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# Heaven and Eternity

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### FINAL STAGES LEADING UP TO ETERNITY

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Following are ten stages that lead up to the perfections of eternity appearing in all its perfections of glory, splendor, and wondrous:

1. Those sleeping in Christ will be raised, and the redeemed who are alive will be resurrected to be with Christ.
2. Christ, with the resurrected redeemed will return as King of kings and Lord of lords and reign on earth with the resurrected faithful for a thousand years. This is called the first resurrection. The second death (i.e., the Great White Throne Judgment) will have no power over those who are raised in this resurrection. Those who do not attain to the first resurrection will not come to life until the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the thousand years. (Rev. 20:4-5).
3. At the end of the thousand years there will be a battle between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of men, nations will send their armies against Christ and those with him at Jerusalem. These armies will be destroyed by fire coming down from heaven. (Rev. 20:7-10).
4. God descends to earth on a great white throne and the sea, hades and death give up the dead who were in them. (Rev. 20:11).
5. The great and small stand before the throne of God and the Book of Life is opened, those whose names are written in the Book of Life are judged according to what is written in the other books, and according to what they had done. Those who are judged unworthy are cast into the lake of fire (a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total extinction) this is called the second death. (Revelation 20:12-15).
6. Out of heaven the Holy City, New Jerusalem descends to earth and God dwells with those remaining on earth, they will be His people and God Himself will be with them as their God. (Rev. 21:1-3).
7. God will wipe away every tear, there will be no death, mourning, crying, or pain, for all former things will have passed away, because God will have made all things new. (Rev. 21:4).
8. There will be no temple in the city because its temple will be the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb, so the city will have no need of the sun or moon to shine on it, for God's glory will give it light, and Christ will be its lamp, which means there will no longer be night. (Rev. 21:22-23).
9. The kings of the earth will bring their glory and the honour of their nations into the Holy City, New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:24-26).
10. Eternity has now begun in all its perfections of glory, splendor, and eternal wondrous.

When the glorious millennial era of Christ's reign as King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth ends, Christ's work will be finished for no other sin filled age will succeed it. The universal judgment will bring forth the beginning of eternity in all its perfection of wonder and splendour, and its perfect fullness of beauty. Since no particular-place is revealed, concerning the locality of eternity, following are two possible scenarios:

1. The Bible states, "the glory of God will cover the earth," which means it is very likely the earth will be the central and permanent place in the universe where the home of Christ and his Bride, and the place where the glory of God and of Christ will be uniquely manifested to all others dwelling in the vast realms of eternity.
2. Those granted eternal life will occupy any position of the universe, and with great awe be able visit all the worlds that God has made, and enjoy the wonder and be able to behold the glorious fullness of God's glorious creation that is manifested in each of the worlds that God has made, for it is very possible that the entire universe will be an eternal heaven (i.e., a place of absolute bliss, that our mortal mind cannot comprehend).

What we can know for certain, is the truth, eternity will be perfectly suited for the resurrected redeemed for there will be no more tears, sorrow, death, crying, pain, or curse, which means the eternal universal world will always be peaceful, pure, and holy, and a perfectly happy abode for all who are granted eternal life.

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### NOTE

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Since it may be difficult for those who have been indoctrinated into the traditional idea that we all ascend to Heaven (i.e., eternity), and not that Heaven comes down to us, it should be mentioned that not having an exact understanding of heaven/eternity will not prevent any faithful believer from being saved to eternal life.

The Lord will not reject or cast out believers who have been faithful to him simply because they did not fully and clearly understand where they will be in eternity. Supporting this truth, is the fact that after Christ's resurrection most New Testament writers simply state; those in Christ will be resurrected to eternal glory and everlasting life, because the criteria for salvation is not dependent on understanding eternity, but upon believing we will be resurrected to it.

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### FOOTNOTE

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We must always keep in mind when we are speaking of Christ's return, the millennial age and the things concerning eternity that it is with a fallen and finite mind that is limited to time (as we understand it) that we are attempting to understand things not yet happened, and that are radically different to anything any generation of every age of history has experienced on earth, because of this we should never be dogmatic and absolute in our understandings and explanations concerning Christ's return, the millennial age and the things concerning eternity, but always allow for certain amount of mystery.

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