple during the Millennial Kingdom?

(Temples: Solomon's; Zerubbabel's (embellished by Herod); Tribulation Temple (II Thess. 2:4); Millennial Temple.)

- Ex. 25:8 – to dwell with man, Jew and Gentile.
- Isa. 56:6-7 – *Also the sons of the foreigner (Gentiles) who join themselves to the LORD...Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. ...My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*
- The Millennial Temple is distinct from any previous Temples. The first Temple that Solomon built lacked Gentile worshippers. The glory of God filled Solomon's departed but departed (Eze. 8-11). The glory of God did not fill the second Temple built under Zerubbabel and will not fill the third Temple in the Tribulation. The Millennial Temple, however, will have Gentile worshippers and the glory of God. The world will come to the Millennial Temple to learn God's law (Isa. 2:2).
- In the Millennium, the Temple will become the center that unites Jews and Gentiles in the worship and service of God (Isa. 2:2-3; Isa. 56:6-7; Isa. 66:18-21; Zech. 14:16)

WHY is it significant that the Millennial Temple is a literal Temple? Some teach that the Millennial Temple will not be a literal temple. Ezekiel saw in his vision a literal building that has not yet been erected.

- There is an immense number of details given concerning the Temple's dimensions, parts, and contents (Eze. 40 through 48). If Scripture devotes such detail to this Temple, we can safely assume that it will be as literal as the Tabernacle in the wilderness and as literal as Solomon's Temple.

- Ezekiel was told to “declare to the house of Israel everything you see” (Eze. 40:4). The Israelites were told – in relation to this future Temple – “to keep its whole design and all its ordinances and perform them” (Eze. 43:11),
- If the Millennial Temple is not to be a reality, how are we to understand the glory of God returning to this Temple? Is the glory of God not a reality?
- Mal. 3:3 - *He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness...* in the literal Millennial Temple in Jerusalem.
- The Millennial Temple will provide a place of worship for Israel and for the Gentile nations (Isa. 56:6-7).

WHY will all the nations worship God in the Millennial Temple?

Gen. 12:3 - *...and through you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

Gen. 18:18 – God is speaking...*Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.*

Psa. 117 – the center/middle chapter of the Bible - *Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!* (both Jews and Gentiles).

Rom. 15:8-10 - (context: Jews and Gentiles glorifying God together) - *Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.’ ¹⁰ And again he says: ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!’*

Isa. 2:2 - *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.*

Zech. 8:23 – ten men from every language of the nations will grasp the sleeve of a Jew and say, “Let us go with you for we have heard that God is with you.” In the 1,000 year Kingdom on earth, Israel is to be the instrument for drawing the nations to God.

WHY will there be animal sacrifices in the Millennial Temple?

The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin in the OT (Heb. 10:4). So, the blood of bulls and goats will not take away sin during the Millennium. Millennial sacrifices are to make atonement – they will cover sin.

Eze. 45:15, 17, 20 - *And one lamb shall be given from a flock of two hundred, from the rich pastures of Israel. These shall be for grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, to make atonement for them.”...He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel.”... ²⁰ And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple. Animal sacrifices will be offered in the Millennial Kingdom to cover the worshippers’ ceremonial uncleanness because God will be dwelling on earth in the midst of sinners living in their natural, unresurrected bodies. Without blood sacrifices these impure worshippers will defile God’s holy Temple when they come to worship Him. Jesus sacrifice dealt with the internal cleansing. Sacrifices in the Millennium will not be a substitute for God’s plan of salvation; they will not change the way a person is redeemed. Salvation has always been and will always be by grace through faith in Jesus and in His*

shed blood on the cross. Nor will these sacrifices diminish Christ's work on the cross (Heb. 10:10). It is Christ's death, not animal sacrifices that takes away sin.

John 1:29 – *Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.*

More to consider: The fact the Church will have finished its work on earth by the time of the rapture doesn't mean that God will have finished His work of instruction, testing, and sanctification in Israel. The Tribulation is called "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7). The 1,000 year Kingdom on earth is when God will fulfill the covenants He made with Israel...through which the entire earth will be blessed.

WHY will feasts be celebrated in the Millennial Temple?

Feasts celebrated in the Millennium carry a powerful message. A Feast of the New Year (Eze. 45:18), never before celebrated, will emphasize holiness in the Temple; the Feast of Passover (Eze. 45:21-24) is the foundation of God's plan of Redemption – deliverance through the blood of the Passover Lamb; the Feast of Tabernacles (Eze. 45:25) – God dwelling/tabernacling with man is fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom.

WHY does Ezekiel speak of the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem?

- The glory of God departed from Solomon's Temple via the eastern gate because of abominations, idolatry, disobedience (Eze. 10:1-22 and Eze. 11:22-23).
- Eze. 43:2, 4-5 – in the Millennial Kingdom - ² *And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east...* ⁴ *And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east.* ⁵ *The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.*
- Eze. 44:1-2 - *Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut.* ² *And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.* We see the permanent presence of the Lord among the people.

Eze. 48:35b - *and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE."*
JEHOVAH SHAMMAH!

Revelation 20:7-8 - *Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison WHY? and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.*

Original sin is at the very nature of man's heart. Rebellion is our nature. It appears that the number of those who are rebellious, whom Satan gathers, is massive – *as the sand of the sea!!!!*

Revelation 20:9-10 - *They (Satan and those whom he gathered) went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.* ¹⁰ *The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Why is Satan released after 1,000 years?

One of the primary reasons is to demonstrate the deep-seated sin nature inherent in all of humanity ([Jeremiah 17:9](#)). Additionally, during the Millennium, God's grace and goodness will be on display continually. But at the end of the 1000 years, God will have zero tolerance for rebellion. When it happens, He will show no mercy. There will be quick judgment. The final rebellion will be devoured by fire. After this, the final judgment of the dead takes place (the Great White Throne Judgment, [Revelation 20:11-15](#)). Eternity can begin with every aspect of sin gone for all time. Satan must be released to MAGNIFY AND EXALT GOD AND SHOW GOD'S ALMIGHTY POWER!

The Great White Throne Judgment...

[Revelation 20:11](#) - *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.* Could this courtroom scene occur after the earth and heavens are dissolved and then removed? Some say – yes. Imagine the sheer fear for all who are gathered before the GWT, awaiting God's judgment and inevitable eternal punishment, to behold the entire universe going up in smoke and flames – the demolition of the universe??!! What is being displayed in the disappearing of heaven and earth? God's POWER and the futility of all that they craved and cherished on earth. God, Who created this present heaven and earth, will destroy it and create a new heaven and earth, ushering in the eternal state.

- The dissolving of the present heaven and earth – before the new heaven and new earth can be created, the present heaven and earth must be destroyed. The old heaven and old earth will disappear (Psa. 102:25-26; Isa. 34:4 - *All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll*; Isa. 51:6; Matt. 24:35; II Pet. 3:7, 10, 12).

- Some teach that the present heaven and earth will not be destroyed and re-created but that they will be renewed and transformed. It appears from all the verses noted in this lesson that creation will be totally dismantled and put back together. The earth will be renewed and restored during the Millennial reign of Jesus. It will be paradise restored for 1,000 years. However, at the end of the Messianic Kingdom, it appears that the restored earth is burned up and created new. [Rev. 21:4](#) – *the former things have passed away*.

[Rev. 21:5](#) - *Behold, I make all things new*.

- The Greek word for “new” in Rev. 21:1 is *kainos*, which means “unprecedented,” “never before known.”
- [II Pet. 3:10b](#) - *the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up....* What are the “elements”? Any first thing from which all has come; the material cause of the universe” (i.e. atoms).

What will occur at the Great White Throne Judgment?

[Revelation 20:12-15](#) - 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. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The context makes it clear that this includes everyone who ever died without saving faith in Jesus. The purpose of the Great White Throne judgment is NOT to determine if a person is saved. They have already made the decision NOT to place their trust in Jesus for their salvation. The unsaved will be judged according to their works to justify their condemnation. These who stand before the GWT have already died. This is the “second death” – indicating separation from God for all eternity.

At the Great White Throne, the text doesn’t distinguish if it’s God the Father sitting on the throne or God the Son. However, John 5:22 tells us that the Father has committed all judgment to the Son. In Rom. 2:16 Paul writes about “the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.”

At the Great White Throne judgment, all the non-believing dead from all time will be resurrected. There are two exhibits. The books are opened which reveal every deed and thought (Rev. 20:12-13). The Book of Life will serve as another exhibit at the GWT. None of those standing before the GWT are in the Book of Life because they have rejected the source of life, Jesus.

The lake of fire – The punishment of the wicked dead in hell is described throughout Scripture as "eternal fire" (Matthew 25:41), "unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12), "shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2), a place where "the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44-49), a place of "torment" and "fire" (Luke 16:23-24), "everlasting destruction" (2 Thessalonians 1:9), a place where "the smoke of torment rises forever and ever" (Revelation 14:10-11), and a "lake of burning sulfur" where the wicked are "tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

God is infinitely just. The price for sin must be paid. Rom. 6:23a – *the wages of sin is death*. Each person must either accept the infinite pardon Jesus has freely offered or pay the infinite eternal price himself/herself. Rom. 6:23b – *but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*.

The Millennium can be viewed as a “transition.” The Millennial Kingdom will usher in the Eternal State. (NOTE: Isa. 65:17-25 and Isa. 66:10-24 transition between the Millennial Kingdom conditions and the Eternal State)

Revelation 21:1-7 - *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. 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 (the dwelling place) 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.’*

Revelation 21:9-10 - *Then one of the seven angels...came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, John sees the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.* Nothing is said about the New Jerusalem being created at this point. The language seems to imply that it has already existed in heaven – prior to it descending. No words in this passage, however, reveal the pre-existence of the New Jerusalem. Might Jesus' words to the disciples at their last Passover Seder explain the "when" of the New Jerusalem? He tells them, in the present tense, *In my Father's house are many mansions...*

John calls the New Jerusalem, the city... *the bride, the wife of the Lamb*. Throughout Scripture we read of the marriage relationship as it applies to God's relationship with Israel and Jesus' relationship with the Church. Some teach that since a city is not a bride nor a wife, what is recorded here in Scripture is most symbolic – the city is being compared to a bride because the city is beautifully adorned. However, within the Jewish custom concerning the wedding feast the bridegroom departs from the bride's home following the betrothal and travels back to his house to prepare rooms where they would dwell together once he returned to take away his bride. In the New Jerusalem we see the two marriage relationships in Scripture (Israel's and the Church's) which now speak to intimate communion with God!

Occupants of the New Jerusalem:

Heb. 12:22-23 - *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly (festal gathering) and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect (saints from other ages).* There is only one eternal resting place for all the redeemed – the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:3 - *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. What we are seeing in the New Jerusalem is the merging of heaven and earth!*

Revelation 21:11 - *having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.* The brilliant light of God's glory will shine out of the city and streaming over the new heaven and new earth (Rev. 4:3). The New Jerusalem will reflect the glory of God. All of eternity is bathed in the splendor of the glory of God.

Revelation 21:12-21 - *Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with*

*the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits (over 200 ft.), according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprased, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. **22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light*

Gates? Security? Rev. 21:25 - *Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).* Rev. 21:27 - *But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.*

The city is laid out as a square – it's a cube. The 12,000 furlongs equates to 1380 miles – height, breadth (width/depth), and length. Some have rounded it out to 1,500 miles. In going with that calculation here is what has been suggested:

- The footprint of the city will spread from the southern boundary of Canada to the northern boundary of Mexico and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains. Surface area: 2.25 million sq. miles!
- If the city has stories/floors equating to 13 feet high, the city would have 660,000 stories. The Twin Towers had 110 stories in each!!!! Again, the New Jerusalem will be 1,380 miles high!
- The city will allow for 20 billion residents each having their own private 75 acre section. If each residence section is smaller, the city will have room to accommodate 100,000 billion residents with a good deal of room left over for parks and common area.
- The Holy of Holies in Solomon's Temple was a thirty-foot cube. The New Jerusalem will be a cube. Consider: God dwelled in the Holy of Holies in Solomon's Temple. God is dwelling in the entire New Jerusalem. The city is likened, therefore, to an eternal Holy of Holies.

The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass

The wall will be transparent. And, the city will be made of pure gold, as glass. Transparent. The light of the glory of God will beam out of the city. The precious colorful stones (the precise colors are not certain) seen in the foundation walls (vv. 19-20) appear to be designed to reflect the glory of God in a spectrum of brilliant color.

The gates are twelve pearls – 1,380 miles high.

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. God is dwelling in the entire New Jerusalem. He doesn't need a separate building as His dwelling place.

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. God the Father and God the Son spoke light into existence when they created. Their presence in the New Jerusalem will eliminate the need for other heavenly lights. Here, in this New Jerusalem, the shadows are dispelled. No longer is the structure of a temple necessary for all the redeemed are in the immediate presence of the Lord. That God Himself should be the light of the city is of course entirely in keeping with many passages in the OT comparing God to light; and this new situation correlates with Jesus Himself being the light of the world (John 1:7-9; 3:19; 8:12; 12:35).

Revelation 21:24-27 – much activity in the New Jerusalem. *And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.* ²⁵ *Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).* ²⁶ *And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.* ²⁷ *But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.* The word *nations* (Gk. *ethne*) is the word for Gentiles. The text is not speaking of political entities when it mentions kings. The kings bringing their glory and honor into the city means that those among the saved who have had honored positions on earth will now ascribe the glory and honor to God!

Revelation 22:1-2 - *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.* ² *In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.* The “throne” (singular) is occupied by God the Father and God the Son, the Lamb. And we see the abundance of eternal life and the blessings flowing from the throne to those who are living in the New Jerusalem.

Tree of life - the last time we read of the tree of life was in Genesis 3, in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve had sinned. Paradise was lost. Now, in the Eternal State, Paradise is restored! And we again see the tree of life – of eternal life. The leaves on the tree will be for the healing of the nations. Will there be a need for healing? The Gk. word for healing is *therapeia* from which we derive “therapy”. The word carries the idea of “health-giving”. The leaves of the tree promote the enjoyment of life in the New Jerusalem and are not for correcting ills that do not exist.

Revelation 22:3-5 - *And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.* ⁴ *They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.* ⁵ *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.* We, as humans, do not have the ability to grasp the wonders of heaven. It is entirely beyond our comprehension. Heaven, the Millennial Kingdom, the Eternal State will far

exceed our wildest imaginings! We do know that we will be MARVELING and worshipping our great God Who provided the way for us through the shed blood of the Son of God to become citizens in the New Jerusalem!

Revelation 22:6-7, 12-13, 18-21

Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. ⁷ "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." ...¹² "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. (BEMA) ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." ...¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

It is fitting that the Bible ends in a prayer. It is fitting that the grand love story of Scripture, the one story of the Bible, culminates with our response in prayer. This response in prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" is a calling out to God to keep His promises! AND, we, as believers, are LIVING OUT the TRUTH of God's word this moment...we are LIVING OUT WHAT MATTERS TO GOD!